

# NEWSLETTER 61

## JUNE 2023

DON'T FORGET : LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

# Flower Arranging Workshop

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2.00pm till 4pm

## POSTER ATTACHED

### Chairman's Chat

It's been a while since our last newsletter, as I have been away to Australia for the World Transplant Games, supporting the GB and NI transplant swim team, of which our daughter is captain (and general trouble shooter!) What an experience to see all those people performing to such a high level after being given the gift of life.



The garden took quite a beating over the last year and this spring has been a series of "yes, I lost that plant too...." conversations. Still, like all gardening, it's onwards and upwards and I see some of my hardy salvias,

that were missing, presumed lost, have sprouted nearby. By the autumn I should have several new plants. I'm glad I stuck to the traditional lifting method with my dahlias, which are now back in the ground and full of promise. The roses are having a bumper year. They are working so hard I decided to do the right thing and feed them with composted manure.



This year we managed to put on a stall at Witstock and, although, it was a bit early for our usual plant stock, we want to thank all the members who came along in the morning with members who



I even had a with the reward band. Very bird's eye view of

entertainment! What beautiful weather we had in the afternoon, although the morning was extremely chilly! Witstock has been set up as a showcase and fundraiser for local societies.

contributions. Thanks also to the committee manned the stall and also Kim and Jeanette. I friend who was staying with me helping out, of a sundowner, listening to the early evening relaxing and to be recommended. We had a the dog show, which provided tons of

## CLUB NEWS

Since the last newsletter we have had three events. Our first afternoon meeting was for a talk on herbs by **Belinda Allen**. This was by all accounts very good but with a lower than usual attendance, suggesting that afternoons are not a helpful time for many members, particular our younger members with children and work to fit in. Do let us know what you think. Our email is always monitored and we'd like to hear your thoughts on this.

We also had an entertaining talk by **Chris Stewart** ( of mole talk fame) on all that is either beneficial or a pest in the garden. That was the evening where Chichester Hall area (and apparently nowhere else!) had a hailstorm. The car park was a river of ice and some of us setting up spent the evening with very wet feet! This resulted, understandably in a low turn out but the evening was it's usual friendly and enjoyable self.

Some of you may already have heard that the **Chichester Hall** is being refurbished after the flood they had last winter. Unfortunately this means that we have had to find alternative accommodation for our last three meetings of the year. This has been no easy task, as there is no local hall with a Tuesday evening available. The good news is that we have provisionally booked **Grayswood Village Hall**, but have had to change the dates. The new dates at are :

### **TIM WOODLAND Planting Bulbs in Autumn**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm

### **JOHN NEGUS Alpine Colour AFTERNOON TALK**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
2.30 pm

**AGM/Fish and Chip Supper**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm