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CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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From the Chair - October 2021

We had our first trip for a long time in September, which went very well. Thanks to Mark Richards for organising it. Our first talk of this season will be on Zoom so that we can have the speaker of our choice who is Robert Longstaff.

Tuesday 12th October at 7.30pm by Zoom.
"Compost" by Robert Longstaff

Robert Longstaff, founder of the Oxford Garden Project, which specialises in sustainable small-scale gardening, gave an extremely well received overview of the OGP to the society in November 2019. Pre-Covid the committee therefore decided that we should invite Robert back to begin our '20/'21 talk season to give a compost "master class".

Like us Robert, who also chairs his own local horticultural society, has been keen to get back to live meetings. In the interim, again like ourselves, he has however become very familiar with using Zoom to give virtual talks. Discovering in early September that he requires minor surgery just before he is scheduled to speak to us, rather than risking having to cancel late in the day, he has therefore requested that we dust off our Zoom skills once again!

Joining details overleaf for this opportunity to enhance your composting skills!

John Windass

Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm.

"Delightful Dahlias" by John Baker & June Colley

Fingers firmly crossed this talk should be "live" in the Peppard Memorial Hall!

RHS Jobs to Do October 2021

The autumn chill sets in

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas

10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

Report on trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Saturday 18th September 2021

On a lovely hot late summer day, we had an excellent day at the wildlife park. There was a disappointingly low number of members attending, we assume many members do not want to travel on coaches yet. This meant there was plenty of space to spread out on the journey. Those who did go enjoyed the park, both the planting and the animals and many enjoyed a fun train ride. Highlights included the walled gardens with what the gardeners described as a "Theatre with Plants"- aiming to demonstrate the wonder and diversity of the plant kingdom alongside the penguins.

This was a different and very enjoyable trip. See the website for pictures.



Identify Plants Easily

A very useful, free phone app : "PlantNet"



I find this a great easy to use app. PlantNet is a citizen science project and is a tool to help to identify plants simply by photographing them with your smartphone. It is organised in different thematic and geographical floras. Our region is western Europe. Very useful when you don't have a botanist (or Janet Evans) on hand! PlantNet is also a great citizen science project: all the plants you photograph are collected and analysed by scientists around the world to better understand the evolution of plant biodiversity and to better preserve it.
Nigel Crush

**CEHS Annual General Meeting -
Tuesday 13th December 7.15pm at Peppard
Memorial Hall**

Our AGM has two parts - the short formal business and a social evening to enjoy cheese and wine and a chance to win a raffle prize. Your Chairman and Committee hope to see a good number of members attending.

Letters/emails/articles

We welcome your comments/articles/letters these can be sent to CEHS at cehs561@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

"Mowing the grass @ Cotswold Wildlife Pk."



