



CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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From the Chair - May 2022

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the spring show a big success. Thank you to those who responded to our request for more entries and those who entered, those who helped setup and clear up after the show, those who helped steward the judges and looked after them, those who helped with the very successful raffle and plant stall and those who did the show administration and publicity including those who delivered the schedules. Without everyone who helped we could not run the show and thank you so much

Nigel Crush

Spring Show report

It was lovely to have the spring show, the first since 2019 and the first calculating the results on a spreadsheet and our thanks go to Jessica Philbrick and Phil for setting this up, it makes administration so much easier.

There was strong competition in the photography section and overleaf are the categories for the autumn show photo competition.

Considering the awful weather we had before the show it was gratifying to see so many entries.

The shows are a good opportunity for many members of the society to meet up and we are hoping in September we will again be serving tea and cake and getting back to normal.

Spring Show Cup Winners

The Avern Cup, best exhibit in daffodil and narcissus classes; Sue Hedges

The Grove Cup, most points in daffodil, narcissus and tulip classes; Wilma Crush

Frank Pritchard Cup for best pot plants: Barbara Winnington

Certificates of Merit for floral art: Joyce Robins, Wilma Crush

Village Cup for best exhibit in flower classes: Sue Hedges

Geoff Mitton cup for Spring Front Garden competition:

Our June trip

Saturday 18/6/22 trip to Castle Ashby Gardens near Northampton.

Price is £28.50 per person. Minimum 30 places to ensure viability.

Castle Ashby Gardens belong to the 7th Marquess of Northampton and contain Italian Garden, orangery, arboretum, butterfly garden, herbaceous garden, secret garden and nature trails.

The house is not open to public .

There is a tea shop/ cafe, gift shop, picnic area, garden centre and a menagerie with meerkats, marmosets, giant tortoise, birds, miniature ponies, pigs, goats and rabbits.

The gardens have recently undergone a refurbishment and have only opened again on 1st June to the public.

Deadline is 10/6/22 please.

Mark Richards

Talks Report: Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm. "House Plant Propagation" by Pamela Holt

Sandwiched between the Spring Show and Easter weekend, not to mention taking place when Covid 19 levels were at near record levels, this wide-ranging practical demonstration was enjoyed by a small but select audience. Members were also able to "adopt" a diverse range of demonstration materials with which to practice their new knowledge and, hopefully, expand their own house plant collections!

Drawing on many years of experience as a horticulture lecturer and her own varied collection of houseplants, Pam Holt covered many different vegetative propagation methods. Easy methods are possible with bulbil and plantlet producers like Kalanchoes and Chlorophytums (Spider Grasses), whilst Sansevieras (Snake Plants / Mother In Laws Tongues) require brute force to "come true" and some cuttings, like Tradescantias, are highly reliable. Cyperus (Umbrella Plants) are also easy if you remember to root them upside down in a glass of water!

Increasingly challenging, though highly rewarding, are leaf petiole cuttings of African violets and Gloxinias, followed by the ever more sophisticated leaf lamina options with Streptocarpus (Cape Primroses) and the careful leaf vein cutting methods usable with Begonia Rex leaves.

Pam's most challenging demonstration of all was "air layering" which is suitable with rubber plants, for example, especially if you have a good supply of moss, manual dexterity and patience!

John Windass

RHS Gardening in May

Summer's on its way

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional

weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings

Top gardening jobs this month

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
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5. Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
6. Regularly hoe off weeds
7. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
8. Mow lawns weekly - but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife
9. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
10. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
11. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

Autumn Show Photo topics

1. Anything round
2. Statues
3. Summer colour
4. Open.

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.

Do you have a recommendation for a garden that you have visited? We would like to have a feature in the newsletter on gardens which members have visited and would recommend.

Coach Outing to Castle Ashby Gardens near Northampton Sat 18th June 2022

Prices which include coach & garden entry (not house) and driver's tip are £28.50 per member
(£30.50 for non-members)

Pickup points are Kidmore End turn (9.00am), Sonning Common Post Office (9.05am), and Peppard
Stores (9.10am), returning at approximately 6.00 pm. approx

Print Full first name and surname of all ticket holders

Name	Address and phone number (mobile if possible)	Pickup Point

Please return completed form with cheque payable to CEHS or cash to Mark Richards c/o 18 Kennylands Road,
Sonning Common, RG4 9JT by 10th June 2022. Tel 07789553838 for any questions
Assume you are booked in unless we contact you otherwise