



# CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



**Chairman: Nigel Crush**

**Membership Secretary: Janet Evans**

**Society email [cehs561@gmail.com](mailto:cehs561@gmail.com)**

**Society website [cehs.co.uk](http://cehs.co.uk)**

## From the Chair      **September 2022**

A big call had to be made in mid-August when we were told the SC Village Hall was unavailable for the Autumn Show. I am glad we took the decision to go ahead with it in a smaller venue, we had missed shows due to the pandemic and did not wish to lose another one. The show turned out to be big success. Thanks to everyone involved.

When you get your seed and bulb catalogue's this autumn, please think about what you can grow for the show next year. Some companies offer specialist seeds/bulbs to grow for show.

The talks season starts in October and we hope you will join us. Details of the first talk are overleaf.

## REPORTS

### Autumn Show

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the show a success. The venue change to Christ the King Hall was challenging especially as we had to import most of the tables. We then had to spend a long time working out how we could fit everything attractively into a smaller hall.



It has also been a very difficult growing season with scorching sun and very little rain (except when we visited Castle Ashby!). Despite this, the standard of exhibits was high and on the day we were lucky with the weather so that we could have teas, a plant sale and the raffle outside.



With the venue change we were pleased to see so many people visited our show.

Many thanks for the tremendous effort and time you all gave to the Society to make the show a success.



Logistics made it difficult to present the trophies and we will do this at a later date after they are engraved.



Nigel Crush

### Trophies Awarded at The Autumn Show

#### RHS Banksian Medal

Winner of the most points in the Horticultural Classes

**Martin Hedges**

#### George Shaw Cup

Best vase of mixed dahlias

**Martin Hedges**

#### Jim Knight Challenge Cup

Most points in flower, vegetable and fruit classes

**Martin Hedges**

#### Certificate Of Merit for Floral Art

Most points in Floral Art Classes

**Jill Hendra/Joyce Robins**

#### Sullivan Rose Trophy

Most points in rose classes

**Sue Hedges**

#### Len Holloway Memorial Trophy

Most points in pot plants classes

**Sue Hedges**

#### Ray Williams Memorial Cup

Most outstanding exhibit in Sections A, B & C

**Martin Hedges**

#### Lindlaw Shield

The Master Gardener (class 48)

**Martin Hedges**

#### Kenneth & Margaret Crush Memorial Cup

Best individual flower (excluding Floral Art classes)

**Keith Hedges**

#### Francis Williams Cup

Most outstanding vegetable

**Martin Hedges**

### Trophies Normally Awarded For Both Shows

#### Anne Alderton Trophy

Most points in the flower classes

**Wilma Crush**

#### Old Barn Cup

Most points in the vegetable classes

**Martin Hedges**

#### Chairman's Cup

Most points in Floral Art

**Jill Hendra/Joyce Robins**

#### Domestic Trophy

Most points in the domestic classes

**Jill Hendra**

#### Baskerville Cup

Most points in the photography classes

**Jill Hendra**

#### Devon Cup

Most points in the children's classes

**Serenna Birkett**

#### Charlie Jarvest Cup

Most points in the painting and drawing classes

**Peter Crush**

#### Dylan Jarvest Cup

Most points in the handicraft classes

**Masako Hamaguchi/Sue Mather**

### Front Garden Competition

Mid-August is a normal time of the year for judging the front gardens So that we have the result in time for the autumn show presentation.

As we all know August was the end of a very hot period and most gardens had burnt up. This year, the small gardens were the survivors, either shaded by trees or the position of the house. Using small amounts of water and washing up water helped a lot.

First Miss Sally Horne Crowsley Way. Garden with small lawn, flower border, begonias roses and large hydrangea.

Joint Second Mr Peter Selwyn. Delightful cottage garden behind a large "life-saving" hedge in Baskerville Road

Joint Second Clare and Malcolm Talbot Green Lane Another very pretty, summer garden in the front of the house

Third Jessica Philbrick Baskerville Road Very pretty neat garden with border of rose bushes and begonias and planted pots by a new porch

Many thanks to Janet, Sonia, Yvonne and Jessica for judging

Maureen Stevens

### CEHS Garden Party

Saturday 30th July 2022

And ..... what a joyful afternoon it turned out to be! The perfect weather was akin to the story of Goldilocks; 'not too hot, not too cold'.... in fact it was 'just right'.

There was a slight touch of breeze to keep the volunteer waitresses cool, as they went to and fro with pots of tea and jugs of coffee etc!

In advance, three gazebos had been set up; chairs placed and tables beautifully laid, all ready to receive guests. Also a table set in the small summer house and a selection of seats in the shade of the trees.



There was time to mingle, natter and take a walk around the delightful garden before the main event began. A fourth tent contained tables groaning under the weight of a magnificent array of goodies ... one full of super savouries and the other with an amazing selection of

homemade cakes. Mouth-watering and so very tempting, every single one - not a comfort place for 'weight watchers'!



Many thanks to host Nigel and Wilma (not forgetting their band of helpers and the baked-goods-makers) for a super event. All of the hard work involved was certainly greatly appreciated by the members and guests, who truly enjoyed this lovely afternoon.

"Well Done".

Sue J

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Talks

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm.  
"Pleasures and Perils of Opening Your Garden"  
by Angela O'Connell

We will begin our '22/'23 winter talks with a welcome return visit by Angela O'Connell the National Garden Scheme coordinator for Berkshire.

Last visiting us in February 2018, when she gave us an excellent 'big picture' presentation on "The Story of the National Garden Scheme", Angela will now give us a much more nuts & bolts perspective of the challenges and delights of actually opening your own garden for the benefit of the NGS charities.

Open garden events are always popular so Angela may encourage some of us who haven't been brave enough yet to give it a go, whilst reassuring those members with personal experience that the challenges they faced were really no big deal!

John Windass

### Dates for your diary

17th September (Sat) COACH OUTING - Wisley

11th October (Tues) TALK "Pleasures and Perils of Opening Your Garden" A talk by Angela O'Connell

8th November (Tues) "Death In the Garden" A talk by Michael Brown

13th December (Tues) AGM-7.15pm in Peppard Memorial Hall

### Jobs in the Garden September

#### Late summer progresses into autumn

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!

#### Top gardening jobs this month

1 Divide herbaceous perennials

Dividing perennials regularly will ensure healthy, vigorous plants that will continue to perform year after year. It also offers the opportunity to multiply your plants.

2 Pick autumn raspberries

Harvest regularly, to get fruits at the peak of ripeness, when richly coloured, plump and easy to pull off. Pick on a dry day, so the berries aren't wet.

3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals

Growing plants from seed is generally straightforward and inexpensive. It is an opportunity to increase the number of plants in your garden for free.

4. Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them

5. Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway

6. Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible

7. Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering

8. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn

9. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting

10. Plant spring flowering bulbs

#### Letters/emails/articles

We welcome your comments/articles/letters these can be

sent to CEHS at [cehs561@gmail.com](mailto:cehs561@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## **Free Apple Pressing Event**

**Heath and Watkins**

**Saturday 8th October**

**Make delicious fresh apple juice from your garden apples. Contact Heath and Watkins for more details.**