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From the Chair October 2022

It's seems a long time ago now but a huge thanks to everyone who helped with the Autumn Show which was a great success.

The nights are drawing in now and it is time to tidy up the garden and prepare for the winter. The CEHS programme of Talks will start on Tuesday 11th October(see below for details from John Windass), do come early for coffee.

We have had a successful series of coach trips this summer, the last trip to Wisley was very well attended and everyone seemed to have had a good day. We were very lucky with the weather. See Sue Jones report below.

REPORTS

Wonderful Wisley

*"Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" by Rogers & Hammerstein 1955
(sung by Gordon MacRae in the film 'Oklahoma')*

Indeed it was a chilly but beautiful morning as we set off on our September day out at Wisley. Fleece, cardi or jacket required to begin with, however it soon warmed up shortly after our arrival at the gardens. (I hasten to add that the trip in the coach had been both comfy and warm!)

Some of the group may be regular visitors; however this author had not been there for a good number of years. What an absolute joy and delight around every corner. Only problem too much to see and not enough energy or time to get around the massive and wonderful grounds!



We encountered beautiful blooms, fabulous flora, tremendous trees and awesome vistas from elevated view points.



Some of the trees and plants were just beginning to show their autumn glory, with leaves turning a multitude of shades of orange, gold and red; simply stunning. Plus loads of pumpkin all ready for Halloween!



An area which evoked memories of 'Tenko' in amongst the outdoor jungle planting; then another glass house with a multitude of cactus ... if only we had a week in this wonderful place, instead of a day!



At every turn one encountered another delightful surprise. There were incredibly delicate miniatures in the Alpine House; a massive variety of huge palms and banana in the Glass House, dotted through with all sorts of exotic flowers

There were also a number of interesting statues round and about (too late for photographic entry to this year's CEHS show!)



Quite a few folk also came back to the coach armed with plants and gifts purchased from the extensive (and exceedingly tempting) shop.

legs and sore feet; plus wonderful, happy thoughts and memories of a terrific day out!

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", she 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!

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm.
"Death in the Garden" by Michael Brown ("The Historic Gardener")

November provides an opportunity for us to meet and listen in person to Michael Brown, who was our first ever "virtual" ("Zoom") speaker in November 2020 when he gave us a fascinating talk on "Capability Brown - Hero or Villain?".

Michael trained in horticulture and has worked as a head gardener, lecturer and



Thank you once again to the organisers of this fabulous trip. We returned with some aching

author though his real passions are the history of gardening and of garden plants. Many of these plants are however poisonous and over the centuries have been used for a variety of good and less good purposes: to remove an unwanted partner or rival, as aphrodisiacs, for pest control, as a means to foretell the future or speak with the gods!

As winter nights draw in please join us to learn more about the mysterious mandrake and how a pot of basil helped to conceal a savage murder, until...!?? This promises to be both an informative and thrilling evening with something for devotees of organic gardening and natural remedies to murder mysteries!

John Windass

Dates for your diary

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 October

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 leafmould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

Top gardening jobs this month

- 1 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 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

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.

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.