



CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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From the Chair **September 2023**

We had a very successful autumn show this year and there are so many people to thank for this:

- Exhibitors who produced a very high standard of entries,
- Who helped the show run smoothly and administered it, publicised it and sorted the finances,
- Who ran the plant stall (including those who donated some lovely plants),
- Who ran the raffle (and donated lovely prizes) and the teas.
- Who helped set up the show on the Friday night and helped clear up very efficiently at the end.
- Finally to thank the members and friends and public who came along to support the show.

Have a good rest we can do it all again in April

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.

Dates for your diary

16th September (Sat) **COACH OUTING** - Swiss Gardens and Shuttleworth Collection

Places still available.

10th October (Tues) 2023 at 7.30pm. "Organic Gardening" by Ray Broughton

14th November (Tues) 2023 at 7.30pm. "Tenerife: A Botanical Honey-pot" by Timothy Walker

12th December (Tues) **AGM-7.15pm** in Peppard Memorial Hall

Trophies Awarded at The Autumn Show

Congratulations to all the Winners!!

RHS Banksian Medal

Winner of the most points in the Horticultural Classes **Sam Fooks**

George Shaw Cup

Best vase of mixed dahlias **Keith 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

Wilma Crush/Sue Hedges/Wendy Peaty

Sullivan Rose Trophy

Most points in rose classes **Zeynep Stromfelt**

Len Holloway Memorial Trophy

Most points in pot plants classes

Leslie Cresswell /Val Mundy /

Barbara Winnington

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

Sue Hedges

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

Sylvie Fooks :to be presented

Charlie Jarvest Cup

Most points in the painting and drawing classes

Peter Crush

Dylan Jarvest Cup

Most points in the handicraft classes

Peter Crush

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Talks

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

"Organic Gardening" by Ray Broughton

We launch our '23/'24 winter series with a talk on this important and topical subject by Ray Broughton, one of the most popular and knowledgeable gardening speakers in the South East.

Last visiting us a little over 10 years ago, Ray trained originally at Wisley and then became a lecturer/senior lecturer teaching young professional gardeners. He is now president of his local gardening club near Winchester and continues to support the Perennial horticultural charity by speaking on a range of specialist topics including plant propagation, pests & diseases, vegetable & herb growing and organic gardening.

Please join us to hear from a real expert who fully appreciates what gardening clubs are all about!

Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm.
"Tenerife: A Botanical Honey-pot" by Timothy Walker

Ex Oxford Botanic Gardens Director Timothy Walker will share his knowledge as to why this sub-tropical volcanic island, with mountains reaching over 12,000 feet (3,700 metres) above sea level, sitting in the trade winds off the coast of North Africa has been so important in plant diversity & evolution.

Definitely one for your diaries as winter draws in!

RHS 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!

RHS 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



Sue Hedges Marilyn Mowatt

Post post topper



Our thanks go to Sonning Common WI and CEHS members Sue Hedges and Marilyn Mowatt for producing the post box topper to advertise CEHS.



Janet Evans Marilyn Mowatt, June Fisher Wilma Crush

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.

Tickets still available

Drop the form to 18 Kennylands before 16th September.

COACH OUTING Swiss Gardens and Shuttleworth Collection.

Saturday September 16th.

Pick up points are Kidmore End turn (9.00am), Sonning Common Post Office (9.05 am), and Peppard Stores (9.10am) returning at approximately 5.45pm

Name	Phone number	Pickup Point

Members/Non-members £34.50 Deadline

I enclose cheque/cash in the sum of £

Please make cheques payable to C.E.H.S

Signature: Tel No: _____

Please return completed form to Mark Richards c/o, 18 Kennylands Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9JT

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