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St. Stephens Gardening Club



(Formerly St. Stephens Horticultural Society)

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

ANNOUNCING OPEN GARDENS 2019

on

SUNDAY 30 JUNE, 2.00pm to 5.00pm

We are pleased to announce that the following gardens will be open for members and their guests to visit:-

20, Hollybush Avenue, Chiswell Green
58, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green
117, Watling Street, Park Street (Near BP garage)
29 Penn Road, Park Street
12 Woodside Road, Bricket Wood
135, Mount Pleasant Lane, Bricket Wood
1, Bucknalls Drive, Bricket Wood - where refreshments will be served.

There is no charge but collection boxes will be available for donations. All monies collected will go to the Keech Cottage Hospice charity.

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO VISIT THESE GARDENS

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

2019 MEMBERSHIP FEES can still be paid - £3 PAYABLE AT HUT or contact Andrew Keates, 01727 872708 for a standing order form.

New members are always welcome so please tell your friends

ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 7 September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

How Wood School, Spooners Drive, Park Street

The Annual Show is the highlight of the gardening year and we are once again very grateful to our sponsors of the show

M K Ginder & Sons Funeral Directors

The Show Schedule is included with this Newsletter. Those of you who receive your newsletter via the internet will receive a hard copy of the Show Schedule and copies are available at the hut.

This year's photographic competition will have 3 categories:

- Arches
- It made me smile
- Weather

As always a successful show is dependent upon the number of exhibits, so please try to enter even if it is only one exhibit. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, we are all amateurs and enthusiasm is a good substitute for skill. Our hope is that even more members will enter this year. Whatever your expertise your entries will be welcomed and valued. Remember, without exhibits, we don't have a show. It's free to enter but we will still require an entry form so that we can prepare the show tables in advance.

The Annual Show is the highlight of the gardening year and is traditionally well supported.. This year we will be featuring displays from the Park Street Camera Club and the Bricket Wood Art Club.

Please take a little time to look through the schedule as we would like you to enter something in the show. If you haven't shown before please consider entering, perhaps in just one or two classes, or perhaps the Novice Class. I can assure you that you do **NOT** need to be an expert.

FREE MANURE

If you would like some well rotted horse manure, it is available free to collect from the stables at the junction of Penn Road and Tippendell Lane.

Full bags are often available at the roadside. Please remember you should not apply this manure immediately to your garden, to be on the safe side it needs to stand for about 6 months.

SLUG PELLETS

The EU has decreed that as from the end of May it will be illegal to sell or use the blue slug pellets (the ones normally available at the hut). They can be harmful to pets and wildlife.

We have already stopped selling these slug pellets and until we can find a supply of an alternative (at the right price) there will be none available at the hut.

OUTINGS UPDATE

BETH CHATTO & GREEN ISLAND GARDENS - TUES 25 JUNE

At the time of going to press we have 4 places available. The cost is £31 for members, £34 for non-members. Beth Chatto is one of the UK's most famous gardens and Green Island is a 20 acre gardeners paradise.

BBC COUNTRYFILE LIVE - FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

At the time of going to press we have 3 places available. The cost is £35 for members, £38 for non-members. Held at Blenheim Palace this is firmly established as one of the country's premier shows

For more information or to book a place on either of the above visits, contact Graham Wilson 01727 872718.

HOLIDAY 2019 - GARDENS OF S. WALES - 15th to 19th JULY

Due to a late cancellation we have one double/twin room available for our holiday to South Wales. The cost is £450 per person, based on two people sharing and includes:

- 4 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal
- All coach travel and driver gratuity
- Entry to all attractions during your stay

The itinerary includes:

- Aberglasney Gardens
- Dyffryn Gardens
- Cardiff Castle
- National Botanic Gardens of Wales
- St Fagan's Castle & Garden
- Tredegar House & Gardens

For further details contact Graham Wilson - 01727 872718.

GARDENERS EVENINGS

NATURALLY NATIVE - Anne Luder

11 June, 7.30pm, Parish Centre, admission £3.

Plants native to the British Isles suitable for garden use.

BULBS FOR ALL YEAR ROUND COLOUR - Kerrie Lloyd-Dawson

9 July, 7.30pm, Parish Centre, admission £3.

**DON'T FORGET
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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