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St. Stephens Gardening Club



(Formerly St. Stephens Horticultural Society)

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## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

### ANNUAL SHOW

**Saturday 9 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

**M K Ginder & Sons Funeral Directors**

who will be sponsoring the show.

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:

- Down by the Water
- A Local Landscape (Within St Albans & District)
- Serenity in Nature

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. **As an added incentive we will not be charging for entries this year - YES, IT'S FREE TO ENTER.** 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. Additionally the Causeway branch of the WI will be selling crafts.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR - we have replaced spring onions and parsnips by French beans and squash. There is an additional category in Floral Art and the categories for the Children's entries have changed.

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.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

**2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES can still be paid - £3 PAYABLE AT HUT or contact Martyn Dadswell, 01727 872127 for a standing order form.**

New members are always welcome so please tell your friends

## **OPEN GARDENS DAY**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY – 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

Gardens open for viewing are :-

9a, The Meads, Bricket Wood

1, Bucknalls Drive, Bricket Wood - serving light refreshments.

30 Hamilton Close, Bricket Wood \*

20 Hollybush Avenue, Chiswell Green \*

117 Watling Street, Park Street (near BP garage)

38 Maplefield, Park Street

\* Previous winners of the Best Kept Garden Competition.

Admission is free, but there will be a collection for Keech Hospice Care if you wish to make a donation.

Please try to visit as many gardens as you can, our volunteers have put in a lot of time and effort to ensure that you have an enjoyable afternoon and our thanks go to them for volunteering.

## **ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY, GARDENS OF THE ROSE**

It is with regret that we have to inform you, if you have not heard already, that the Gardens of the Rose has gone into Administration and will not be open to the public this year (if ever). The Gardens are now in the hands of the Administrator who will report back to interested parties in 8 weeks time. The last published accounts showed a loss of £36,000 in the 2015 financial year.

## **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2017 - CORRECTIONS**

Unfortunately a number of copies of the Programme of Events for 2017 contained a number of errors. A revised list of events for the remainder of this year follows.

28 June - Visit, Kew Gardens

Few remaining places - contact Graham Wilson for details.

25 July - Talk - Gardening for Wildlife

8.00pm, Parish Centre, Bricket Wood.

30 July - OPEN GARDENS - see Newsletter article for details.

3 Aug - Visit, RHS Hyde Hall - contact Graham Wilson for details.

9 Sept - ANNUAL SHOW

2.30pm to 4.30pm, How Wood School

17 Nov - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING preceded by

Talk - The Butterflies of France

7.30pm, Parish Centre, Bricket Wood

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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