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St. Stephens Gardening Club



(Formerly St. Stephens Horticultural Society)

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## **NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018**

### ANNUAL SHOW

**Saturday 8 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:

- Seasonal Splendour
- Garden Wildlife
- Tranquil Moments

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.

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. and no blemishes.

## **HINTS AND TIPS TO EXHIBITORS**

- Read the schedule carefully and make sure you keep to the descriptions.
- If you are unsure as to how to present your exhibit the Show Secretary will be happy to give advice.
- When you choose your entries, remember that uniformity is more important than size.
- Wash all root vegetables.
- All fruit should be shown complete with stalks.
- Apples and pears should not be polished.
- Beans must be straight, even shape and size, young and brittle when snapped.
- Beetroot must be of a deep colour and of an even shape and size.
- Cabbage must be similar in shape and size, firm solid heart, good colour
- Carrots should be young and rich in colour, washed without scratching and presented fan shaped with 3 ins of foliage.
- Onions must be cleaned and scale leaves removed, but not over-skinned (big mistake). Tie the necks with raffia or string.
- Potatoes should be young, unblemished, same size and show their true colour.
- Shallots should be firm and of even size. Tie necks and exhibit on a plate of sand.
- Tomatoes should be just ripe, of even size, rich colour with small green stalk. Cherry tomatoes should be exhibited on a plate of sand.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

**2018 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

## **FREE MANURE**

If you would like some well rotted horse manure and are fit and able to bag it yourself please call Claire on 07983576574 to arrange a convenient time. Good times are usually Sat, Sun and Wed mornings. The stable is located near Moor Mill restaurant. Please bring your own bags, tools and wellies.

## **26 JULY - FORAGING STARTS AT HOME**

A talk by Jane Perome.

Discover the edible ornamentals in your garden.

8.00pm Parish Centre, Bricket Wood.

£3 including refreshments

## **VISIT TO WISLEY & ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW**

**Tuesday 4 Sept - £15 members, £18 non-members**

Our visit coincides with the RHS Annual Flower Show. There will be Plant Nurseries and Trade stands, the National Dahlia Soc Annual Show(100+ exhibits), floral displays and much more, including access to the RHS gardens.

The cost of the trip is £15 for members, £18 for non-members,

The coach will leave Bricket Wood Social Club at 9.00am, How Wood shops (9.05am) and Chiswell Green (9.15am, bus stop opposite Three Hammers).

**Please detach the form below and return it with a non-returnable deposit of £5 per person or payment in full. FINAL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 24 AUGUST.**

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### **RHS WISLEY GARDEN SHOW- BOOKING FORM**

Cheques to be made payable to St Stephens Gardening Club and sent to

Graham Wilson 51 Mayflower Road, Park Street, St Albans, AL2 2QN or

Martyn Dadswell 59 Orchard Drive, Park Street, St Albans, AL2 2QQ, or hand in at the Trading Hut.

Member Name & No (please print).....

First line of address.....

I will be accompanied by.....

Pick-up point .....

(Please state Bricket Wood, How Wood or Chiswell Green)

Contact telephone number .....

**Please note that there are only a limited number of spaces available.**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chairman Graham Wilson, 51 Mayflower Road, Park Street 01727 872718

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