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CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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From the Chair - July 2021

We have our first in-person event this month since the start of the pandemic, the Open Garden Village Tour on Sunday 25th July, starting at 2pm. Full details are on a flyer at the back of this newsletter which you can detach and take around with you. Hope to see lots of members on the day. Call Janet Evans or Jessica Philbrick if you need more information.

The show schedules are going out with this newsletter, please read it and consider what you can enter. A lot of work has gone into organising the show particularly by John Windass, please support this main event in our calendar.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER PLEASE

To be able to run the show successfully we will need volunteers to help. Particularly: assistance with Friday evening set up, Stewarding the judges, the Plant Stall and hopefully, raffle ticket sales.

If you are willing to help or would like further information, please contact John Windass on

01189724687 or jdwindass@hotmail.com



August 7th Visit to Farley Hill Gardens

As we did not have a visit in June, we thought it would be nice to organise an August visit where members could meet up and socialise. To minimise Covid risk members will travel in their own vehicles.

Farley Hill Place Gardens dates back to the reign of George II, being built from 1729 as a productive garden for a Georgian manor house. It was owned by Mr John Walter, uncle of the founder of the Times Newspaper, in 1730.

With its 1½ acre walled garden, grand Victorian glasshouse, fine old apple trees and hazel coppice, Farley Hill Place Gardens take you back in time to when they produced fruit, vegetables and flowers for the 'big house'.

We have booked a visit to the gardens on Saturday 7th August at 2 pm. They start the visit with a short introduction about the garden and its history then Members can wander freely and return for tea and cake. Finishing with a Q&A. The cost is £10.00 inclusive.

There is plenty of parking at the gardens, front and back of the house.

RG7 1TZ brings you straight there.

RHS Jobs to do in July

Summer's in swing

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top tips

This month, protect heavily-laden fruit tree and bush branches against snapping under the weight. Use a stake or prop to keep them upright. If necessary, prune cherries straight after harvest.

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
2. Care for houseplant while on holiday
3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Treat apple scab
7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, (but don't feed wildflower patches or meadows)
10. Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

Trip Saturday 18th September

Cotswold Wildlife Park is well known for its gardens as well as the 1500 animals and birds within the 160 acres.

The gardens are well maintained and creative and compliment all the enclosures and pathways. There is an arboretum near the old Manor House and herbaceous beds within the walled garden.

The park has a narrow-gauge railway line which is extra and has two cafes, a shop and during the day there are timed feeding displays for the penguins and lemurs.

The Park's animals include lion, camel, giraffe, ostrich, llama, zebra, rhino, wolf as well as many reptiles, birds and collection of primates. All are within reach by foot or railway.

Departure is 9.00 from bus stop on junction of Wood Lane and Kennylands Rd on left side towards the shops. Next stop is outside the Village Hall 9.05 and last stop is 9.10 on Stoke Row Rd at bus stop near the Peppard Stores.

The journey will take just over an hour.

There are 35 places. Option to bring picnic or use the cafes.

Please pay cheques to CEHS and send to 18 Kennylands Road (see form overleaf) We will only contact you if the trip is full, otherwise assume you have a ticket.

Deadline is Wednesday 8th September.

Mark Richards

Autumn Show Photography Competition

100. Flower petals.
101. Birds
102. Hot
103. Open

Sonning Common Spring Front Garden Competition Summer 2021

Please take note of any eye-catching gardens in the village. Make sure you are in time to submit your nomination for the Summer Front Garden Competition. The

closing date is 10th July. Email nominations to cehs561@gmail.com

You can enter your own garden, or a neighbour's or any garden you may see, even if you don't know the owners or their names.

Maureen Stevens - Competition Organiser

Visit to Farley Hill Gardens Park ON Saturday 7th August @2.00pm

We meet up at the gardens

Address:

Church Road

Farley Hill

Reading

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Name	Member	Address	Pickup Point

Members £10.00 Deadline 5th August

I enclose cheque/cash in the sum of £ _____ Please make cheques payable to C.E.H.S

Signature: Tel No: _____

Please return the slip and cheque (to CEHS) to 18 Kennylands Road, Sonning Common, Reading, RG4 9JT
ncrush@hotmail.com

COACH OUTING TO Cotswold Wildlife Park ON Saturday 18th September 2021

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

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Members £26.50 Deadline 8th September

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CEHS OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 25th July 2021

2.00 - 4.30 p.m

6 Baskerville Road
Peter Selwyn &
David Webb

3 Baskerville Road
Jessica Philbrick

26 Green Lane
Janet Evans

3 Green Lane
Clare & Malcolm
Talbot

18 Kennylands Road
Nigel & Wilma
Crush

1A Grove Road
Barbara & Bernard
Winnington

21 Redhouse Drive
Al & Sue Frayling-
Cork



On Sunday 25th July CEHS will be holding the first **Open Garden Village Tour**.

Seven households have offered to open their gardens for other CEHS members to come and have a look around and perhaps get some inspiration.

The event will take place from 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 25th July and between these times you are invited to visit the gardens listed on this page, in any order you choose.

Janet Evans at 26 Green Lane and Nigel & Wilma Crush at 18 Kennylands Road will be selling plants so make sure you bring some money with you!

It would be amazing if as many members as possible visited and supported the members who have bravely volunteered to open their gardens for your enjoyment.

