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# CHILTERN EDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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## From the Chair - June 2021

We have details this month of a visit to Farley Hill Place gardens and a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. We have thought long about organising these trips and feel the time is right to do so. We hope many of you will participate. The visit to Farley Hill Place will give members a good chance to socialise after all this time without meeting.

### HELP NEEDED FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [jdwindass@hotmail.com](mailto:jdwindass@hotmail.com)

## Members Open Gardens

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4.30

We will have 7 members gardens open to visit in Baskerville Road, Green Lane, Kennylands Road, Grove Road and Redhouse Drive.

More details will be available in the July newsletter.

Janet Evans

## Farley Hill Place Gardens

### August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Gardening Jobs June as Summer arrives

A busy month ahead

### Top tips

Now is the time to get your veg off the best possible start. So make sure anything you plant out is fed, watered and given an appropriate support (such as bamboo canes for runner beans).

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

### Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- 2 Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas
- 3 Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes
- 4 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- 5 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
- 6 Mow lawns at least once a week
- 7 Plant out summer bedding
- 8 Stake tall or floppy plants
- 9 Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
- 10 Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

### Update on 2021 Diary

**25<sup>th</sup> July (Sat) OPEN GARDEN DAY in Sonning Common**

**7<sup>th</sup> August Visit to Farley Hill Garden 2 pm.**

**4th September (Sat) AUTUMN SHOW 2-4pm in Sonning Common Village Hall**

**18th September (Sat) COACH OUTING – Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens**

**12th October (Tues) TALK “Composting” by Robert Longstaff**

**9th November (Tues) TALK “The Gilberts Dahlia year” by Nick Gilbert.,**

### 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 am 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 9.15 on Stoke Row Rd at bus stop near the Peppard stores.

Journey will take just over an hour or so. 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

**14th December (Tues) AGM–7.15pm in Peppard Memorial Hall. Followed by Cheese and Wine**



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*The Chairman Nigel Crush presenting the Geoff Minton cup to Bill and Angie Cordell of Baytree Rise he was accompanied by the Front Garden Organiser: Maureen Stevens.*

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**Visit to Farley Hill Gardens Park ON Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August @2.00pm**

We meet up at the gardens

Address:

Church Road

Farley Hill

Reading

RG7 1TZ

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Name	Member	Address	Pickup Point

Members £10.00 Deadline 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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**COACH OUTING TO Cotswold Wildlife Park ON Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Name	Member	Address	Pickup Point

Members £26.50 Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> September

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