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From the Chair - March 2022

I hope you were not adversely affected by Storm Eunice. You may be like us and have had a lot of clearing up to do!

Just a reminder if anyone has any plants we can sell at the Spring Show would be most appreciated. Please bring them to the village hall on the evening of Friday 8th April or on show day.

Talks

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm.
"Clematis" by Marcel Floyd

Climbing plants can do so much for a garden: adding a third dimension to borders & containers; covering unsightly fences, sheds, compost bins & dead trees and giving shelter & privacy! Amongst the most versatile and colourful of these wonders are the different clematis varieties. Getting the best from them can however be challenging!

After nearly 2 years wait we are therefore delighted to welcome Marcel Floyd, a real expert on climbing plants, to talk to us on Clematis. Marcel has been running a specialist prize winning nursery, Floyds Clematis & Climbers, for 30 years near Bath in Wiltshire.

Please come along to enjoy, learn and, perhaps, be tempted to pick up a bargain to add to your collection!

Report: Tuesday 8th February 2022 "In an English Country Garden" by Penny Noble

The second ever CEHS February afternoon meeting saw a variety of innovations: a high tech new audio-visual systems installed during lock-down by PWMH, home made cake slices being sold to supplement society funds and tables to aid social distancing & cake eating/tea drinking

Coping admirably with these potential distractions, and indeed making impressive use of the AV system, society member Penny Noble gave us a colourful tour of a wide range of English (and one Welsh!) country gardens. Aided by Penny's photographic skills, IT expertise, passion for bees & butterflies and preference to appreciate what plants look like rather than what they are called, members were treated to a colourful and stimulating reminder of what we can look forward to on our doorsteps in the coming months.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon appreciated by an excellent turn out of members. Our experiment of afternoon talks is clearly working and will continue alongside evening and occasional Zoom meetings as we strive to balance the needs of as many different interests and generations of gardeners as possible!

John Windass



CEHS Summer 2022 Coach Trips

Mark Richards has arranged three coach outings for this year.

21 May (Sat) COACH OUTING - Hatfield Gardens, Hatfield

The House and gardens are 400 years old and built on site of the old palace occupied by Elizabeth I as a child. The Cecil family owned the house and created the gardens which are now cared for by Lady Salisbury. There are 7 gardens to explore, a lake and water features, statutory, veteran trees and woodland. The gardens are well stocked and maintained. Website is www.Hatfield-house.co.uk for more information.

Price excludes house entry, can be booked in advance or on day.

Gardens include cafe, souvenir and gift shops and plant sales.

Booking form overleaf.

18 June (Sat) COACH OUTING - Castle Ashby Gardens, Northampton

17 September (Sat) COACH OUTING - Wisley

CEHS Spring Show

Saturday 9th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Sonning Common Village Hall

Please make sure that your entries and entry fees have been submitted by no later than 9.00pm on Wednesday 6th April and please come along to support the competitors and the Society.

RHS Gardening in March

Spring arrives

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

Top gardening jobs this month

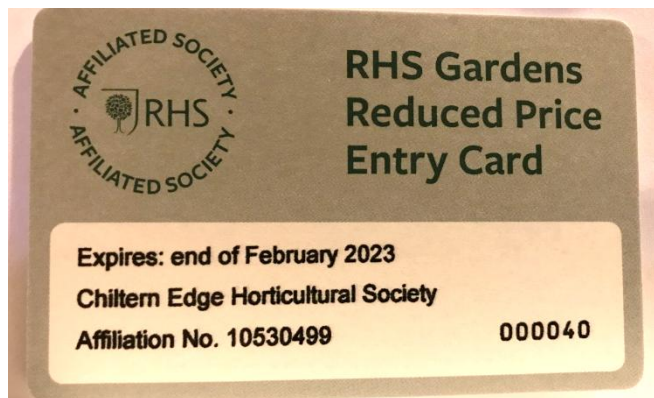
1. Prune bush and climbing roses
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Protect new spring shoots from slugs

Categories for the Spring Show Photo competition

1. Mushrooms / Fungi.
2. Winter sunshine.
3. Arches.
4. Open.

RHS Gardens Reduced Price Entry Card

The Society has purchased a RHS Gardens Reduced Price Entry Card



Each card allows one member of CEHS and one adult guest a 30% reduction on the normal adult entry rate to RHS Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley. If before February 2023 you would like to use it please email cehs561@gmail.com and we will book you and post it to you provided it is not already booked out.

If you visit one of the RHS gardens would you please consider writing a feature on the garden for the newsletter. As we go to Wisley regularly we would exclude this, but there is Rosemoor in Devon, Hyde hall in Essex, Harlow Carr Yorkshire & the new Bridgewater in Manchester.

RHS National Gardening Week

This unique celebration of gardening will be held 2 - 8 May, 2022.

With millions more people rediscovering the uplifting power of plants and gardening in the 12 months running up to National Gardening Week, the RHS wanted to inspire everyone to keep growing and enjoying green spaces. Connecting with nature is vital for our wellbeing, and it's easier than you think to get a daily dose of Vitamin G!

"Aim to bring green into your daily life as much as possible for maximum benefits.

There are dozens of ways to connect with nature, and you don't even need to have your own garden to get your Vitamin G."

RHS Director of Science, Professor Alistair Griffiths

Blossom Watch Day

Why not take part in Blossom Watch Day organised by the National Trust.

In an ever-changing world, nature will always be a source of comfort for many of us. Get ready for spring, when we'll be bringing you the best places to spot blossom. You're also invited to join in with The NT celebration in the run up to #BlossomWatch day on 23 April 2022, when The NT will be asking you to share your pictures of beautiful blossom on social media.

Letters/emails/articles

We welcome your comments/articles/letters these can be sent to CEHS at cehs561@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Do you have a recommendation for a garden that you have visited? We would like to have a feature in the newsletter on gardens which members have visited and would recommend.



Coach Outing to Hatfield Gardens Sat 21st May 2022

Prices which include coach & garden entry (not house) and driver's tip are £27.50 per member
(£29.50 for non-members)

Pickup points are Kidmore End turn (9.00am), Sonning Common Post Office (9.05am), and Peppard Stores (9.10am), returning at approximately 6.00 pm. approx

Print Full first name and surname of all ticket holders

Name	Address and phone number (mobile if possible)	Pickup Point

Please return completed form with cheque payable to CEHS or cash to Mark Richards c/o 18 Kennylands Road,
Sonning Common, RG4 9JT by Friday 20th April 2022. Tel 07789553838 for any questions
Assume you are booked in unless we contact you otherwise