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From the Chair July 2022

The show schedules are going out with this newsletter, please read it and consider what you can enter, the more entries, the better the show. This is our showcase event of the year so please help us make it a good one.

We also hope that you can make it to our afternoon tea on Saturday 30th July and to the Wisley trip on Saturday 17th September.

Wisley Trip

On Saturday 17th September we are arranging a trip to Wisley RHS gardens, Woking, Surrey.

Wisley in September has all the Perennial displays at their peak along with laden fruit trees of all varieties.

The new Science centre is now open along with new garden centre. The Trials field has been re located to the site of the old garden centre and we are looking forward to exploring these changes.

Work is underway to re design the old Trials field and hopefully we will get an inkling of the plans.

Wisley continues to expand and change to keep pace with horticultural developments and fashions.

There are plenty of refreshment places and picnic area.

we have spaces for a minimum of 30 members with an option to add guests on request.

The tickets are £19.50 each .

Deadline for tickets are Wednesday September 8th. Why not bring the form along to the afternoon tea.

Mark Richards

Afternoon Tea Saturday 30th July 2022
2.30 - 4.30 at 18 Kennylands Road Sonning
RG49JT

We wanted to hold a social event in the village and we have decided to have an afternoon tea in our garden. We hope to see lots of members and partners there.

Feel free to wander around the garden.

Seating/crockery etc. will be provided

We would like your help making some baked goods please. Possible ones are listed on the form at the end. The charge for the event will be £3.00 or bring some baked goods.

We would also like some help please in the morning putting up gazebos. For half an hour please at 11.00.

Please state any dietary requirements

So we know what members are making and how many are coming please return the reply slip or email cehs561@gmail.com by

25th July and please bring cash on the day if paying.

If you require a lift this can be arranged . Please phone 01189722167 or Text 07553415005 or email cehs561@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing you there

Nigel Crush

Coach Outing to Castle Ashby Gardens
(near Northampton)
on Sat 18th June 2022

"What a difference a day makes....." sung by Dinah Washington in the 50's (and also recorded by Jamie Cullum in 2008)

The happy band of gardening enthusiasts boarded the coach in Sonning Common and Peppard and headed off to Northamptonshire.

We had been advised in advance that the Tea Rooms at Castle Ashby would not be open (due to staff shortages we understand), so homemade picnic and sandwiches were the order of the day. Following the previous two days of unbroken sunshine and soaring temperatures, hopes were high that the weekend weather forecast was not totally reliable! However, the closer we got to Castle Ashby, the more the mizzle turned to serious rain and the cloud cover turned a tad greyer.

Not to be daunted the cheery folk unpacked the packer-macs, donned the waterproof jackets and dug the umbrellas out of bags and back packs.

The gardens were a delight. There were beautifully manicured lawns as far as the eye could see; fabulous displays of colour in all the herbaceous borders and flower



beds.

There were also a number of different areas to explore including the fuchsia house, rainbow border, Italian garden, Orangery, vegetable garden, the menagerie (with a charming troupe of meerkats, flop eared rabbits, a pair of giant tortoises, rare breed piglets, a batch of splendid fluffy chicks and others); this led you on to the walled garden.



One could follow the Nature Trail through the Arboretum toward the lake and the terracotta bridge designed by Capability Brown. The trees were truly magnificent, including the UK's largest Weeping Beech which was huge! An amazing variety and it was so very peaceful there.



It was decided by the group, as the precipitation had increased, we should give up "Just Walking in the Rain" (*Johnnie Ray 1956*) and it was considered a good idea to head off in the coach to the nearby collection of small shops that included a cafe. Folk did a little shopping, warmed up with a welcome cuppa or indulged in a super ice cream (well, we were on an outing!) Thanks so much to the organisers of this trip you could not influence the weather! Without exception, everyone was happy and smiling as they left the coach and said their goodbyes.

Sue J.

CEHS Summer Front Garden Competition 2022



On your travels around Sonning Common please can you keep your eyes peeled for beautiful front gardens that could be entered in to this year's CEHS Summer Front Garden Competition. The owners of the front garden DO NOT have to be CEHS members.

To keep the completion interesting and vibrant we need as many new gardens to be nominated as possible. Attached is an entry form that you can complete and return to nominate a garden or alternatively email cehs561@gmail.com with the address of the property you would like included - don't forget you can even nominate you own garden!

RHS Jobs in July

Summer is progressing

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 gardening jobs this month

1 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering

Keep plants looking attractive and encourage more blooms, whether in beds and border, containers or hanging baskets.

Encourage more blooms

2 Care for houseplant while on holiday

Most houseplants will tolerate a few days' absence without suffering, but absences of more than a week call for some creative measures to provide valuable moisture in the right quantity.

Look after plants while away

3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise

Watering is one of the most important jobs when growing plants in containers.

Roots need a balance of air and water to

grow well which is easy to provide if you have a good quality compost or soil.

Water container plants

More jobs for this month

4 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt

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, especially if not given a spring feed

10 Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

Autumn Show Photo topics

1. Anything round

2. Statues

3. Summer colour

4. Open.

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.

Sonning Common Summer Front Garden competition 2022

I Nominate the front garden at

Signed

Please print your name

Please return completed form by 15th August, 2022

to Maureen Stevens 4 Inglewood Close Sonning Common, RG4 9SY.

Telephone : 0118 972 4779

COACH OUTING TO RHS WISLEY, SURREY ON Saturday 17th September 2022

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	Phone number	Pickup Point

Members £19.50 Guests £19.50 Deadline 8th September 2022

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

Signature: Tel No:

Please return completed form to Mark Richards c/o, 18 Kennylands Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9JT

Any queries contact Mark Richards Telephone 07789553838 or email markr3939@gmail.com

Afternoon Tea Saturday 30th July 2022

2.30 – 4.30 at 18 Kennylands Road Sonning RG49JT

The cost of the tea is £3.00 (please make cheques payable to CEHS or cash) or give a contribution of baked goods.

Please email this form or post it/drop it to 18 Kennylands

Name	Phone number	Paying or bringing baked goods

Baked goods required please:

Victoria sponge cake.	
Sweet scones	
Savoury scones	
Iced cup cakes	
Tea loaf	
Sausage rolls	
Cheese straws	
Chocolate cake	
Apple cake (see show recipe)	
Cookies	
Or your choice	