

Dates for the Diary

October
Tuesday 16th

Fuchsias - General Fuchsia Growing
by Robert Champion

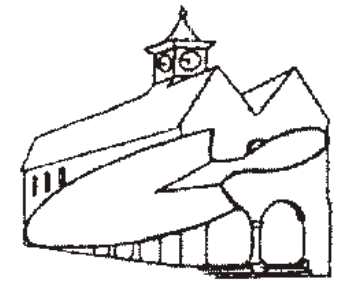
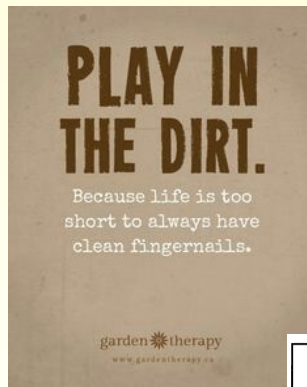
Robert Champion is from Down Hatherley in Gloucester and is on the Guild of Judges for the Gloucestershire Federation. His expertise is in Fuchsias and pelargoniums, as well as other flowers, fruits and vegetables.

November
Tuesday 20th

Annual General Meeting: followed by a FREE BUFFET SUPPER with wine & soft drinks
At the Larruperz Centre, to start at 7.30pm

In order to cater for those who would like to attend, Elkie must have names before Tuesday 6th November either by phone 1989 218205 or mobile 07979 929286.

Please see inside for more details.



Ross-on-Wye **Gardening Club**

Final Newsletter No. 81 October 2018

A few words from our President

As this is our last ever newsletter, I felt I would like to say a few words as your President.

I have been a member of the Society/Club for the best part of 28 years and have seen many changes during this time.

The first summer show I attended was held in a marquee on spare ground down Alton Road, then later at the John Kyrle School and finally at the Larruperz. During this time I have attended many various and interesting talks over the years and picked up helpful tips along the way, have been on numerous evening outside meetings and every one of our four day holidays, except the very first one to France.

So now it just remains for me to thank all the committee members over the past years for their important input, in whatever capacity and everyone else who has kept the club going for so long by their membership dues and attendance at the monthly meetings. I shall miss you all when no longer sitting at my table! I would like to end by wishing you all every good wish in the future and happy and successful gardening.

Bridget Forsdike.



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Please make every effort to attend the AGM because there are important decisions to be discussed.

- 1 Any surplus cash remaining after all outstanding bills have been settled will be divided equally between any local charities that you the members nominate So please let Phil know before the AGM of your preferred choice.
- 2 Have you any suggestions as to what to do with the laminated class and division cards and various sizes of wooden stands, ribbons, etc.

After storing all this equipment for 2 years, Bridget is getting excited about being able to use her spare room again.

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August Garden Visit to Weston Hall

It was a lovely summer's evening that saw the gardening club members visit Weston Hall, Weston-under-Penyard on 21st August. Weston Hall is an Elizabethan House which is surrounded by 6 acres of garden. We strolled around the house and were given a short history of the family that has lived here over many years by Mr Aldrich-Blake, the current owner and then wandered with him through the slightly wild orchards with many varied trees and shrubs which bordered a large lake. Any queries we had about the shrubs and trees, he kindly answered. The lake was home to many ducks feeding on the weed that covered part of the water. Carrying on round and going through an archway, we discovered



a beautiful well-kept walled garden, which displayed wide herbaceous borders still showing lots of colour even after the long hot dry summer. Moving into the vegetable part of this garden, we encountered a magnificent display of vegetables of all shapes and sizes the abundant tomatoes were an amazing sight and the purple ones competed equally in size and number.

In one corner of the walled garden stood a lovely folly, built to celebrate the Millennium - climbing up which, we were given a lovely view over the whole garden and house - what a lovely place to sit on a summer's evening and enjoy the views.

Reluctantly we came down, but then to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes on the patio in front of the house, whilst admiring the roses and shrubs climbing up the walls - what a treat and a lovely way to end our visit to Weston Hall.

