

## Dates for the Diary

**Tonight's talk**  
(21st October)

**Mistletoe: Fact, Myth and Legend**  
by Dr M Jones

*This talk should give us a much better understanding of this much loved hemiparasitic plant.*

**Tues Nov 18th**

**Annual General Meeting** - held at the Larrupers Centre and will start at 7.30pm. (more details inside)

*The business of the evening will follow its usual formula, then will be followed with a talk by Phil and Elke Dennis about their latest adventure.*

**No Meeting In December**

**2015**  
**Tues Jan 20th**

**Members Evening with Finger Buffet and in-house entertainment.**

*This is a social evening to cheer us up after the Christmas and New Year celebrations and before the days start to lengthen. Each member brings a plate of food, which can be savoury or sweet for us all to share. Wine and soft drinks will be available, as will tea and coffee. Margaret Willis will come up with some fun entertainment for us too.*

**Future Notes**

*Our popular Annual Buffet Lunch will be on*  
**Saturday 4th July 2015.**  
*Full details will be available nearer the time.*

### Used Postage Stamps - British and Foreign

May I remind you that, as Christmas is looming on the horizon, I collect used postage stamps which I then sort and pass on to raise much needed funds for the Acorns Children's Hospice. If you have any used stamps I shall be more than grateful to receive them at any of the monthly meetings. Ideally they should be trimmed with a ½" margin all round.

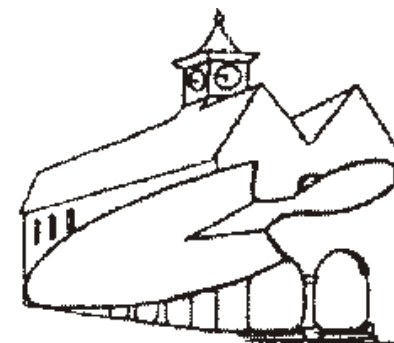
*Many thanks Bridget Forsdike*



**Ross-on-Wye**

*Horticultural Society*

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### 2014 Flower Fruit and Vegetable Show

Very many thanks to all those who helped at the show in whatever capacity.

The whole setting up on the Friday worked so well that we were finished completely by about 5pm instead of later,

- Marvellous
- Wonderful Teamwork.

### Hearty Congratulations

to all the prize winners.

The teas were very popular as usual and the Tombola and Plant Stall made much needed funds for the Society.



**THANK YOU ALL**

**Annual General Meeting** (Tuesday 18th November)

With this newsletter comes a nomination paper for next year’s officers and committee, please study the contents and we welcome your suggestions as to who you might like to be on the committee - maybe yourself perhaps? The committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Larruperz at 7.30pm. Even if you only join us for a year, please give it some serious thought. It is also your chance to learn of next years talks in advance of the programme being printed. This year’s AGM will be followed by:  
*The Further Adventures of Phil and Elke Dennis.* **Don’t miss this** - another captivating story of Phil and Elke’s word-wide wanderers.

**Advance Notice of 2015 Holiday.**

We have provisionally booked a holiday in Cheshire for the week commencing 1st June for 5 days. The cost is approximately £300 which is subject to 40 members travelling. There are some lovely gardens in the area including Tatton Park and Ness Botanic Gardens. Final Details will be available shortly.

**Reminder**

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January 2015. **£12 per member.**  
If you are paying by post please include a stamped addressed envelope (minimum size 6"x 4½"). Fill in the coupon below and send it to our Membership Secretary, Mrs C Dickson, The Little House, Sussex Avenue, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5AJ.

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**ROSS HORTICULTURAL SHOW  
IN JEOPARDY ? ?**

We moved to the Ross-on-Wye area in July 1992. One month later we became aware that one of the jewels in its flowery crown was a rather fine annual event involving exhibits ranging from nobbly carrots to children’s artistry, from Top Trays where perfect vegetables lay on black velvet to impossibly glorious flower arrangements. This was special!

As the years have rolled on and we have become more settled and elderly, the excitement of the Show has become, for us and for many, shall I say, diminished. Predictable and exhausting, the Show casts its shadow over the whole year for a tiny few who have been left to cope with the enormity of planning, exhibiting, stewarding, marking, refreshing, and making financial ends meet. Where are the slightly younger enthusiasts? They would be welcomed in and mentored by the seasoned, experienced brigade who really ought to be putting their wellied feet up soon.

The serious suggestion is that the 2015 Horticultural Show, our **Eightieth Show**, might be our last. If it is to have a reprieve, there must be some new blood alongside the regulars. Of course it needs a certain amount of energy and a tremendous amount of vision, but perhaps you have some of these to spare?

Think about it, and then have a chat with your Chairman, please!

Heather Lovett.