

Dates for the Diary

Tue May 20th

Wall Shrubs and Climbers

by Valerie Brookes

We welcome back Mrs Brookes from Newent.

Sat May 31st

Summer Buffet Lunch 12.30 for 1.00pm

at Upton Bishop Millennium Hall.

We are having the buffet a little earlier this year, but it will still be as tasty. See inside for more details.

Tue June 17th

Good Companions

by Miss Elaine Horton

Miss Horton runs Tinpenny plants in Norton, Gloucestershire, where she has a wide range of lime tolerant plants for shade, sun and moisture, especially Hostas, Hemerocallis, Sempervivums, Irises, and Hellebores.

Tue July 15th

A Scented Garden

by Gail Plant

Gail Plant, from Much Marcle, is a sensory, scented and bee friendly garden designer & Plantswoman. She also exhibits at Hellens Manor Garden Festival and provides a huge range of Herbs.

Sat August 9th

79th Annual Flower, Fruit & Vegetable Show at the Larruperz Centre

Doors open at 2pm. Entrance fee is £2. Do come and support our big annual event. There will be a tombola, plant stalls and superb home made cakes and buns served in our fantastic tea shop.



Used Postage Stamps - British and Foreign

I am collecting 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 or would like to start collecting 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.

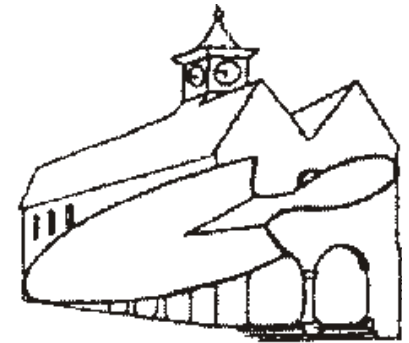
Many thanks, Bridget Forsdike



Ross-on-Wye

Horticultural Society

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New Committee Members

We are delighted to inform you that two new members have joined the committee, we welcome Christine and Kim Harman and know that the society will benefit greatly from their input.

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." --Abraham Lincoln

Annual Fruit Flower and Vegetable Show

The schedule for the 2014 show is now available.

Please help yourself to schedules, take as many as you need to give to people who would like to enter the many classes on offer. And enter as many classes yourselves as you can too. We need as much support as you can muster.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the show will be on sale at the May meeting (Tuesday 20th). £1 per book. Please take as many books as you can as this event is our big fundraiser for the show. First prize is £50 in cash with many other good prizes on offer. Pat and Terry Horsley are in charge, as usual, so please support them by buying books of tickets.

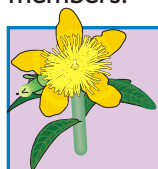
Cups, Shields and Trophies

A reminder to all those who were awarded cups, shields or trophies at our show last August. All silverware **must be returned** in the same condition that it was received to the **Trophy Secretary:-**

Mr Humphrey Marshall at 1 Tudor Street, Ross-on-Wye. Tel: 01989 564037

Before the 1st July 2014.

If it is more convenient, you can hand them to any one of our committee members.



PLANT STALL

It's now time for us **all** to think about what plants to grow for this year's **Annual Show Plant Stall.**

We very much rely on the profits made from this enterprise to offset some of the show's expenses.

We know August is a difficult time but I'm sure you will all rise to the challenge and grow some of our best quality, interesting plants. Growers should make sure their plants are clearly labelled, weed free, well grown specimens, to impress the buyers and ensure we have a very successful stall.

Also we are getting very low on plants to sell at the **Monthly Plant Stall** so if you have any plants you could donate for that, they too will be very much appreciated.

The **Gardening Tombola** will need prizes too, if you have anything remotely connected with gardening you can donate for prizes, we would be very grateful.

*Thanking you in advance
Eileen Richards*



Ross-on-Wye Horticultural Society

SUMMER BUFFET PARTY

Upton Bishop Millennium Hall
12.30 for 1.00pm

Tickets cost
£15 per head

SATURDAY 31st MAY

ON
SALE NOW

Summer Lunch Buffet

This will take place on

Saturday 31st May

at Upton Bishop Millennium Hall
12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tickets cost £15 per head and includes your first drink

Margaret Willis will need to know numbers attending as soon as possible. Please make cheques made payable to "Ross-on-Wye Horticultural Society"

If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

You are very welcome to bring guests.

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In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.
--Margaret Atwood