

Dates for the Diary

February 17th

Thomas Lobb in the Far East:

by Jan Broadway

Thomas Lobb was a British botanist and plant hunter, as was his brother William. Jan is an authority on historic plant hunters, especially those associated with the West of England.

March 17th

Snowdrops: The Harbingers of Spring:

by Ernest Bratt

Ernest Bratt has visited us previously and so keen is he on snowdrops that his business is called Galanthus designs.

April 21st

“It’s not time for bed yet”:

by Helen Picton

Suggestions for planting to provide colour through autumn to December. Helen Picton runs Old Court Nurseries and the Picton Garden at Colwall, she is also a lecturer at Pershore College.

May 19th

Gardening with Wildlife in Mind:

by Philip Mugridge

Philip Mugridge is a renowned wildlife photographer, a very experience speaker who has travelled widely and is based in the Forest of Dean.

Saturday 4th July

Summer Buffet

Full details in the next Newsletter

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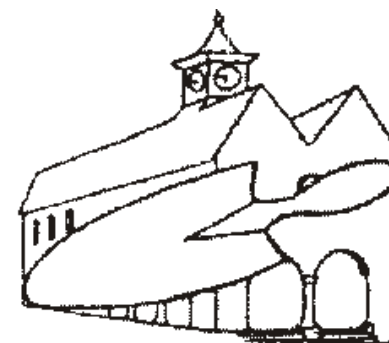
Thank you very much to all of you who have saved used stamps for me over the years. These are sold by an agent and the money goes towards the **Acorns Children’s Hospice**. Please keep on saving them - every little helps. *Bridget Forsdike*



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Welcome to 2015 A Very Happy New Year to you all

Congratulations to Eileen Richards and Margaret Willis for winning last year’s flower competitions.

The **Single Flower** and **Three Flowers** Competitions will start

up again at the **February meeting** and will run from February to July, with another chance to enter in October.

Here is a reminder of the competition rules again:



Competition Rules

You may enter as many or as few specimens as you wish for each competition at a cost of 20p per exhibit. Everything you enter must have been grown at home by you. Each item will be marked out of 10 points on its own merit. **In order to qualify for a prize you must have entered at least three times in different months.** (Please ask a committee member if you need more information.)

Information Update

At the AGM in November, your committee was voted unanimously back into office with the addition of Heather Lovett as events officer. We all welcome her return and look forward to some fun events.

Monthly Meetings Reminder

Bridget would appreciate it if members could have the correct money available for the meetings (£3 for members, £4 for visitors). She is unable to give change for £20 notes and even £10 notes can prove difficult.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Society Holiday 2015 - 1st to 5th June

This year's holiday break is to visit some of the **Gardens of Cheshire**. Bookings are going very well so if anyone else would like to go, please let Eileen Richards know ASAP. **01989 563637.**

Looking Ahead

Our Summer Buffet this year will be on Saturday 4th July at Upton Bishop with Catering by Broome Farm. Full details will be in the April Newsletter.

RHS Regional Lectures

The Royal Horticultural Society are no longer offering their Regional Lectures programme. But your committee has pulled out all the stops and booked Nick Hamilton who is the son of the late Geoff Hamilton, to give us a lecture entitled 'Barnsdale - after Geoff'.

We will no longer have the financial help of the RHS, so when the time comes please will all members spread the word so we can sell as many tickets as possible.

Ticket price includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. More information will be given in future newsletters.

Date: Tuesday 15th September

Cost: £7 for members / £8 for non-members



Nick Hamilton