

Dates for the Diary

Tonight's Talk
(18th October)

Fifty Shades of Green

by Sue Russell

Sue is from Leominster and has over 25 years' experience as a speaker and has a reputation for being lively, engaging and knowledgeable. She was the co-proprietor of a nursery in Suffolk for many years and served on the RHS Pinks and Carnations committee.

15th November
(Tuesday)

AGM Followed by "Community Garden Update"

by Tim Shelly

After the business of the evening, Tim Shelly will give us an update on the progress of the Community Garden.

December

No Meeting In December

2017

American Supper and Entertainment

For this social get together, each member is asked to bring a plate of food to share, savoury or sweet. Wine and soft drinks will be available, as will tea and coffee.

17th January
(Tuesday)

Monday May 29th
to Friday June 2nd

Society Holiday 2017

Next years holiday will be taking us to Norfolk and we will be staying in Norwich.



Request from Bridget Forsdike

Please examine your £2 pieces and if you have a 2016 dated one, I would be very grateful to swap it in exchange for one from another year.

Also the Royal Mint have circulated 4 different 50p pieces this year to celebrate Beatrix Potter's 150th anniversary of her birth.

These coins depict Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle Duck, Mrs Tigglywinkle and Squirrel Nutkin.



As above I would be delighted to receive any of these in exchange for another 50p from a different year.

I hope you can help me.

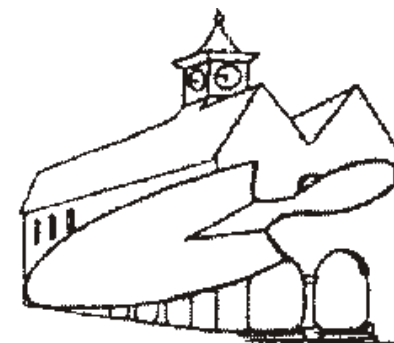
Many thanks, Bridget



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Tuesday 15th November**

With this newsletter comes a nomination form for next year's officers and committee, please think about putting a name or two forward.

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 year's talks in advance of the programme being printed.

This year's AGM will be followed by a short talk:

Update on progress of the Community Garden - by Tim Shelly

Reminder

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January 2017. £12 per member.

If you are paying by post please include a stamped addressed envelope (minimum size 6"x 4 1/2").

Please fill in the coupon overleaf and send it to our Membership Secretary, Mrs C Dickson, The Little House, Sussex Avenue, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5AJ. Tel: 01989 764093



AUTUMN BUFFET LUNCH

Members and friends met on Saturday 1st October at the attractive Bishopswood Village Hall to enjoy a hot buffet prepared by caterers new to the Society: "Moor Meals". The unanimous verdict was positive. Whether it was the Steak and Ale Pie or the Chicken and Vegetable casserole, or the vegetarian option which caught your fancy, there were murmurs of satisfaction from all.

Pavlova and Roulade, fruit salad and cream followed beautifully. It was a bonus to have a manned bar on this occasion. After lunch, visiting friend Penny Weedon discovered a piano and treated us to an impromptu horticultural extravaganza. How many flowers did she pick? Your guess is as good as mine, but she got around the garden very melodiously!

**And a BIG
THANK YOU
to Heather Lovett for Organising it all**

Mr/Mrs/MissFirst Name.....

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**SUMMER OUTING TO
LAWLESS HILL - SELLACK**



By way of compensation for the absence of our Summer Show, and on the third Tuesday evening of the month of August, which would have been the occasion of our talk in other months, we arranged a party visit to a local garden which opens to the public under the National Garden Scheme. Set high above the River Wye, the property is extraordinary: the residence of its visionary owners is fronted by a large, still area of water, reflecting the sky above the wooded lane which brings one to the twisting drive, and into its thrall.

The advice was not to come if you were unsteady on your feet. Indeed, Lawless Hill is challenging and perhaps not suited to all tastes. Startlingly modern, but mellowed into the beautiful landscape, influenced by the Japanese tradition, it has "rooms" sculpted from the steep hillside. A network of natural stone walls and huge rocks enables natural ponds and waterfalls to be held between the terraces. Steep steps (no handrails!), magnificent and unusual planting, and open water with stepping stones add to the fascination.

Tea and quantities of homemade cake in the open air, on a flawless summer evening, rounded off our unforgettable outing.

