



SUNFLOWER NEWS

ISSUE 19

SPRING 2022

HORSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

www.horshamhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

EVENING GARDEN VISITS 2022

Our three evening garden visits for this year are detailed below. As usual, all visits are on Tuesday evenings, to start at 6.00pm, and sunflower signs will be displayed where appropriate.

Tuesday 10th May 2022

BLACK BARN Steyning Road, West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LR Jane Gates

Black Barn Garden was designed and planted in January, 2018. The site was cleared and only the mature trees remained. A hedgerow separating the garden from the field was removed and a large pond has been created in the southwest corner. A large gravel garden was created to the south of the barn and a terrace laid. The existing terrace at the back was increased and a large bed was created. There is wheelchair access over the grass only.

Directions: Take the A24 south, through Buck Barn crossroads, and turn off left at the B2135 towards West Grinstead and Partridge Green. Continue for 1 mile, passing Park Lane and the Catholic Church on the left. Continue round two bends and Black Barn is on the left. Car sharing would be appreciated.

The donation is £8, which includes the refreshments and goes to the NGS. Jane will accompany us in a tour of the garden.

Tuesday 21st June 2022

WARNHAM NATURE RESERVE Warnham Road, Horsham RH12 2RA Jake Everitt

The Reserve has a new Discovery Hub which opened last October. The site is a haven for wildlife and has bird hides overlooking a 17 acre Mill Pond. It has walking trails through meadows and woodland and boardwalks over the marshy grassland, plus a woodpecker hide. The new Discovery Trail is designed for visitors of all ages and follows the paths and boardwalks that surround the Reserve's Mill Pond.

Directions: Take the North Parade/Warnham Road towards the Warnham Roundabout. The Nature Reserve is well signposted on the right hand side of the road. There is ample parking.

There is a Donation of £3 going to the Friends of Warnham Nature Reserve and Jake will take us on a tour of the Reserve. We will have refreshments outside afterwards if it is fine.

Tuesday 5th July 2022

4 BEN'S ACRE, Horsham, RH13 6LW Pauline & Brian Clark

Described as inspirational, a visual delight on different levels featuring ponds, rockery, summerhouses, arbours, topiary and succulents plus colourful containers and statuettes. An oasis of colour, texture and harmony with roses, flowering shrubs, perennials and clematis. There is seating throughout the garden.

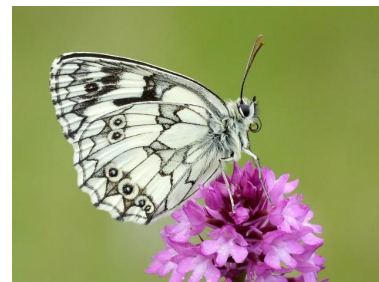
Directions: East of Horsham, take the A281. Turn left by Tesco Express into St. Leonards Road/Comptons Lane. Then 5th right into Heron Way and 2nd left Glebe Crescent. Then 1st left into Ben's Acre.

The Donation is £7.50, again going to the NGS, which includes refreshments, and Pauline will take us on a tour of the garden.

SUMMER OUTING WARNHAM BUTTERFLY RESERVE TILLETTS LANE, WARNHAM

Due to the very high cost of hiring a coach this year we have made the decision not to run a coach outing in the summer. We have, however, organised an additional local visit to Warnham Butterfly Fields. This follows a very interesting talk recently by David Bridges and lots of members asking us to arrange a visit. Who knew that such a lovely facility was right on our doorstep?

The visit date is Sunday, 22nd May, meeting at 10.30am at the top of Tilletts Lane. (If the weather is wet we will postpone until the following Sunday, 29th May, and will confirm this with you by e-mail nearer the time.) The suggested donation is £5.



Please bring along a picnic if you wish (don't forget your picnic chair!) and we will sit a while and enjoy watching the birds and butterflies in these peaceful surroundings.

Directions: From the A24 out of Horsham, turn left into Bell Road (signposted Warnham). At the top of Bell Road turn right onto School Hill and left after 150m onto Knob Hill (also called Three Stile Road). Turn left at the top of the road into Tilletts Lane. The Butterfly Fields are at the top (Northern end) of Tilletts Lane. (Nearest postcode RH12 3RD).

There is layby parking for 7 or 8 cars, or you can park along the road (take care as it is quite narrow in places). The first layby is immediately on your left after turning into Tilletts Lane, and further laybys are on the right hand side further down the road. Alternatively parking is free at Warnham Village Hall if you wanted to meet others to car share.

YOUR COMMITTEE

At the AGM on 11th January 2022 the following Committee members were re-elected:

Chairman— Vacant

Vice-Chairman—Mrs Carolyn Smith

Treasurer—Mrs Sally Birchmore

Show Secretary—Mrs Sue Hammond

Outings Secretary—Mrs Carol Treharne

Secretary—Mrs Lynda Cheeseman

Mr Geoffrey Kirk was elected as a Vice-President following the sad passing of Hilda Gent.

We would welcome new members, so please contact one of the Committee if you would like further information (contact details can be found on our website).

A new epidemic?

Smile

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile then realised it's worth.
A single smile just like mine could travel around the Earth.

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you have not yet paid your annual subscription, please send your £15 per person (£25 per couple) to the Membership Secretary at Little Oaks, Kentwyns Drive, Horsham, RH13 6EU or pay by bank transfer to: Horsham & District Horticultural Society, Account No. 00053900, Sort Code 30-94-41. Please use your name as the reference.

RAFFLE

Thank you for your kind donations to our raffles this year. As you know, we do not charge entry to our shows or evening meetings and we therefore rely heavily on our raffle to fund these meetings and provide good speakers and entertainment.

Your support is very much appreciated.

2021 SHOW REPORT

Our Summer Show in August 2021 was the first show we had been able to hold since the pandemic, and we were delighted with the offers of help and the number of entries we received.

Our judges arrived promptly. Ron and Brenda Thomas from Pulborough spent nearly two hours in heated discussion about the relative merits of entries, they were dedicated and professional in their task. During the morning the hall was filled with the delicious aroma of sausage rolls as family rivalry played out in the food section.

Our Judges Gillian and Vic Mansell from South Holmwood took great care in admiring and sampling the edible entries and assessing the merits of artistic creations. Many thanks must go to our judges who maintained a critical eye on the proceedings.

Our guests had time in the afternoon to examine the entries, buy raffle tickets and plants as well as enjoy tea and cakes. Prizes were presented as a finale and it was a chance to thank all the competitors for the time and love they had put into their gardening to make the show so enjoyable. Well done everyone!



Our Vice Chairman, Carolyn Smith, awarded the trophies and thanked all who helped to make the show a success.



A full list of winners can be found on the Society's website, along with schedules for our forthcoming Spring and Summer shows.

If you would like to enter something in one of our shows and have never done so before, any member of the Committee would be happy to advise you if you have any questions. There are also some helpful guidelines on showing in our schedule on the website.

The dates for our shows in 2022 are as follows (please note the Spring show will be on a Sunday this year), and all the information and schedules can be found on our website.

Sunday, 10th April 2022

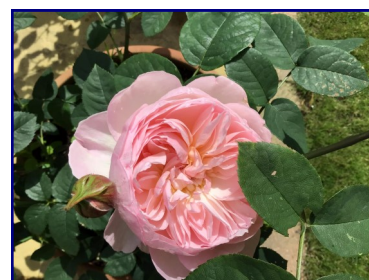
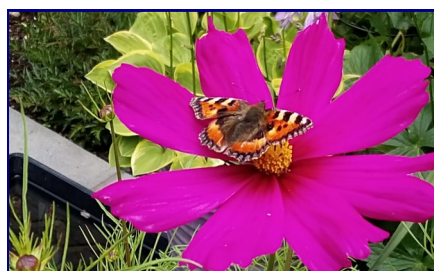
Saturday, 6th August 2022

Best New Plants Awards

Three new plants were among the winners of the Horticultural Trade Association's annual National Plant Show, which was held online again last year. Some 93 new plants were put forward, and an exciting new allium 'Lavender Bubbles' was crowned Best in Show by the horticultural experts. Other finalists included dahlia 'Happy Days Halo' and hydrangea 'Little Spooky', all of which will hopefully appear in our garden centres this year.



Our Facebook page is successfully up and running. For those who are unable to access it, we have selected below a few of the photographs that have been submitted by members over the last year.



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The photographic competition is now judged at the Spring Show. If you're out and about with your camera please consider entering one of the categories this year. The six subjects are as follows:

A country church
Something old

A Sussex view
Something new

A feathered friend
Something blue

Entries should be submitted to Diana Hartley by **Sunday, 20th March 2022**. Further details can be found in the show schedule and on our website.