

East Reading Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

November 2024

The trading shed opens: Sat and Sun 09:30 to 11:00 (but only Sat in July & August),
and Wednesdays in April and May from 18:30 to 19:30.

Note: Shed helpers are not all young, big and strong so, if you need to get heavy items,
please try to bring someone with you to help with the lifting.

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1. PROGRAMME EVENTS



TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2024

Our first talk of the new season was on "Wine and Flowers". Derek Press gave 40 members a very personal and informative talk about his love of gardening and good bottles of wine. He gave us a fascinating insight into his passions and invited members to taste some wine. We had another successful raffle and a lovely Ann Wilson cake on the refreshments bar.

There was added poignancy to the evening as this was the first talk that Gwen Barton had organised for 24/25 programme. We all thought of her and missed her too.

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Ailsa Claybourn is back, by popular demand, after her excellent talk on "Birds of Berkshire" in January 2023. Not only did she show us how to identify our garden birds by sight, but also played their calls and indicated how to distinguish the individual visitors to our gardens. It was widely commented, "we must have her back sometime for another talk".

This time Ailsa's talk is titled "Christmas Birds" She has a website www.ailsawalksandtalks.com which lists guided walks and illustrated talks that she does. It is well worth a look.

With Alisa focusing her talk on seasonal birds this time, we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Come along to St. Peter's church hall at 7:45 pm for an 8 o'clock start.

As usual, there will be refreshments and a raffle.

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 202

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The committee warmly invite members to our seasonal evening of fun, frivolity, food and fine wine. This is our festive celebration, and we do hope that you will all begin to think of the poem, joke, song, reading or musical interlude that you might like to perform to entertain us on the evening. In addition, there will be a floral competition, so we invite you to design a table decoration using flowers, foliage and accessories. Your final creation should not exceed 30cm (12" in old money) in any direction.

Scheduled events 2024-2025

Tue 10 Dec	Christmas Social Evening
Tue 21 Jan	Talk: First Responders
Fri 24 Jan	Trip: Anvil Theatre - That'll Be the Day
Tue 18 Feb	Talk: Wildlife Photography
Tue 4 Mar	83 rd Annual General Meeting
Tue 18 Mar	Talk: Lakeside Gardens in Northern Italy

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

Anvil Theatre trip

We are inviting members to immerse yourselves at the **Anvil Theatre**, in the ultimate fusion of rock 'n' roll, pop and comedy - **THAT'LL BE THE DAY** - which is one of the UK's longest running theatre shows. It starts at 7:30 and should finish by 10:15.

During that time we can enjoy a captivating journey through music history, from the 50s to the 80s with electrifying performances and era-defining tunes. This unforgettable show combines talent, energy, passion and nostalgia and we can all sing, laugh, dance (perhaps!!) to the greatest hits of the past. The show includes adult humour.

We have booked 56 seats in rows A, B and C of the circle.

The cost of this trip is £40 per person which includes return luxury coach travel, entry ticket and a contribution to the driver's gratuity.

The coach will leave from outside St Peter's Church Hall car park at 6 pm and we expect to return there by 11:15. We may be able to arrange car parking (details to follow).

If you would like to book a place(s) please phone John Peacock on (0118) 986 7303. Closing date Sunday 8th December 2024.

Payment can be made by cheque payable to ERHS, delivered to the trading shed or 9 Wychwood Close, Earley. *Please include a contact phone number.*

2. TRADING MATTERS

The shed has some **Amaryllis at £8**, also several versions of **Daffodils, Crocus and Hyacinths.**

We are well stocked with various **composts** and loads of **stable manure.**

I am looking for some help with cutting back the vegetation and improving the track to the shed.

Monday morning coffee is still going.

Trevor Wilson

3. MISCELLANEA

Next Committee Meeting:

7:30 p.m. - Monday 11th November 2024 at the Crescent Resource Centre. (Warbler Drive, Earley, RG6 4HB)

Shed stewards and assistants this month.

2 nd	Kay Bridges	Bob Campbell
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9 th	Don MacLean	Mike Fewtrell
10 th	Trevor Wilson	t.b.c
16 th	John Peacock	Carole Peacock
17 th	Neal Stockwell	Webster Stockwell
23 rd	Jeff Gardner	Peter Lynch
24 th	Trudy Rehman	Tracy Minell
30 th	Don MacLean	Bob Campbell

Free Books

ERHS were recently given a lot of books relating to gardens and gardening. I photographed them in their boxes and offered them to people on the email list a short time ago. Eight of them were requested and mostly collected.

Thinking about how I could offer them to members who only see printed newsletters, I decided to show the remaining books temporarily on our web site erhs.org.uk on the **Documents/Advertise** page

If you want to reserve books, please contact me, details in the newsletter heading. You are also welcome to come to my house, by appointment, to have a browse. I am at home, in Silverdale Road, most of the time. If several books are snapped up, I may renew the photograph. Neal Stockwell

<< Late note: THE GARDEN IN WINTER is no longer available >>

Things to do this month



November is a perfect time to plant a tree, when dormant the tree will establish more successfully than during summer.

Now is a good time to wash, dry and store any used pots, seed trays and containers to remove overwintering pests and diseases that may infect your plants next year. Whilst you have your tidying head on, clean your tools and apply linseed oil to prevent rusting over the winter.

It's a good idea to raise pots off the ground, to prevent them from becoming waterlogged, and to move any deciduous trees and shrubs whilst they are dormant, not forgetting to give them a good prune.

As the weather is starting to get colder don't forget to make sure bird feeders and tables are topped up with food.

Plant up your tulip bulbs and you still have time to plant your daffodil bulbs. Don't forget that now is the perfect time to plant your roses and the celebration roses are a great gift idea!

4. WANTED / FOR SALE / FREE

Members' advertisements are free of charge. Just telephone or email the editor (see newsletter heading). Copy deadline for the next newsletter: Sunday 24th November.

For Sale: Golf Clubs - 8 irons & 2 woods with new bag including head cover and 3 pockets, costing over £180. Would suit a new or seasoned golfer. £65. Please call (0118) 926 4584 - evenings. (There is an answerphone).

For Sale: Vintage wooden deck chair with detachable leg rest and canopy £80 ono.

White ceramic jardiniere diameter 25 cm height 60 cm £60 ono.

Blue ceramic jardiniere diameter 30 cm height 55 cm £60 ono.

Wooden step ladder, 3 step £25 ono.

Outdoor lights: 40 mains-powered coloured lanterns £30 ono.

Please contact Chris on (0118) 966 3406, or by email on kent975@outlook.com

Free to collector: Wolf Garten Power edition 37E lawnmower and grass collection box in good condition. Please call Philip on 07796 516244 after 6pm weekdays or anytime on the weekend.

For Sale: (For home wine making). Assorted brown/clear demijohns £5 each ono. Unused wine bottles green or clear, £7.50 per pack of 15. Used green and clear bottles.

Also, large house plants £15 each ono.

Clivia 12-inch pot. Peace lily 10-inch pot. Blue Phlebodium fern 12-inch pot. Please call Marion or Chris on (0118) 961 7420.

Unless otherwise stated, where items are free, a donation to the Air Ambulance (when you next visit the trading shed) would be appreciated.

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