

East Reading Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Trading shed: Sat, Sun, Mon (Tue if Mon is a bank holiday) 09:30 to 11:00.

Wed evenings - April and May only - 18:30 to 19:30. Mobile number: 0738 463 2903.

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 you with the lifting.

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1. PROGRAMME EVENTS



(a) SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2019

Summer Show: The varied and difficult weather conditions in the first five months of the year certainly affected our local gardeners and allotment holders. This was reflected in fewer exhibitors and exhibits. However, in some classes, competition was strong and of a high standard. The visiting judges were very complimentary about the standard of the exhibits they viewed and agreed that the weather had been a factor in other shows they had judged.

See below for the results (\$5.)

(The chairman thinks that is quite likely the show in 2020 will be in the Autumn.)

(b) TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

An extra talk, not shown in your membership card. See §3(c) below.

(c) SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019

The visit to Nymans National Trust Gardens in Sussex: Due to popular demand we have increased the size of the coach to 53 seats and, at the time of publication, there are 5 seats left.

We are unable to park in the church hall car park or the school playground as there are hall bookings and the music school is open.

The cost of this visit will be: £16 for NT members or £30 for non-NT members.

The coach will leave at 9am from outside Earley St Peter's Church Hall car park and we will leave Nymans at 3:30, expecting to be back in Earley by 5:30pm.

If you would like to join us, please phone John Peacock on (0118) 986 7303 to book your seat(s).

{**Something to look forward to:** A visit to Kew Gardens in either late November or early December to see the 'Christmas lights at Kew'. Booking details in the September newsletter.}

2. TRADING MATTERS



Our Autumn range of bulbs will be on sale at the end of August: 2 varieties of daffodil, 4 varieties of Narcissi, 5 varieties of Tulips, Hyacinth Prepared, Crocus Mixed, Anemone Mixed, Amaryllis - 5 types, Garlic, Rhubarb.

3. MISCELLANEA

(a) **Next Committee Meeting:**

7:30 p.m. - Monday 12th August 2019, at the CResCent Resource Centre.

(b) **Shed stewards and assistants for August**

3 rd	Mike Fewtrell	Sue Jones
4 th	Malcolm Iosson	Ann Leslie
10 th	Don Maclean	Trevor Wilson
11 th	Mike Smith	Alan Waite
17 th	Jeff Gardner	David Hughes
18 th	Jim Watson	Sarah Rose
24 th	John Peacock	Carole Peacock
25 th	Phil Rogers	Ray Posselwhite
31 st	Mike Smith	Torkill Fozzard

(c) **September talk and Plant Swap table**

We have an interesting and varied programme of talks planned for the coming months starting with 'Introduction to the Art of Bonsai', on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 8pm, given by Keith Winter from the Berkshire Bonsai Society

(<https://berkshirebonsai.co.uk/>).

We shall also be offering a 'Plant swap' table, open to all members, during Talk evenings. So bring along any spare cuttings/seeds/bulbs and see what other members are offering to swap. As always, there will be refreshments and a raffle.

(d) Earley Green Fair on Saturday 3rd August

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the entrance to the Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve. Entry is from Beech Lane or from Andrews Rd.

Your Society will have a stall there, so come along and chat to members of your Committee. As usual, there will be lots of stalls from local organisations, so you'll find plenty to see and do.

Bring along a gardening friend and get them to join up - there is a special "event offer" for new members - only £2!

Please also think about whether you could spend a little time at the fair helping to (wo)man the ERHS stall. If you can, please contact John Peacock on (0118) 986 7303.

(e) Things to do in August



Lawns

Don't worry if your lawn is looking brown, it is extremely common with the hot summer weather. The autumn rains will soon make it green again.

Mow your lawn lightly and frequently to create short grass clippings. These can remain on the lawn to act as a moisture-retentive mulch during the summer months.

Lawn weedkillers should be avoided in late summer as they will be more effective when used in the cooler, damper autumn weather.

Pruning and Training

Regularly deadhead flowering plants - dahlias, roses and penstemon should be deadheaded to encourage a display of colour into early autumn.

Prioritise cutting back the foliage and stems of herbaceous plants that have already died back.

Once lavender has stopped flowering, trim to maintain a condensed, bushy shape.

Prune wisteria to improve flowering, whilst controlling the growth and size of the plant.

Flowers

Collect seeds from garden plants and store for sowing later in the autumn - hardy annuals and perennials are ideal. Try calendula, nigella, aquilegia and geranium.

Throughout the late summer keep camellias and rhododendrons well-watered while their flower buds are forming.

Feed containers and border perennials with a liquid tomato food weekly to encourage flowering into the early autumn.

Kitchen Garden

Keep a look out for signs of tomato and potato blight. Remove the affected plants immediately to prevent it spreading.

4. WANTED/FOR SALE/FREE

Members' advertisements are free of charge. Just telephone or email the editor (see newsletter heading.) The copy deadline for the next newsletter is Thursday 29th August.

Nothing received this month.

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

5. SUMMER SHOW RESULTS

First, second and third in each class entered were as follows:

Flowers

- 1 Don Palmer, John Warner, John Peacock
- 2 John Peacock, Angela Francis, Jenny Iosson
- 3 Jeff Gardner, Carole Peacock, -
- 4 Angela Francis, Mary Parry, -
- 5 Jeff Gardner, Gwen Barton, Angela Francis
- 6 Jeff Gardner, Carole Peacock, Gwen Barton
- 7 Mary Parry, Jeff Gardner, -
- 8 Jeff Gardner, Mary Parry, Gwen Barton
- 9 Gwen Barton, -, -
- 10 John Warner, -, -
- 11 Carole Peacock, John Warner, Mary Parry
- 12 John Warner, Angela Francis, Ruth Palmer
- 13 Mary Parry, John Taylor, Ruth Palmer
- 14 John Warner, Gwen Barton, Ruth Palmer
- 15 Jenny Iosson, Don Palmer, Ruth Palmer
- 17 John Taylor, Jenny Iosson, -

Vegetables

- 22 Mike Fewtrell, Bob Parry, Don Palmer
- 23 Bob Parry, -, -
- 24 John Taylor, -, Bob Parry
- 25 John Taylor, Jenny Iosson, Mary Parry
- 26 Ruth Palmer, Angela Francis, Gwen Barton
- 27 Don Palmer, John Warner, Malcolm Iosson
- 28 Mary Parry, Don Palmer, -
- 29 Mary Parry, -, -
- 30 Mary Parry, -, -

Fruit

- 31 Mary Parry, -, -
- 32 Mary Parry, Malcolm Iosson, Don Palmer
- 33 Don Palmer, -, -
- 34 Malcolm Iosson, -, -
- 35 Don Palmer, Mary Parry, -

Floral Art

- 36 Ruth Palmer, Angela Francis, Gwen Barton
- 37 Kay Warner, -, -
- 38 Kay Warner, Gwen Barton, -
- 39 Sue Wilder, -, -
- 40 Don Palmer, John Peacock, -

Cookery

- 41 Neil Maybury, -, Kay Warner
- 42 Margery Taylor, Kay Warner, Neil Maybury
- 43 Jennie Iosson, Kay Warner, Neil Maybury
- 44 Kay Warner, Neil Maybury, Gwen Barton
- 45 Malcolm Iosson, Neil Maybury, Kay Warner
- 46 Margaret Thomas, Neil Maybury, Jenny Iosson
- 47 John Peacock, Jenny Iosson, Margery Taylor
- 48 Margaret Thomas, Kay Warner, -
- 49 Neil Maybury, Margaret Thomas, -

Homecraft

- 50 Ruth Palmer, Gwen Barton, Lynetta Benham
- 51 Malcolm Iosson, Lynetta Benham, Ruth Palmer
- 52 Sue Wilder, Malcolm Iosson, Ruth Palmer
- 53 John Taylor, Lynetta Benham, Neal Stockwell
- 54 John Taylor, Mrs C. Fewtrell, Lynetta Benham
- 55 Lynetta Benham, Don Palmer, Sue Wilder

Children's Classes

- 56 Violet Evans, -, -
- 57 Violet Evans, -, -
- 58 Zack Macindoe, Jake Macindoe, Violet Evans
- 59 Zack Macindoe, Violet Evans, Jake Macindoe

Cup-winners

John Bridges Perpetual Challenge Cup (flowers)

Jeff Gardner

Bulmershe Perpetual Challenge Cup (vegetables)

Mary Parry

C. J. Harman Perpetual Challenge Cup (fruit)

Mary Parry

Maurice Iles Perpetual Challenge Bowl (floral art)

Kay Warner

Miss Naomi Bourton Perpetual Challenge Bowl (cookery)

Neil Maybury

Mockbeggar Perpetual Challenge Bowl (homecraft)

Lynetta Benham

Junior Challenge Cup (children)

Violet Evans

Cyril Gardner Perpetual Memorial Trophy (husband and wife team with most points in all sections of the show)

Don & Ruth Palmer

David Andrew Trophy (sweet peas)

John Peacock

William Parsons Memorial Cup (roses)

Jeff Gardner

Banksian Medal (flowers, vegetables and fruit)

Mary Parry