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NEWSLETTER

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Hello Members! Welcome to Garden Club! Apart from one bonus edition during Covid lockdown, the Club's Newsletter has been issued quarterly. Given that there is so much going on in the Club at the moment, it seems easier to disseminate the news in this format rather than a narrative e-mail, so here we have Edition 72A!

**CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022 - DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30 AT ST
MONICA'S
LIVE/ZOOM MEETING**

ANDREW TOLMAN - STUMPERIES, FERNS AND SHADY FRIENDS

With over 30 years of gardening experience and with a specialist knowledge of woodland plants, ferns and topiary, Andrew can shed some light on our shady places.

This meeting will be a hybrid - that is a live meeting in the hall simultaneously zoomed to those who are unable to attend. Last month we had 94 attendees in the hall and 45 on zoom. For this month we are not going to ask you to let us know in advance whether/how you will be attending.

With regard to the live meeting, please remember that there is a £1 entry fee and have the correct change to hand. Cash will also be needed for the sales table where Sue Knight and Chris Purvis will be offering spring bulbs and a few plants for sale. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to buy bulbs, Click & Collect will be available until 11 October. Refreshments will not be available. Our speaker will draw the raffle after questions and then members may stay to chat until 9 pm.

If you are walking to the meeting you may find it more convenient and safer to use the door in the wall near the bus stop on Westbury Road, rather than walking down Cote Lane. If you intend to do this and do not know the entry code, please let me know.

I will send the zoom link for those who need it on or around 10 October.

THE WEBSITE FORUM

Thanks to those members who have signed up for the Forum. A few posts have already been made. There was a slight blip on launch which was resolved very quickly and the Forum is now up and running. In due course I hope that we may add more categories such as a notice board.

If you have any problems signing up or any queries, please contact Christeen Davis, who is the Website/Forum administrator at henleazegardenclub@gmail.com

RESTRUCTURING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023

The current cost of providing basic Club activities - that is a speaker, the hall and zoom amounts to nearly £35 per member per annum. Hall fees have increased significantly since the pandemic even though we have a concession as long established users. These will be set to rise again next year as will speakers' travel and other expenses.

The subscription rate of £20 per annum was set in 2012. As the Club holds healthy reserves at the moment, we have decided to restructure subscriptions rather than increase them. We propose to drop the £1 entry fee for meeting attendance, but to set the annual subscription at £30. This will have the following effects:

- 1 The cost to a member attending all meetings will remain the same
- 2 There will be no differentiation between those who attend live and those who zoom thus providing fairness
- 3 The Club will be able to budget on the basis of a fixed income rather than being dependent upon variable entry fees
- 4 There will be less need for small change!

As costs are rising all around us we will review the 2024 subscription rate next year to ensure that we can continue to provide the high standard of speakers that we currently enjoy.

If you have any queries, please let me know. As always, I welcome your feedback.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023

I am delighted to confirm that Sally Wilkinson and Kate Harvey have joined the Organising Team and will be dealing with membership business from now on. They have a new e-mail address which is henleazegardenclub.members@gmail.com. Soon, you will receive an e-mail from that address inviting renewal - please look out for it. As this will be coming from a new e-mail address, it is possible that it may go into your "Spam" or "Junk" folder so it will be worth keeping an eye out for this.

This year, we will be asking you to complete the renewal form on-line and submit it electronically which will reduce the use of paper and cost of postage. We appreciate that on-line is not for everyone and some may not be able to open the form. If this is the case, after you have received their e-mail, please let Kate/Sally know using the new membership e-mail address and they will send you a printable version for completion and return. Those who do not have an e-mail address will receive an application form by post.

The electronic form has been tested by members of the Organising Team. It contains a few short questions and is quick and easy to submit.

Membership cards will be available at the November meeting. Paper applications together with cheques/cash can be handed in at the October meeting in a clearly labelled envelope. Paper copies of the application form will be available at the October meeting.

Fergus Garrett plant list

Fergus' list has been posted onto the Website. Please go to Meetings tab and then Speakers' Plant Lists. It is actually a list of the slides that Fergus showed us but many of them include the plant names so I hope you will find it useful. Happy researching !!

If any member cannot access the Website and would like to see the list, please let me know and I will arrange for you to have a paper copy.

Fergus used a lot of botanical names in his talk. Club Member Jon Press (jon.press@blueyonder.co.uk) has a book 'Botanical Latin' by William Stearn. Jon is happy to give it away in return for a donation of say £5-£10 to Club funds. Please contact him direct.

There is a wonderful book called "Succession Planting for Adventurous Gardeners" which was written by Christopher Lloyd. It contains planting plans of the long borders at Great Dixter for the different seasons. Sadly, it is no longer in print, but if you ever get an opportunity to buy a second hand copy snap it up! There are a few available via Amazon but they cost more than the original!

Autumn plant divisions

Autumn is a good time to divide non tender summer flowering perennials. If you have more divisions than you need, please pot some up for next spring's plant sales and then afterwards

Sit back with your coffee



.... and plan your seed sowing for next year!

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Here is a reminder of our new contact details:

Website forum	henleazegardenclub@gmail.com
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