

Upton-by-Chester Horticultural Society

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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/MARCH 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Member

I hope you are not feeling too cold in this freezing weather as we seem to be experiencing a proper winter for the second year running. Lets hope it leads to a bumper year like the last one.

The last meeting of the year is on 3rd February which is our AGM. This is followed by a talk on 'Creating and planting a pond' by Linda Smith. Don't forget to bring along your bowl of hyacinths for the Table Top competition.

Membership

It is that time of year again when our memberships are up for renewal. Fees are remaining at the same cost as last year. It would help Janet our membership secretary a lot if you could fill in the slip on the reverse side of this newsletter and send your membership to her, along with a stamped addressed envelope so that she can send you the membership card and programme. This will be after the February AGM. They will also be able to be collected at the Hut or at the March Meeting if you prefer.

Committee Members

The AGM is when we vote on any Officers or Committee members for the coming year. If anyone feels they would like to join our committee please let me know as we have a couple of vacancies this year. We are always grateful for any new helpers to run the Society's events (we do have good fun).

The Hut

The Hut reopens on the 20th February 2010. There has been a large delivery of all the essential things we need for the coming season so don't forget to go down and stock up. We have managed to beat the VAT increase so our prices are very competitive. Take your gardening tools down to be sharpened to be ready for use as the weather gets better.

Trips

Harrogate Spring Show

Rita is organising a trip to the Harrogate Spring Show on Saturday 24th April. If you are interested in putting your name down for a ticket please contact me (379976) or Rita on (674578). The cost is £25 which

includes your entry fee and coach. The tickets will also be available at the February meeting.

Abbeygate College

We are organising an evening visit to Abbeygate College in Saughton to see their Gardens on the 12th May. This is a rare privilege for us to be able to view these beautiful gardens. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the February meeting.

Spring Show

The Spring Show this year is on Saturday 27th March. Exhibiting from 8am on Saturday morning. There are a few additions to the Schedule we sent out with the last news letter.

Pot of 3 Pansies -pot size up to 6 inches

Pot of 5 Violas – pot size up to 6 inches

1 Daffodil – classes for - yellow, white, bicolour and another for any which is different to the previous ones mentioned

1 Tulip – classes for - red, yellow, bicolour and another for any which is different to the previous ones mentioned.

The full Schedule will be out shortly.

Daffodils for the Church display

Please don't forget to make sure the daffodils you have been growing for our display in the Church on the 4th March are doing well and are going to flower in time. We are to start exhibiting on the 3rd March, if you have been growing any for us to use please let me know. We are very grateful for your help.

Website

During January we will be taking photos of the Horticulture Year to our Webmaster to put on the Website, so you will all be able to look at them at your leisure. If you require any of the photographs please let me know and Sub will put them on discs for you at a very small charge.

And finally

I would like to thank Sue and Jeff Formstone for helping at the very last minute to make our December meeting such a success. Having received so many positive comments and requests to have a party again next year we are looking into doing just that.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and see you at the next meeting.

Wendy Carman
Chairman

Membership

Subscription for 2010 - Joint - £5.00/ Single £3.50 – please circle the membership you require

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