



Liss Horticultural Society

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The National Vegetable Society; The National Dahlia Society.*

## **Newsletter no. 156 – February 2021**

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### **THE GOOD NEWS**

#### **The Hut reopens on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February From 10.30 to 12.30.**

**However, please note that due to the Coronavirus you must wear a face mask in the hut and only one person allowed in at any one time!**

New stock has arrived and for information for our new members stock is purchased in bulk with discounts negotiated which are reflected in the low prices. We look forward to seeing you there. Open to members only but you must have paid your subs £5 which you can pay at the Hut. Home delivery maybe available.

**Volunteers** – A message to members who usually help out in the Hut to say Jasmine and I will run the Hut until the Lockdown has been removed. When it is safe to do so, I will contact you with regard to the possibility of helping out again.

All enquires to Ken Payne, the Hut Organiser 01730 893906

#### **2021 Opening Dates for the Hut - Saturdays 10.30 to 12.30**

February	20; 27
March	6; 13; 20; 27
April	3; 10; 17; 24
May	1; 8; PS*; 22; 29 (PS*= Plant Sale on 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Hut closed)
June	5; 12; 19; 26
July	10; 17; 31
August	14; 28
September	11; 25
October	9; 23

## **Chairman's Report:**

There are few occasions that I am happy not to be on the front page, but it is about time we were able to start this newsletter with good news! Ken is well placed to give us that dose.

There is much uncertainty around how things are going to be able to move forward for us all. There are likely to be restrictions on public meetings/gatherings for some time, and as we rely on The Triangle for all of our events it is likely that we will still see a slow response as we move forward.

With that in mind, and a perception that many of us will perhaps be somewhat hesitant about openly meeting up as a group, we have decided NOT to hold the AGM on the 6 April but to postpone it until later in the year, and sadly the Spring Show has been cancelled but you could take some photos and send them in!

**Photographs** - We are grateful once again to Tracey Haskins for coordinating this. Some super photos were sent in last summer which will soon be available to view on our website.

Choose photos of spring flowers and shrubs and of course the pot of daffodils that some of you will have grown ready for the show. If you still have last year's schedule there are plenty of ideas in there. Please send your photos to: [lisshorticultural@gmail.com](mailto:lisshorticultural@gmail.com)

Tracey suggests you send through the higher resolution images available through your device e.g. 1.8MB which will give the best quality images in a PowerPoint presentation. If you have a very large image you could perhaps set up a 10MG maximum size for a single image.

**Closing date for your photographs is 31 May 2021.**

**The Plant Sale will go ahead on the 15<sup>th</sup> May** as planned. We will agree its format as the situation develops with our options being centered around the use of the Whistle Stop car park or as we did last year with stalls outside individual houses. Please plan on making a contribution to the sale by growing something or potting up plants from your garden. Jenny Hall has some seeds available to get started so please give her a call on 893423. More info in the next newsletter.

I will close by thanking all of you who have renewed your membership for 2021, and to encourage more of you to follow suit just so we can retain our viable financial position ready for the year ahead. *Mike Boocock 01730 893569*

**Vacancy on the Committee.** We still have a vacancy for a Speaker Organiser to plan the speakers for 2022. Lesley will be happy to "coach" her replacement through the process for the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact Lesley directly if you would like to have more details. Lesley has a list of speakers which is regularly updated by HFHS and other societies and the know-how techniques used! *Mike Boocock 01730 893569*

**News on Speakers:** We are trying to be optimistic about the future so I am delighted to say that **Paul Gallivan, Head Gardener at Woolbeding**, the National Trust Gardens near Midhurst, is happy to talk to us (if we can go ahead) on the 4<sup>th</sup> May with an update on that lovely local garden.

**Dan Pearson, Garden Designer** has agreed to come on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June to give us his talk on “The Education of a Gardener” that was sadly postponed from June this year. If you bought tickets for this event for this year they will be carried forward to 2021 but please let me know if you are not able to make it next year.

We are still hoping to go ahead with an exhibition to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

*Lesley Finnegan 01428 723750 or 07733290*

**Outings-** Hopefully, later in the year we will be allowed to hire coaches and visit places so when I know it is possible I will try to arrange an outing or two. I will be in contact with you when I can.

*Ken Payne 01730 893906*

**Membership Subscriptions** – were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Membership cards for 2021 are now available with subs still only £5 which can be paid in person to my home at 41 Western Road, Liss GU33 7AG or by post enclosing your old card and I will deliver your new card to your home if you live in the village or please enclose a S.A.E. if outside the village. Alternatively subs can be paid at the Hut or to any committee member or placed in an envelope with your name on it and addressed to me c/o The Triangle. Please phone me for further information or if you need your subs collected.

Thank you to all who paid for 2020. If, however, you do not wish to continue your membership would you please let me or a committee member know so that records can be amended. Thank you for your continued support.

**Membership cards** can be used to receive discounts as follows:

Luffs Farm shop/Nursery, Mill Lane, Headley offer 10% off plants

Southern Fruit Trees, Oakhanger offer 10% (closed Sunday) open 1st November to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Rotherhill Nursery at Stedham 5% off plants.

Aylings Garden Centre, Trotton 5% off

*Jenny Hall 01730 893423*

**Shows:** The show schedules for 2021 will have the class choices that were selected for 2020 so please don't throw them away! Geranium and fuchsia plants have been ordered for you to grow on for the shows. These will be available after Easter the date to be decided depending on their progress.

**The Next Newsletter** will be issued late April with more details about the plant sale and our plans for the future subject to Covid 19 implications. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can all meet up again.

## **Proposed Programme for 2021 subject to change**

AGM postponed to a later date

Cancelled the Spring Show on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

- May 4<sup>th</sup>      Tuesday 7.30pm Speaker – Paul Gallivan,  
Head gardener at Woolbeding
- May 15<sup>th</sup>      Saturday – Plant sale
- June 11<sup>th</sup>      Friday – Special Event - Dan Pearson talk.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>      Saturday - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Exhibition  
& Cream Tea.
- July 25<sup>th</sup>      Sunday – Summer Show
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup>      Sunday – Autumn Show
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup>      Tuesday 7.30 Speaker tbc
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>      Tuesday 7.30 Speaker tbc
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>      Tuesday 7.30 Speaker tbc, Christmas meeting  
Mulled wine and mince pies

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**HFHS (Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies) website:**

[www.hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk)

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