



Liss Horticultural Society

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The National Vegetable Society; The National Dahlia Society.*

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Chairman's Report:

Welcome to our latest update on how we intend to go forwards as the picture concerning gathering etc. becomes clearer. If you are reading this on-line, thank you to all of you who have shared your email details! Another step forward in how we are run as a society. As we experience some warmer weather, I hope that your gardens/plots/greenhouses have begun to show some promise! Please do bear us in mind for the Plant Sale when potting on etc. – details of the sale are included in this newsletter. Please do note the revised date for the sale now the 22nd May!

Our AGM is now scheduled for Tuesday, 22nd June at 7.30pm, in the Triangle Centre, where we will welcome you back – details to follow. I will be restricting the content of the AGM to only those items which impact upon our ability to operate effectively as a society. I will give you an outline of our financial position for 2020, and going forward, and also ask for the election of committee members. Should you wish to have anything else raised, please let me know, so that I can arrange it.

The programme of speaker events and outings is shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is with regret that we have had to cancel the 80th anniversary celebrations.

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

The Plant Sale with a Cake Stall will now go ahead on the 22nd May

8.30am to 11am in the Whistle Stop car park.

Donations of plants and cakes for the cake stall will be gratefully received and can be delivered to the Village Hall between 3pm and 7pm on Friday 21st May.

There will be the usual selection of vegetable plants, perennials, annuals, shrubs and garden sundries. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for all your support.

June Gordon 01730 892781

Speaker Programme:

May 4th at 7.30pm – Woolbeding Gardens by zoom.

The speaker is Paul Gallivan, Head Gardener at Woolbeding, the National Trust garden near Midhurst. Paul will talk to us about the changes to the garden and also about the new glass houses. The link to the zoom meeting will be sent to you nearer the time.

The Dan Pearson talk is now going to take place on **Friday 25th June**.

Ticket holders only!

Dan is not attending any 'live' indoor events this year so his presentation will be by Zoom. Further details will be sent out in the near future to those who have already booked and those on the waiting list. At Dan's request we are making a donation to The Nature Conservancy but half the members registered to attend have not yet paid their contribution of £5 which will be part of this donation. If you still want to join this talk and haven't paid please contact me.

Lesley Finnegan 07733290755 preferably by text or email: Lesley.finnegan@btinternet.com

The Hut

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

Opening Dates for the Hut - Saturdays 10.30 to 12.30

May 1; 8; 15; PS*; 29 (PS*= Plant Sale on 22 May – Hut closed)

Please note the change of date for the Plant Sale

June 5; 12; 19; 26

July 10; 17; 31

August 14; 28; September 11; 25; October; 9; 23

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

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.

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!

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Outings- There is a provisional booking in place to go to Sherborne Castle and Gardens on 15th July subject to Covid 19 regulations etc. I will be in contact with you when I have more details.

Ken Payne 01730 893906

Membership Subscriptions – were due on the 1st 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.

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 use them as a reference and I will let you know when the new ones are available.

Geranium and fuchsia plants have been ordered for you to grow on for the shows. These will be available soon, the date to be decided depending on their progress.

Proposed Programme for 2021 (subject to change but hopefully not!)

- May 4th Tuesday 7.30pm by zoom, Speaker – Paul Gallivan
Head gardener at Woolbeding
- May 22nd Saturday – Plant sale & Cake Stall at The Whistle Stop 8.30am – 11am
- June 22nd Tuesday 7.30pm - AGM + 'Welcome Back' to the Triangle Centre.
- June 25th Friday – Dan Pearson talk by zoom (Tickets only)
- July 21st Closing date for entries to the Summer Show
- July 25th Sunday – Summer Show
- Sept 12th Sunday – Autumn Show
- Oct 5th Tuesday 7.30 Speaker, Mark Saunders, 'A Head Gardener's Year at Fittleworth'
- Nov 2nd Tuesday 7.30 Speaker, Andy McIndoe, 'Planting for Wildlife'
- Dec 7th Tuesday 7.30 Christmas meeting and Quiz
Mulled wine and mince pies

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HFHS (Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies) website:

www.hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk

Sue Jordan, Secretary 01730 893454



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The 80th AGM – Tuesday 22nd June, 2021

Chairman's Welcome - Mike Boocock.

The Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence, Minutes of 2020 AGM and matters arising.**
- 2. Presidents Address – Peter Catt**
- 3. Chairman's Report – Mike Boocock**
- 4. Garden Outings – Ken Payne**
- 5. Election of Officers**
- 6. Election of Committee**
- 7. Charity for 2021**
- 8. Any Other Business**

The AGM will close and be followed by refreshments giving you an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, pay your subs or speak to Ken about outings.

Committee Members: 2020

Mike Boocock.....Chairman/Show Manager
Ken Payne.....Vice Chairman/Hut Manager/Outings
Sue Jordan.....Honorary Secretary/Show admin
Lesley Benson.....Treasurer
Jenny Hall.....Membership Secretary
Yvonne Elsworth..... Refreshments
Lesley Finnegan.....Speaker Organiser – resigning at the end of 2021
June Gordon.....Plant Sale

President: Peter Catt

Vice Presidents: P. K. James; M. M. Lowe;