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## **Newsletter no. 158 – June 2021**

### **Important Update**

The AGM scheduled for **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June has been postponed** until further notice.

The **Dan Pearson** presentation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June **will go ahead by zoom as planned** and those that have booked will receive an invitation to view.

The **Sherborne Castle** outing on **15<sup>th</sup> July has been cancelled.**

The **Summer Show on 25<sup>th</sup> July has been postponed** and may combine with the Autumn Show on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Chairman's Report**

It will come as little surprise to you following Monday's announcements that we are in for a period of continuing uncertainty concerning our capacity to hold effective events in the near future. Your committee has met, and agreed a flexible approach is necessary as we move forward. This newsletter is intended to update you. Please see the information at the top of this page.

We will undertake a continuing review after the "return to normal" date around the 19<sup>th</sup> July of our planned commitments, and keep you aware of developments as speedily as is possible. This has been made possible by your agreement to receive emails. Please let Sue know if you change or have changed your email address and you haven't yet received an email from LHS?

There has also been some good news recently on which to dwell!!

### **Plant Sale**

Firstly, thank you to all of you who grew plants, made cakes, helped sell on the day, moved tables etc. and also bought some plants! We raised the magnificent sum of £2840 on the day! This will significantly enhance our financial viability moving forward.

We were able to donate plants to the village school where they were gratefully received.

They have started a School Gardening Club and will be looking for volunteers,

The committee is also looking to see how you as members can benefit from this success.

### **BEM Award**

Secondly, I feel sure you will all join me in congratulating Sandy Turner, Organiser of The Triangle After School Club on her award of the British Empire Medal (BEM) announced in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours list last Saturday. Sandy has been a leading light in ensuring that the children's exhibits have been a welcome part of our Summer Show. I have written to Sandy, on behalf of Liss Horticultural Society, congratulating her on the award.

*Mike Boocock, Chairman*

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

- June 25<sup>th</sup> Friday – Dan Pearson talk by zoom (Tickets only)
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Summer & Autumn Shows combined?? More details to follow
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30 Speaker, Mark Saunders, ‘A Head Gardener’s Year at Fittleworth’
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7.30 Speaker, Andy McIndoe, ‘Planting for Wildlife’
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30 Christmas meeting and Quiz  
Mulled wine and mince pies

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