



Liss Horticultural Society

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*Affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society; The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies;
The National Vegetable Society; The National Dahlia Society.*

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**Programme for 2021/22 – Events & Meetings in The Triangle Centre.**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm - Christmas meeting with a Horticultural themed Quiz**  
Mulled wine and mince pies. Donations of mince pies welcome please. *Nonmembers £3.*  
To help with planning and to make sure we are not overcrowded please would you let me know if you are attending this event. You may book a table for a max of 6 people, or come along and join any table but please let me know so we have enough seats. We are limited as to how many people are allowed in the room so please book. Please contact me, Sue by email: [suejordan3454@gmail.com](mailto:suejordan3454@gmail.com). Or phone (evenings please 01730 893454) or text 07979691856. **There will also be a raffle!**

### **2022 Programme so far! Full programme in the New Year**

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| <b>Jan 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | Tuesday 7.30 | AGM and Cheese & wine party                                                                       |
| <b>Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | Tuesday 7.30 | Graham Dillamore, Garden & Estates Manager HRP<br>“The Historic Royal Palaces and their gardens”. |
| <b>Mar 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | Tuesday 7.30 | Claire Brown from the Plant Passion Nursery<br>“Growing Cut Flowers”                              |
| <b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | Sunday 2pm   | The Spring Show – Schedule will be out soon.                                                      |
| <b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | Tuesday 7.30 | Maggie Haynes from Tuppeney Farm<br>“Organic Vegetable Gardening”                                 |
| <b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | Tuesday 7.30 | Mark Saunders, Head Gardener at Fittleworth<br>“Gardener Photography”                             |

**Plant sale 21<sup>st</sup> May, Summer Show 24<sup>th</sup> July, Autumn Show 11<sup>th</sup> September**

*Open Gardens Event. The Triangle are hoping to plan this for June. Could you add your garden to the list?? It doesn't have to be a large garden – full details to follow.*

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Chairman's Report

There is no contesting the success of the combined show held on Sunday September the 12th – a rushed combination of our usual Summer and Autumn shows! After the long period of uncertainty, a somewhat rushed period of time was left to organise the event. I am very grateful to all of those volunteers who joined in our efforts to put the show together, and to ensure its continuing success – be it as we booked in exhibits, set up, provided coffees and cakes, or acted as stewards on the day. I particularly appreciated the encouragement given to new members to enter, and give thanks to the support from more experienced members given towards new exhibitors.

It was also encouraging to see the turn-out for a long-delayed AGM for 2020! Our legal requirements were well met by the evening, and there was obvious enjoyment for those attending as we socially distanced our way through wine and cheese! Do keep submitting photographs of your own successes as we move forward into a winter period – many who attended were encouraged to see the fruits of your efforts over the year.

You will all be aware of the push to ensure we are all capable of supporting efforts to control climate change. The RHS has initiated a process by which gardeners can contribute to and support these efforts. In outline, there are two initiatives which we could follow:

- Banning the use of oasis in national shows. There is no indication yet of the RHS asking community societies (such as our own) to follow suit, but the RHS is “encouraging” them to make adjustments. We will ask members for their views, and air the options, at January’s AGM evening.
- “Dig on for Victory”. Few of us will remember the September 1940 “Dig for Victory” campaign, when our parents were encouraged to dig up flower beds and lawns, and to grow food. The RHS is hoping to mobilise all gardeners in their efforts to tackle the greenhouse gas emissions, and to halt the decline in wildlife experienced in recent years.

We, as members of an affiliated society, can play our part, both as individuals and as a society. Many of the pointers outlined by the RHS are achievable by you as members! I outline them here, in case you may not have seen the detail:

- Plant a tree – this will draw out carbon from the air.
- Attempt to switch from mains to rain water for watering our gardens.
- Go peat free with your compost.
- Make your own compost.
- Pull up a paving slab, and grow perennial plants, such as grass.
- Put in plants for pollinators, to help slow or reverse the declines in bees, butterflies, moths and other insects.
- Electrify your garden, using electric/battery powered tools, not those run on fossil fuels (i.e. petrol!)
- Eat more home-grown, local and seasonal fruit and vegetables.

I am sure that some of you will find this a difficult challenge – I certainly do! But I feel it beholds us to try, to contribute, and to preserve those aspects of horticulture and gardening we love so much. The actions of each one of us could create positive change, and help us to adapt to and mitigate against this climate crisis. *Mike Boocock, LHS Chair 01730 893569*

OUTINGS for 2022 will be announced and bookings taken at the AGM on 11th January.

Two very successful trips were eventually able to go ahead this year the first in August to Sherborne Castle and Gardens and the second one to RHS Wisley in September for the flower show and the National Dahlia Society annual show. Both trips were thoroughly enjoyed.
Ken Payne – 01730 893906

The Hut is now closed officially, however so you know what stock is left I will issue a stock list in the New Year and if you want to buy anything please ring me and we can meet at the Hut. Also I will bring stock to the meetings
Ken Payne - 01730 893906

The combined Summer/Autumn Show was held on Sunday 12th September.

The show was a great success with over 400 exhibits with plenty of very good feedback. The results did eventually end up in the Petersfield Post but if you would like a copy of the results please let me know and I will email it to you or give you a paper copy if preferred. Despite the success of the combined show we have decided to hold our usual three separate shows in 2022. Please see the dates on the front cover.
Sue Jordan 01730 893454

Subs – Have you paid 2021 subs yet? Your 2021 membership card should have a photograph of a pink rose. Subs for 2022 are due on 1st January but you can pay at the December meeting because the new Membership cards are now available.
Jenny Hall, Membership Secretary 01730 893423

The Agenda for the 81st AGM is attached to this newsletter. One of the announcements to be made will be the chosen **Charity for 2022** based on the largest number of votes received from your suggestions! At the December meeting I will be passing a clip board around to give you the opportunity to suggest a charity or agree with one already suggested. If, however you are not coming to the December meeting please email me (Sue) or phone with your suggestion.

Newsletters are very kindly sent out on our behalf by Tracey Haskins 3 or 4 times a year depending on what is happening. The last one was in July which followed, unusually, in close succession to four others so as to keep you well informed of changes we had to make because of Covid 19, to either cancel or resurrect a meeting! The next newsletter will be in February with details from the AGM, the Outings, Show schedules and any other news.

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? If so please email me and also let me know if you change your email address. *suejordan3454@gmail.com*

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HFHS (Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies) website:

www.hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk

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The 81st AGM -11th January 2022

The AGM will be followed by the Cheese & Wine Party and the raffle draw.

Chairman's Welcome – Mike Boocock

The Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence, Minutes of 2021 AGM and matters arising.**
- 2. President's Address – Peter Catt**
- 3. Chairman's Report – Mike Boocock**
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Lesley Benson**
- 5. Garden Outings – Ken Payne**
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Election of Committee**
- 8. Charity for 2022 –**
- 9. Any Other Business**

The AGM will close and be followed by a short break before the refreshments are served, giving you an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, pay your subs or speak to Ken about outings.

President: Peter Catt

Vice Presidents: Peter James & Mike Lowe

Committee Members: 2021

Mike Boocock..... Chairman/Show Manager

Ken Payne.....Vice Chairman/Hut Manager/Outings

Sue Jordan.....Honorary Secretary/Show admin

Lesley Benson.....Honorary Treasurer

Jenny Hall.....Membership Secretary

Yvonne Elsworth..... Refreshments

Lesley Finnegan.....Speaker Organiser

Alex Wilkinson.....Asst. Speaker Organiser

June Gordon.....Plant Sale