

Gifford Horticultural Society

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Spring Newsletter 2018

Dates to Note

Gardener's Question Time – Wednesday 14 March

Inter Society Quiz – Tuesday 24 April

Plant Sale - Saturday 19 May

Gardening Scotland (Ingliston) – Friday – Sunday 1/2/3 June

GHS Outing – Friday 8 June

Gifford's Open Gardens - Sunday 8 July

Gifford Flower Show – Saturday/ Sunday 18/19 August

New Website

Our new website **giffordhorti.org** is now up and running. It has details of these and more gardening events throughout the year and also all the entry classes for our 2018 Flower Show schedule.

Gardeners' Question Time

Wednesday 14 March at 7.00 p.m. We are delighted that **George Anderson** has agreed to host this exciting event. The Panel answering questions will be Beryl McNaughton, Stan da Prato and Jim Williams. Tickets may be purchased at a charge of £5 per head from Jeanie Cole (details below) and may be collected from Helle at the Beech & Birch shop in the village. Refreshments will be available after the event.

Inter Society Quiz

This annual event will be held in Penicuik on Tuesday 24 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Ladywood Leisure Centre. A team will represent Gifford and supporters are always appreciated! Please contact Jeanie if you wish to link with others for transport.

Plant Sale

Our annual sale will take place in the Village Hall commencing at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 19 May. As well as herbaceous plants, herbs and vegetables, there will be a large variety of annual plants for sale. It would be hugely appreciated if members would donate spare plants. These might be seedlings, cuttings or herbaceous plants they have grown or divided. Please ensure pots are reasonably clean and plants labelled where possible. Donations may be handed in to the Hall on the **previous evening between 6.00 p.m. and 7 p.m. or before 9.30 a.m.** on the morning of the sale to allow time for pricing and placing, or contact the Secretary, Jeanie Cole, to make alternative arrangements.

Summer Outing

Our outing this year on Friday 8 June includes two fascinating gardens in Fife. A booking form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Wemyss Castle (www.wemysscastlegardens.com) Fife

This is a woodland garden with rare trees, plus a 6-acre walled garden, covered in climbing roses and clematis, with borders divided into sections containing colour-coordinated perennials and pleached hornbeams. Around the castle are woodland areas planted with narcissus, scilla, bluebells and *Erythronium revolutum*. Lunch is likely to be at Kingsbarns Distillery, who provided such good sandwiches and cakes last year!

Wormistoun House (www.wormistoun.com) Fife

This 17th century tower house and walled garden that has been lavishly restored and extended, simultaneously traditional and contemporary. The walled garden is divided into sections including a double herbaceous border, a moon window looking over Fife Ness and bordered by two ponds joined by a rill. Outside is a lavender and box parterre, a shady area beneath four *Griselinia* underplanted with ferns, a wildflower meadow full of fritillaries, cowslips and orchids, and newly developed areas.

Gifford Village Open Gardens

A selection of local gardens, including Broadwoodside, will open under the Scotland's Garden Scheme charity on Sunday 8 July from 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Entry fee £6.00. Teas will be available in the Village Hall with all teas monies going to the Teapot Trust charity. John Sheldon will oversee this event and arrange for a number of interesting gardens to be open to the public. If you are able to assist by adding your garden to the list, please contact John Sheldon, drjohnsheldon@btinternet.com or tel. 01620 810200.

Flower Show

Our annual Flower Show will take place on the Village Green on the weekend of 18 and 19 August and is one of the longest running Flower Shows in Scotland. Schedules will be available from various venues in the county and all the information is available on our website. As in recent years, there will also be local craft stalls, face painting and delicious teas served in the Village Hall on both days. A Children's Novelty Dog Show will run on the Saturday in the area behind the marquee and run by Haddington Rotary Satellite.

For the past six years, Joe Clark has been running a **Plant Sale** during our Flower Show in August. The sale is greatly enhanced by members and neighbours contributing plants. Now is the time to consider what you might be able to donate as you divide or pot up plants. Shrubs, herbaceous and house plants will all be greatly appreciated, particularly if they might be blooming in August.

General Data Protection Regulations

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come in to force on 25 May 2018. Under the new regulations, GHS needs to advise members how we use the personal data that they provide as part of membership applications. Your details are stored electronically, and are protected by password; they may be accessed by certain members of the GHS Committee. From time to time, paper copies of your data will be produced for administrative purposes. Your details will be used to enable the GHS to communicate with you about the activities and business of the Society.

Please help us to keep your records accurate by updating any changes to your name, address, email or telephone details. We will not share or sell your personal information with any other organisation. We will contact you if there has been a breach of the safety of

your personal information. We will not keep your details beyond three years. All data will be disposed of securely.

If you wish to see what information we keep about you, please apply in writing to the GHS Membership Secretary, Roger Wilson, Blythehill, Tweeddale Avenue, Gifford, EH41 4QN. All applications will be dealt with within 40 days.

Other News

Gifford Horticultural Society is a Charitable Trust and as such, it is recommended that it does not accumulate excessive cash in its bank account. In recent years we have donated £500 annually to a local charity. This year it was agreed by the Committee to increase the amount donated. In keeping with our Constitution to support other local charitable bodies, promote our Society and offer education in the practice and knowledge of gardening, the following donations were made:

1. The Gifford Lunch Club received £500. Jane Steven, Chairwoman of the Committee, set this club up at the end of last year with a view to combat loneliness and act as an opportunity to socialise for those in this area who may feel isolated. At present the group meets monthly in the Goblin Ha for a light lunch where outings and entertainment events are arranged and the Gifford Horticultural Society's events promoted.
2. Amisfield Walled Garden is one of Scotland's largest walled gardens. It is managed by the Amisfield Preservation Trust and a large band of volunteers. It provides a venue for education and training for people of all abilities. They will receive a £500 donation which they plan to utilise to plant a Winter Garden with the aim of providing interest all year round. In return, we anticipate they will offer our members a talk, a guided visit to these gardens and an educational pruning workshop.
3. East Coast FM(107.6FM) is a registered charity and a community radio station. It won a Princess Royal Training Award last year for assisting in the training of individuals who are young and unemployed and those who live with special needs. They will receive a £600 donation which will sponsor a Country Music Show. In return they will promote the Gifford Horticultural Society and allow us to share gardening knowledge, advice and tips on their shows. Sarah Curtis, our President, will organise participation in these broadcasts and invite other horticulturalists to get involved.

Membership subscriptions 2017/8

The annual membership of only £5.00 gives members benefits which include entry to the monthly talks from September to March, subsidised summer outings, delivery of Show schedule, free entry of Show exhibits, entrance to the Flower Show on both days and three Newsletters annually. Application form below.

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Application for Membership

I/we wish to join Gifford Horticultural Society for 2017/8 at £5.00 per person. Cheques should be made payable to Gifford Horticultural Society. Alternatively you may send payment direct by Bank Transfer to Gifford Horticultural Society, Sort Code 80-08-23, Account Number 00398981.

Surname.....First name.....Title/s.....

E-mail address.....

Address.....

Tel. no(s).....

PREFERRED COMMUNICATION - PAPER COPY.....OR EMAIL.....

Please return this form with the appropriate subscription/s for 2016/17 to: **Roger Wilson, GHS Membership Secretary, Blythehill, Tweeddale Avenue, Gifford EH41 4QN**

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OUTING BOOKING FORM Friday 8 JUNE 2018

Please complete the details below and send this form with a £5.00 deposit per person, no later than **18 April** and post to Helen Lee. The remaining monies, a further £20.00 per person, will be collected on the bus.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

E MAIL:

TEL NO:

I WISH TO RESERVEPLACE(S) AND ENCLOSE A DEPOSIT OF £.....

Please make cheque payable to Gifford Horticultural Society and post to:

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For further information, or if you wish to cancel a booking, please contact Helen on:
Tel: 01875 340193 or E-mail: hsjlee@btinternet.com