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# Gifford Horticultural Society

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## Winter Newsletter 2018

**Everything may have gone a bit quiet in our gardens just now but here at the Horti, we have some exciting events and ideas to keep you occupied over the Winter months. This newsletter also bring news of changes to our Management Committee including our new President.**

### **Changes to our Management Committee**

After three years as President of the Horti, Sarah Curtis resigned from office at the recent AGM. We thank Sarah for her hard work and commitment over the past three years.

Following the nomination of Joe Clark at the AGM, the committee unanimously supported his election as President at our November committee meeting. Joe will also take over the role of Show Manager;



our thanks go to Ann Pirie stood down after five years in this role.

At our AGM we also welcomed Liz Stewart onto the Committee. Liz has been invaluable recently at setting up and managing our website.

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## Talks and Events:

**Wednesday 9 January at 2.30 p.m.**

**Branklyn Garden, Perthshire.** Jim Jermyn is the Property Manager & Head Gardener of this National Trust garden. He was also the horticultural consultant and Show Manager of Gardening Scotland for 17 years. A world-renowned Alpine expert, he has also led many botanical tours to the Dolomites and is a frequent lecturer abroad.

N.B. This is an afternoon meeting.



**Wednesday 13 February at 7.30 p.m.**

**Amisfield Walled Garden - Restoring the Lost Garden of Haddington.**

Kate Rycroft, Chair of the Amisfield Preservation Trust. At 8 acres in size, Amisfield Walled garden is one of the largest historic walled gardens in Scotland.

Over the past eleven years, it has been restored from a completely neglected state into a thriving community garden. It now provides a venue for education

and training for people of all abilities, as well as being an established local visitor attraction. Kate will describe the historic background to the garden's development and will outline the current restoration as a community garden.

### **Wednesday 6 March at 7.30 p.m.**

**'Wildlife in your Garden.'** Stan Da Prato will tell us all about what lives in our gardens, how to attract even more of them and some of the issues this can bring to both private gardens, our public parks and open spaces. Besides gardening, Stan chairs the Aberlady Bay Reserve Committee, has a PhD on small songbirds in the Lothians, is editor of the journal *Scottish Birds* and past President of the Scottish Ornithologist's Club.

All meetings will be held in Gifford Village Hall.

Each talk is followed by refreshments and a raffle.

*Attendees are kindly asked to donate raffle prizes in aid of the Society's fundraising*

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## **Education Courses and Outings 2019:**

### **Courses:**

A **Pruning Course** has been arranged for Saturday 2 March at 10.00 a.m. in Amisfield Walled Garden. Please let our Secretary Jeanie Cole if you would like to attend as places are limited.

### **Outings:**

Arrangements are underway to offer one or two outings next year. We have a number of destinations in mind but always appreciate more ideas from our members. Details will be given in our Spring Newsletter.

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## **2019 Dates to Note:**

### **Inter Society Quiz - Thursday 4th April 7:30pm**

This year's quiz will take place at the Masonic Hall in Dalkeith. Members are invited to come along to cheer on the GHS Quiz Team.

### **Plant Sale - Saturday 18 May 10.00 a.m**

Our annual Plant Sale will be held in the Village Hall. As always, we depend greatly on our members adding to our regular order of annuals by donating plants for sale. All plants are appreciated, particularly herbaceous divisions or cuttings which are potted up, as well as any spare seedlings you may have grown. This year we will increase our vegetable and herb provision. Suggestions are always welcome.

## **Gifford Flower Show – Saturday / Sunday 17 / 18 August**

Plans are well underway to run this amazing annual two-day event in the Village.

The Committee work hard looking at all aspects of the Show, continually adding innovative and new ideas to ensure its success. 2019 will bring a new style of schedule and some exciting new classes. Following the large number of entries to the Dog Show last year, we hope to hold it again next year.

Entries for Arts & Crafts Section:

801. Photograph: an East Lothian street scene\*
802. Photograph: wild flowers\*
803. Photograph: a person, or people, at work\*
804. Photograph: "Our Environment Under Threat" \*
805. An amusing photograph with caption\*
806. An item made of metal or wood
807. An item made of pottery or glass
808. A Christmas decoration
809. A dressed doll
810. A pair of hand-knitted socks
811. A knitted twiddle muff (to be donated to a local care home) For a pattern, visit our GHS website or ask at Lantern Rouge Cafe from January
812. A cushion
813. A quilted or patchwork item
814. A drawing (any medium)
815. A painting (any medium)
816. Mixed media artwork

\*The maximum size for photographs is 180mm x 130mm, and they are to be shown without mounts.

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## **Membership Subscriptions:**

Membership subscriptions for the 2018/19 year are now due.

As the majority of members visit the Flower Show and it represents the start of our events calendar, a decision to change the membership year to align with our Flower Show, has been taken. Subscriptions for the 2019/20 year will therefore be due in August 2019 for the following 12 months.

Membership subscription for 2018/19 remain at **£5.00** and members continue to receive:

- Free admission to our programme of talks including refreshments

- Subsidised summer outings
- A copy of the Flower Show Schedule and gives entry to show exhibits
- Free entrance to the Flower Show on both days
- Three newsletters during the year.

There are three ways that you can pay your annual subscription:

1. In cash, or by cheque, at one of our meetings
2. By sending a cheque to Roger Wilson, GHS Membership Secretary, Blythehill, Tweeddale Avenue, Gifford, EH41 4QN. Cheques should be made payable to **Gifford Horticultural Society**. If sending a cheque, please print off our [Membership Form](#) and send it with your cheque.
3. By setting up a standing order or making a BACS transfer directly in to the Gifford Horticultural Society bank account:

Sort Code 80-08-23  
Account Number 00398981

**Please ensure that you tell us of any changes to your contact details.**

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So as Christmas approaches with great speed, it just remains for me to wish you, and your family, a very Merry Christmas and a fruitful New Year from the GHS Committee Members.

Jeanie Cole  
Secretary GHS  
December 2018



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