



CUDDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another flight
If Candlemas Day be it shower and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again*

Take note on 2nd February!

Dear Member

After the heavy fall of snow did you follow Mary Spiller's advice and gently knock the snow off vulnerable evergreen trees and shrubs to avoid breakages, or, like me, did you look out of the window and think everything will just have to look after itself?

As many of you will know, we have had to cancel the Social Evening arranged for 11th January due to the bad weather conditions. Consequently the Committee has decided to re-arrange it for our meeting in April on Monday, 12th when we shall have the presentation of Highlights of the Gardening Club Year followed by supper, a quiz and the raffle. A flyer giving full details will be circulated nearer the time. Those of you who paid for the social evening will be refunded and the money is being returned to you. Should you have any queries, please phone our Treasurer, Rose on 290510.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 8th February. 7.30 pm

followed by a talk on "The Scented Garden" to be given by Anthony Powell.

Notice of our Seventeenth AGM is being distributed with this newsletter. Of the current committee: Skippy Blumer, Yvonne Edmonds, David Jones, Jeane Oke, Thelma Parry (Membership Secretary), Tony Picot, Rose Crowdy (Treasurer) and myself as Chairman are all willing to serve for another year. Sadly, our Secretary, Angela Wenham is stepping down as she has taken on a new role with the U3A in Haddenham. Angela has been a hardworking and loyal member of the Committee since September 1998; I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that we are very appreciative of her commitment to the smooth running of the Club over all the years.

The March meeting takes place on Monday, 8th 7.30 for 7.45 pm

For those of you with long memories Graham Pavey visited the Club 10 years ago. On this occasion he will be speaking about "Mistakes other Gardeners make", not that we ourselves make mistakes! Graham trained as a garden designer, has written several gardening books and now lectures on gardening topics.

The April meeting takes place on Monday 12th 7.30 p m

This will now be our Social Evening and will be followed by the Distribution of the Murphy potatoes.

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A Coach Outing to the Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park is being arranged for **Thursday, 13th May**. Details to be given nearer the time.

Garden Visit: Wednesday 30th June. 2.30 pm
Upper Chalford Farm near Sydenham, Oxon.

Looking ahead to the summer

The Committee would like to arrange a Village Garden Safari with afternoon tea. We thought it would make a very pleasant occasion to wander round looking at different gardens and taking note of the contrasts in design and planting. If you would like to open your garden for our members and their friends, please let me know. I should stress that gardens do not have to be immaculate and that the Committee will provide all the catering, should you wish to host the tea party.

Cuddington Village Fete

On the assumption that the Village Fete is going ahead this year and that we will be asked to host the Plant Stall, our policy last year of producing plants that we could sell for £2/3 really paid off in that we raised a record amount. Despite the bad weather we have experienced, no doubt you are now thinking about sowing seeds and ordering plugs for the summer; once you are able to get into the garden please split and divide your perennials and plant up any seedlings of shrubs and flowers that have come up in the wrong place as donations to the stall. It is worth the effort for village funds!

Membership

We are delighted to welcome two new members - Tony and Yvette Digby who have recently moved into The Malt House.

Please remember that membership subscriptions for 2010 are now due. If you have not already paid would you please do so, at or by the evening of the AGM (8th February) so that we can complete our records. Forms and cheques should be given/sent to our Membership Secretary: Thelma Parry, 36 Bernard Close, Cuddington. HP18 0AJ. Tel: 01844 291075. Thelma will be distributing membership cards for 2010 at the next meeting.

Meetings

Just to remind you that meetings are normally held once a month on a **MONDAY** evening during the winter.

All meetings are held in the Playing Field Clubhouse, Bernard Close, Cuddington.

The Committee and I hope that you enjoy this programme of events for the forthcoming months and look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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