



## **LEIGH AND DISTRICT COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY**

**President Jean Griffin Established 1891**



### NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE

#### **Past Events**

##### **“Meet the President” On Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our new President, Jean Griffin, gave a brief account of her career in gardening followed by a few examples of rather amusing spoof calls she received on “Gardener’s World” to which she gave suitably rather rude answers. She then gave some advice on pest control and plant feeding and finished up by answering questions from the floor. We then enjoyed the usual quality refreshments provided by Mr and Mrs Eley.

##### **Talk/Demonstration “From Garden to Staging for the Show” On Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sheila Rapley, assisted by Belinda Allen, demonstrated how to select, prepare and present exhibits for the show. She showed us some of tricks of the trade such as sticking stems back on tomatoes and sealing water into plant stems to keep them upright. Such interference would certainly not be accepted in the field of athletics or equestrianism! Unfortunately, only fourteen members were adventurous enough to attend at this new venue in Betchworth so there were plenty of the Eleys’ refreshments for everyone.

#### **Charity Plant Sale**

This year LDCGS are running the tea tent. Helen has e-mailed asking for volunteers and is receiving replies and offers of cakes but we would like more help and more cakes. Please contact Helen Taneborne 01306 611515. Or e-mail oakfarm4@btinternet.com  
For advice about donating plants etc, please see the Leigh Post for contact details.

#### **Open Gardens**

On Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> . from 5.30pm to 7.30pm Mr. and Mrs. Barry Lambert are kindly opening their garden at “The Old School House, 166, Dovers Green Road, Sidlow, RH2 8PN. from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. **Parking is in the Emmanuel Church Car Park.** (Opposite the junction with Ironsbottom)

On Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2.30 to 4.30, Mr. Alan Croft and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frost are jointly opening their gardens at Chantry Cottage and Orchard Cottage, Church Road, Leigh, RH2 8NJ.

#### **Summer Show Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Schedule is about to go to print and will be available very soon. Putting the show on takes an enormous amount of hard work and a large number of helpers. We will soon be asking for people to help with setting up on the Friday and Saturday morning, manning the entrance and car parks, selling raffle tickets, helping with the children’s corner, coconut shy and splat the rat etc. so please come forward and volunteer then you should get your preferred task.  
Contact Helen Taneborne 01306 611515.

**Royal Horticultural Society Garden Reduced Price Entry Cards** are available from Helen Taneborne 01306 611515 (see Jan/ Feb newsletter or the website for full details).

**Subscriptions were due by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Remember if you don’t join and get your new membership card you will no longer be eligible for discounts at the garden centres**  
**If you have not paid your subscription, you will not receive any further newsletters in hard copy or by e-mail. And if you do attend one of the open garden events you will only be accepted on payment of your 2017 subscription at the gate.**

**We still need a minute secretary and two committee members.** Anyone interested – names to Helen Taneborne please. Alternatively, if you are not a “committee person” but are willing to take over the arrangements for the raffle, children’s corner or the pedestrian entrance gate (with support from the Committee) we would love to hear from you.

## Diary of events 2017

Saturday May 20th 2.00pm	Leigh Village Green RH2 8NJ	Charity Plant sale	Public event supported by all the village groups
Saturday June 3rd	"The Old School House" 166, Dovers Green Road RH2 8PN	Open garden by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. B.Lambert	Open to members only
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ghassans Farm</b>	<b>Open Garden CANCELLED</b>	
Friday June 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 6.00pm	Dolly Farm, 74, Old School Lane, Brockham RH3 7JP	Open Garden by kind invitation of Mrs Valerie Newman	Open to members only
<b>Saturday July 22nd</b>	<b>Leigh Recreation Ground. RH2 8NP</b>	<b>Annual Flower Show and Country Fayre</b>	<b>Open to ALL</b>
Saturday August 12th	Chantry Cottage & Orchard Cottage, Church Road RH2 8NJ	Open garden by kind invitation of Mr Alan Croft & Mr & Mrs Douglas Frost	Open to members only
<b>Saturday Sept 16th</b>	<b>Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP</b>	<b>Autumn Show The apple press will be in action</b>	<b>Open to all</b>
Saturday Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday Oct 1st	The Plough, Leigh RH2 8NJ	Leigh Apple Press and Food Fair	Organised by "The Leigh Apple Press Gang" Open to all
Oct		Talk to be arranged	
Tuesday November 21st	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP	AGM	Open to all but only members may vote

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### 2017 Subscriptions (due by 31<sup>st</sup> March)

Adult minimum £8.00 – Children (under 17) 50p Patrons each £15.00 minimum

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