



LEIGH & DISTRICT COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

President Jean Griffin

Established 1891



NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

Leigh Flower Show and Country Fayre 2018

This will be held on Saturday 21st July 2017. Please put this date in your diary. The schedule is being compiled and will soon be ready. The committee will be asking for volunteers to help.

AGM 2017

This was held on Tuesday November 21st at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. The Chairman, Treasurer and Show Secretary/acting Minute Secretary were re-elected. Colin Dawson stood down from the committee, and the Chairman thanked him for all his hard work. The rest of the committee members were re-elected on-bloc. Three new members who had been co-opted earlier were also elected. These were Adrian and Victoria Riches and Eileen Winstanley.

There was discussion about the proposed new entrance to the Cricket Field. The committee are still considering the feasibility of this project.

Committee

Adrian Riches has taken over from acting minute secretary (Helen Taneborne) and Vicky and Adrian Riches have taken over the membership from Margaret Knight. Adrian Riches contact:- 07771678741.

Past Events

Talk

On October 16th Mr. Adam Leitch from Reigate Bee Keepers gave a very interesting talk "Why do Bees Matter" explaining about the many different bees and their favourite flowers for pollen collection at various times of the year.

Questionnaire

The questionnaire was sent to sixty one members who had not joined in 2017 and forty replies have been received. The results are being analysed. It was noted that some members who had agreed to receive newsletters by e-mail wanted a membership renewal form. Membership subscriptions are due by March 31st but, if you are unable to print it, just put your details on a piece of paper and return with your fee to Adrian Riches, our new honorary membership secretary, or pay at the talk on February 19th.

Programme for 2018

Talks - all at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Monday February 19th Chris Stewart will talk on "The fascinating and secret life of the Mole"

Wednesday March 21st Ian Clemens will talk on "Land of the Giants" - an insight into the world of giant vegetables. It is a light-hearted look in to the Giant vegetable world, covering the top growers, the competitions available, some basic tips on growing giants and a walk through some of the world records to illustrate just how big some of these monsters get to.

Monday April 16th Marion Neden will tell us what the judge is looking for in cookery classes. More details to follow but she will require members to bring some jam sponges - good, bad and indifferent, to discuss!

Garden Visits

Our President, Jean Griffin, has organised a visit to The Gardens at Parham House, Pulborough on Friday April 27th for the Tulip Festival at a special price of £7.50. Own/shared transport as the cost of a coach is astronomical. Application form attached and we require a deposit of £5.00. Further details in next newsletter and on website.

There will be a visit to Sussex Prairies Garden, Near Henfield on Sat September 1st to see the grasses at their best. The entry fee is £8.
Own/shared transport. More details in later newsletter.

Open Gardens.

Friday June 22nd at 6.00pm. “Denegate” Dean Oak Lane Leigh, RH2 8PZ by kind permission of Mrs. Jackie Bowling.

Saturday September 29th “Brook House and “Oaklea” Smallshill Road Leigh RH2 8PF by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Boustred and Mrs B. Ingle. Full details in later newsletter.

The committee would welcome any offers from members who would be willing to organise an event or part of an event. Names to Mark Dobell
e-mail-info@gardenersden.co.uk

Apologies for late newsletter – trying to finalise events programme.

Monday 19 th February at 8.00pm	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP	“The fascinating and secret life of the Mole” Chris Stewart	Members free £2 to non- members
Wednesday March 21st at 8.00pm	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP	“Land of the Giants” – Talk about giant veg by Ian Clemens.	Members free. £2 to non- members
Monday April 16th at 8.00pm	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP	“what the Cookery Judge wants” Marion Neden	Members free. £2 to non- members
Friday April 27th	Parham House Tulip Festival	Visit to Tulip Festival Own/shared transport	Advanced booking required
Saturday May 19 th 2.00pm	Leigh Village Green	Charity Plant sale	Society providing the teas
Friday June 22 nd at 6.00pm	Denegate, Dean Oak Lane, RH2 8PZ	Open Garden by kind permission of Mrs Jackie Bowling	Open to members only
Saturday July 21st	Leigh Recreation Ground. RH2 8NP	Annual Flower Show and Country Fayre	
Saturday September 1st	Prairie Garden Henfield	Visit. own/shared transport	£8.00 Please enclose £5.00 Advanced booking required
Saturday Sept 15th	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NP	Autumn Show	
Saturday Sept 29 th 10am - noon	Brook House and Oaklea, Smallshill Rd, RH2 8PF	Joint Open gardens (Ornamental trees, shrubs & fruit trees) by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs B. Boustred and Mrs B. Ingle	Members only
Oct		Talk to be arranged	
Tuesday Nov 20 th 8.00pm	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NJ	AGM	Open to all but only members may vote

2018 Subscriptions (due by 31st March 2018)

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

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

e-mail.....

Tel.....Mobile.....

Please complete your telephone details. We will not divulge them to any other organisations and they will only be used to contact you in an emergency if we are unable to contact you by other means. E-mails do go astray, go into “trash” files or can just get missed amongst all the other rubbish that comes through.

Send to:Mr.Adrian Riches, “Leigh House”, Tapners Road, Leigh, RH2 8NN. Tel 0130611539,
e-mail Adrian.riches@talktalk.net

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**GARDEN VISIT Parham House Friday April 1st
Application Form**

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

e-mail.....

Tel.....Mobile.....

Please note you will have to use your own or shared transport

Please tick if you are willing to give a lift How many people?.....

If you have been unable to arrange a lift yourself, please contact Penny Taneborne 01306 611515
e-mail :oakfarm5@btinternet.com

Send to Miss Penny Taneborne. 2,Tudor Cottages, Tapners Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey. RH2 8NN

Please enclose the £5.00 deposit made out to LDGCS.