



LEIGH & DISTRICT COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 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 committee would welcome any offers from members who would be willing to organise a section i.e. raffle or pedestrian entrance with helpers on the day. Names to Mark Dobell. e-mail - gardenersden@btinternet.com

Subscriptions are due by March 31st. Any members who failed to pay for 2017 will be welcome to join again in 2018 and if you come to the talk on 21st March, and pay your subscription, the £2.00 non-member entry fee will be waived.

Past Events

Talk

Our first event in 2018 was a talk on the fascinating and secret life of the mole given by Chris Stewart of Mole Catcher UK. He spoke about their digging, feeding and breeding habits. Out of the breeding cycle females have increased testosterone levels making them more like males and it is very difficult to determine their sex. They are territorial so when you see molehills over your lawn, they will all have been made by a single mole. He also showed us a collection of traps which have been used over the years mostly having a similar mechanism which kills the mole instantly, now a necessity in accordance to The Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Members brought in some seeds for swapping/sale and a seed swap will be included at our future talks and open garden events.

Questionnaire

The replies to the questionnaire have been analysed and distributed to committee members. Points raised are being considered and some suggestions are already being incorporated into our future programmes.

Programme for 2018

Talks - all at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

A New Venture

At all our meetings there will be table set aside for members to bring along something from their garden. It could be a mystery plant, a special indoor plant or a cutting from a tree or shrub with interesting flowers or leaves. Members will vote for their favourite.

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. She will be working from our Summer Show Schedule. She would like some members to bring in their own jam sponges - good, bad and indifferent, to discuss! Please let Penny (01306 611515 oakfarm4@btinternet.com) know by April 10th if you are going to make a sponge cake for discussion on the evening.

October date to be decided. Jean Griffin and Mark Dobell will be holding a workshop on Propagation, cuttings and division. Members are also invited to bring in any mystery plants or diseased plants (securely wrapped please) for identification and discussion.

Transport to events

It appears from the questionnaire that some people would like to attend meetings but are unable to get there. If you would like to attend meetings or open gardens and are unable to drive yourself, please telephone Penny 01306 611515 or e-mail oakfarm5@btinternet.com and I shall try and arrange a lift for you.

Garden Visits

The Gardens at Parham House, Pulborough

Applications for the visit on Friday April 27th for the Tulip Festival are coming in and there are offers for giving lifts so please let Penny know if you would like to come and need a lift. The price is £7.50 for entry to the garden (Application form *with correct date* attached) A £5.00 deposit is required. The house may be visited for an additional fee. Own/shared transport.

Sussex Prairies Garden, Near Henfield

There will be a visit on Saturday September 1st to see late summer plants and grasses in a vast meadow setting.

We are having a complimentary chat with the owner and tea and lovely cakes will be available. Own/shared transport. More details in later newsletter. The entry fee is £8.

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.

LDCGS now has a page on Facebook. We have posted items of topical interest and hope this will appeal and introduce the society to younger members. If you are on face book, please do have a look.

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 16 th 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	£7.50 Advanced booking required
Saturday May 19 th 2.00pm	Leigh Village Green	Charity Plant sale	Society providing the teas
Friday June 22nd 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	Advanced booking required. £8.00
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 TBA	Leigh Village Hall RH2 8NJ	Propagation, Cuttings, Division. Jean Griffin and Mark Dobell	Members free. £2 to non- members
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.....
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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 27th
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, Surrey. RH2 8NN
Please enclose the £5.00 deposit made out to LDGCS.