

RUNWELL HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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March to August 2018

The Winter months have been very changeable and I am sure we are all looking forward to the coming months when the weather will improve and the spring bulbs appear.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the **Christmas Social** but I think most of us agree it was the right thing to do in light of the snow, ice and extreme cold. I am sure no one really wanted to venture out in the evening on such a night

Thank you again to Alun and Chris Evans who again organized a quiz for the January Monday meeting which was an enjoyable evening

MEETING ATTENDANCE FEES

At last year's AGM it was decided that we should charge a £1 admittance fee to the monthly meetings. This fee will come into effect in April and is only for meetings where we have outside speakers

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY 12 MARCH

The **AGM will be held on 12 March** - this will give you the opportunity to voice any changes/ideas you might like to bring to the club. We will be giving out seed potatoes to those who wish to enter the competition for the highest crop in the Autumn Show. Cheese and wine will be available afterwards along with a chance to chat.

SHOWS

We have reverted to the old style of schedule and a separate programme card which will be given out when subs are paid.

Proof reader's error.

In the ingredients list for the Ginger & Treacle Spiced traybake, the second line should read **3 tablespoons stem ginger syrup from the jar**

Class 102 in the autumn show should obviously read decorated edible cup cakes.

SPRING SHOW SATURDAY 24 MARCH

Entry forms for the show must be submitted by 9.00 pm on **Wednesday 21 March** the form and fee in an envelope should be put through the letterbox at **12 South Hanningfield Way. (Why not bring them along to the AGM and give them to Dave)**

Summer Rose and Cut Flower Competition: This year the cut flower Show combined with the Rose Show is on Monday 12 June – bring your own vases.. Points scored will be added together with points from the main shows and the trophies awarded accordingly. We will also be holding a plant sale along with the Show – members are encouraged to bring some of your cuttings or plants you have grown from seed for sale .

The Autumn Show is on Saturday 8 September

RHS CARD

The card allows reduced price to R H S establishments including Hyde Hall and Wisley. Contact Marianne (765368) to borrow the card. Alpha Garden centre offers a 10% discount on production of your Runwell Horticultural membership card.

TRADING

The Trading Hut is well stocked with plenty of compost and other gardening items - we continue looking for **volunteers** willing to commit to a couple of hours on a Sunday morning once a month to help man the Trading Hut on Sunday mornings from 10am to 12.00 - you do not need to be a committee member

Until the end of July **the Hut will be open on Sundays from 10.00 am until noon.** It will be **closed for the whole of August.**

OUTINGS

We are organizing the following coach outing

Great Comp Garden stopping off at **Polhill garden centre** en route - **Sunday 1 July – £20.00** (includes entry)

Tickets will be on sale at the AGM.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (due in March)

Subscriptions will be decided at the AGM. They may be paid then or at the hut or Show or you can pay any committee member. Please renew your subscription as soon as possible so that you may continue to use the trading hut and receive your Newsletter.

Teresa (765589) deals with membership.