

RUNWELL HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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September 2019 to February 2020

Many of you may have heard already, that Dave Slipper passed away at the end of June. He was a valued and well respected member of the club for many years and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Dave has put in a tremendous amount of work with the club over years, more recently with the Autumn and Spring Shows.

We will be carrying on with the Autumn Show this year, but there will be changes to how it is run and will endeavour to do the best we can in the short space of time.

AUTUMN SHOW: The Autumn Show is on **Saturday 7th September 2019.**

Please bring your relatives, friends and neighbours – there will be refreshments on sale and Ann will be selling homemade cakes and jams. Paul Clark, Parish Council Chairman, has been invited to present the Trophies at the end of the afternoon.

The weather this year has been great for growing plants, flowers, veg and fruit, so we are expecting a record number of exhibits. A speaker recently gave us tips on “What the Judge Looks For” so there will be no excuses for not entering an exhibit !!

Schedule - If you do not have a schedule for the Autumn Show and you wish to take part, please contact Marianne - she also has extra entry forms if you need them.

Entry Forms – should be put through the letter box at 19 Ethelred Gardens, Wickford SS11 7EX before 9.00pm on 4TH September.

Trophies - Please return your Trophies before 4th September at 19, Ethelred Gardens, Wickford, Essex SS11 7EX (If not at home, please leave in the box provided).

ROSE AND CUT FLOWER SHOW: was well attended despite the awful weather on the day - well done to those who took part and the winners – points will be added to the scores from the Spring and Autumn Show. The best perfumed rose was won by Ray Smith

OUTINGS: The outing to Hever Castle and Gardens was enjoyed by all – it was a beautiful day and the gardens were a splendid sight. The Castle was full of flower arrangements and the perfume from the flowers filled the rooms.

We have an outing to RHS Wisley Gardens, Summer Show on Sunday 8th September – Tickets priced at £14 which includes entry. Anyone interested, please contact Kevin Taylor 01268 560501

TRADING HUT: will be closed for the month of August and will only open again in September before it closes for the winter season . The Hut will be closed all of October until the end of January 2020.

KINGS SEEDS: If you wish to purchase seeds from **Kings** at a discount price, please see Teresa Dawson or visit the hut where the catalogue is available.

INTER-SOCIETY TASTING EVENT: Sunday 27th October 2.00pm for 2.30pm start at Ramsden Bellhouse. There will be an opportunity to taste various citrus fruits and produce (cakes/juices etc) and there will be a speaker to talk about Citrus Fruit. For more information, please contact Marianne Smith

75th ANNIVERSARY: We plan to celebrate the anniversary of the club at the Christmas Social on Monday 9th December with a cake and buffet. All are welcome

INTER-SOCIETY ANNUAL QUIZ: 28th February 2020 - 7.00pm for 7.30 start – Ramsden Bellhouse – We hope to have a team from Runwell to represent us.

COMMITTEE FOR 2019:

Chair:	Marianne Smith
Secretary:	Vacant
Trading Manager:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Robin Hills
Show Manager:	Vacant
Membership Secretary:	Teresa Dawson
Outings Secretary:	Kevin Taylor
Committee Members:	Ann Prince, Jim Salmon, Ray Smith, Roy Dockerill

As you can see our committee is now very low in numbers and there are not enough of us to fulfil the various tasks that need to be done to carry on with the club. We plan to have an emergency meeting after the Autumn Show to discuss the future of the club. If you have any ideas on how we continue or would like to consider coming forward to help with a few of the tasks, we look forward hearing from you.

Monday evenings booked for the rest of the year are:

12 th Aug	World of Flowers (Dahlias/Pelargoniums/Fushias)
9 th September	Weeds – Our Bane or Bedfellows
14 th Oct	How We Use Water in the Garden
11 th Nov	Winter Flower Garden
9 th Dec	75 th Anniversary / Xmas Social
13 th Jan	New Year Quiz
10 th Feb	Biological Control and Non Pesticide Control
9 th March	AGM

Note:

- The Club have **an RHS discount card for Hyde Hall** if anyone is planning to visit this year. It is available from Marianne Smith 01268 765368.
- Alpha Garden Centre offer 10% discount if you show your Runwell Horticultural Association Membership Card.