

Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter – March 2025

Dear Members,



Spring is here at long last even if there was a frost this morning, but at least we have a few more daylight hours. It is only three weeks until our Spring show, so I hope that soon we will have some warm sunshine to encourage our flowers to wake up and bloom.

You will be pleased to know that the new schedule is now complete and will be ready for you to collect at the AGM on 5th April.

Spring Flower Show Saturday 22nd March. The hall will be open for staging of your exhibits from 9-10.30. The judging will commence at 11.00. The hall will be open to the public from 2pm. Please remember to leave your exhibits in place until after the Prize giving at 4pm. We would be most grateful of any volunteers to help us with the dismantling of the show afterwards when all the exhibits have been removed. The schedule of this show is in the back of your current schedule. If you have mislaid it by now, you will be able to download a copy together with an entry form from our website. www.walberton-gardeners.com

The closing date for the entries is Wednesday 19th March 8pm.

According to my records the following people won trophies last year and I would be grateful if you could please return them to me with your entry for this year.

Tulip trophy – Patrick Dealtry

Daffodil trophy – Steve Holden

Innes Brown – Keith Perry

Floral art – Janet Warren.

Children – Mabel Coomber

The Annual General Meeting Saturday 5th April 10.30 Walberton Pavilion.

Please remember that this is your AGM when it is your chance to contribute to what we are doing with the Gardeners Club. The Pavilion will be open from 10.15, which will give you chance to have a cup of coffee, pay your subscriptions for the coming year and to collect your new schedule. The subscription for the coming year will be £8.00. I hope that you will find this good value, especially as we are one of the cheapest horticultural clubs in the area. You will all be receiving a copy of 1. The Agenda 2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM. 3. Accounts for the previous year, prior to the 5th April. The climax of the morning will be the presentation of the Annual Cups & Trophies. We are now proud to be able to award a trophy to the winner of every section, not just the three as we previously did. All sections

will be treated the same. The new trophies have been donated by the families of well established Walberton personalities & businesses. We would very much like to thank these families. We have trophies in memory of the Birch, Humphrey's Stores, Horner, Tristram, Booker & Carver families.

Jobs to do in the garden in March.

Finish pruning Roses. It is also a good time to plant new roses and climbing plants.

Feed Camelias, rhododendrons & azaleas.

Prick over all borders to aerate them after the wet weather. Feed if necessary.

As soon as the ground warms up plant parsnips(slow germinators) potatoes, onion & shallot sets.

Take down insulation material in the greenhouse.

Give the greenhouse a big clean ready for action.

Sow Sweet Peas in deep pots & keep in the greenhouse.

New little business in Walberton

I am delighted to share with you my new floristry business initiative, The Garden Florist. A local, sustainable floral offering, wishing to promote acts of kindness, enhance wellbeing and to add a personal touch to celebrations and events. Initially I will be creating and selling jam jars of flowers which can be collected or delivered locally.

My intention is to keep this initiative local; I would like to bring together our community through the beauty of flowers and foliage. I am hopeful that the Walberton Gardeners Club might wish to play a role in helping achieve this goal.

In order to ensure a diverse and plentiful local supply throughout the year I am asking if you would be interested in supporting me by sharing various snippings of foliage and flowers at your discretion. This is something you can dip in and out of as you please - it may be that you have a glut of flowers that you would like to share or are cutting back herbs or greenery which would enhance an arrangement. I would be happy to collect or come and snip (anything would be cut discretely leaving your beautiful gardens looking untouched). I am also looking for donations of tall jam jars if you happen to have any spare.

To acknowledge your support, I will deliver ad hoc complimentary jars of flowers throughout the seasons to spread cheer and kindness to nominated individuals, thereby giving back to our community.

Please let me know if you would be willing to support me, I would be delighted to hear from you!

Email: thegardenfloristx@gmail.com (please note the 'x' at the end of 'thegardenflorist')

Mobile: 07710 421837

Out & About in March.

8th March – Felpham Horti Spring Show

14th March – Wine Tasting Arundel Town Hall in aid of Snowdrop Trust.

15th March – Arundel Farmers Market.

29th March – Yapton Spring Show

5th April – A Night at the Movies with Southdowns Concert Band – Village Hall 7.30



Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

From Your Committee – Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey, Doug Callander, Sue Atkins.

Bob Rogers & Kate Dobson.