

CHOLESBURY CUM ST LEONARDS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2018

Our first event is this coming Sunday 18 February, so even if Snowdrops are not really your thing, get your boots on and come and enjoy a walk in the fresh air round Carys and Eric Gadsden's lovely estate at Hawridge Place.

Our coach trip this year starts at a Grade 1 listed hall with gardens in Kelmarsh near Northampton where the roses and herbaceous perennials should be beautiful. We're having lunch there, then on to Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens where the house, a Queen Anne house dating from 1702, will be open as well as the gardens.

The cost of the outing will range from between £15.50 per person and £28.50 per person depending on whether you are a member of our Society and the RHS, and whether you wish to go round the house. Diana Mills is now taking bookings on dimills24@gmail.com or telephone 01296 624993, and she will be able to give you more information.

Sunday 18 February 11.00 to 13.00 Open Snowdrops	Come and view Carys and Eric Gadsden's splendid collection of Snowdrops at Hawridge Place, Hawridge, HP5 2ZD and enjoy a hot drink to warm your hands. Donations will be collected at the gate for Hawridge Church.
Friday 23 March 19.30 – 21.30 in Cholesbury Village Hall	"Some Like It Hot" by Annie Godfrey, Chelsea Flower Show 2017 Gold medal winner. Annie will be bringing plants for sale from her nursery, Daisy Roots. Entry £4.00 per person to include the talk, ploughman's supper and first glass of wine or soft drink.
Thursday 14 June 6.30 – 8.30 Evening Open Garden	MEMBERS ONLY: Sarah and Stephen Tricks have invited us to revisit their beautiful garden at Highcroft House, Cholesbury Road, HP23 6JQ. Come and enjoy a glass of something to keep you cool! All donations for The Sabre Trust which supports education in Ghana.
Wednesday 27 June 8.30 to 18.30 Coach Trip	A couple of hours journey to Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens and picnic lunch, then on to Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens where the house will also be open.
Thursday 12 July from 6.00 to 7.30 Evening Open Garden	MEMBERS ONLY: Kath and John Allen have invited us to their hidden garden at Springwood, Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common HP23 6NQ. Wine/soft drink and nibbles will be available, and donations collected for Diabetes UK.
Saturday 1 September	Horticultural, Cookery, Handicraft and Flower Show at Hawridge and Cholesbury C of E School. Doors open for setting up entries: 8.30 Show opens at 2.30 for visitors to enjoy home-made teas and a raffle. Schedule and entry form on www.cholesbury.com .
Friday 23 November from 7.30 to 9.30 in Cholesbury Village Hall	A very short AGM followed by hot supper and a Quiz. Entry to the supper and quiz, £4.00 per person including first glass of wine.

Further information about all these events will be sent by email and notices will appear on the village noticeboards. Any queries contact Diana Garner on montana@cholesbury.net or 01494 758347. New members always welcome.