

CHOLESBURY CUM ST LEONARDS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2019

Some of the recent cold grey days have made it difficult to believe that Spring is just around the corner. There are signs of life though with the appearance of cheerful snowdrops and crocuses.

The first event in our programme, a talk about butterflies in our gardens, should raise our spirits. We have an interesting and varied programme this year, including a visit to a local nursery and a coach trip to two very different gardens – a more traditional garden in Berkshire and an exciting, newer garden in Hampshire, both of which are only occasionally open to the public. Enjoying the opportunity to visit a member's garden is always a highlight and I look forward to seeing you all at White Gate Cottage as well as other events during the year.

Enjoy your garden and let's make the Annual Show even more successful than last year!

The Programme for 2019 is:

Friday 15 March at 7.30 in Cholesbury Village Hall	"Butterflies of the Chilterns and how to encourage them into our gardens" by David Dennis. Talk, supper and first glass of wine £4.00 pp
Friday 17 May from 1.00 to 3.00	Members visit to Sunnyside Nursery, New Road, Northchurch, HP4 1NJ. Wine and soft drinks. Phil Smith to give introduction to nursery and offer a 10% discount on all plants sold, and 15% for orders over £100. Donations collected for "Cystic Fibrosis Trust"
Wednesday 19 June from 8.30 to 6.30	Coach trip to Rooksnest, Lambourn RG17 7SB – private NGS garden, then to Malverleys, East End RG20 0A. Maximum 38 people so don't delay in booking.
Friday 21 June from 5.30 to 7.30	Members only open garden at Sandra and Alan Freeman, White Gate Cottage, Hastoe, HP23 6LX. Wine and soft drinks, donations collected for Macmillan.
Saturday 7 September	Annual Horticultural Show and Craft Fair in Hawridge and Cholesbury school
Friday 15 November at 7.30 in Cholesbury Village Hall	AGM, Supper and quiz. £5.00 pp.

For further information about any of these events and to book your place, contact the Secretary, Diana Garner on montana@cholesbury.net or 01494 758347. Membership costs £2.00 per person per annum, and new members are always welcome.

Brian Mills
Chairman

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