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Thursday 3rd December 2009

Deverell Hall, Purbrook

7.30pm

All welcome – refreshments available

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Another year is winding down – Autumn is upon us. Most gardeners are harvesting, cutting, clearing and getting ready for another season, bearing in mind what was good and not-so-good this year. I see catalogues are out and about – reading for darker evenings and dreaming of how to do it better next time!

Going back to the 'good', if you missed the Summer Show it was excellent – entries were up and the standard looked and was superb. Unfortunately only 125 members and guests joined us on the afternoon. Bearing in mind we have over 500 households on our 'books', not such a throng as one would have liked – especially bearing in mind the general public who came through the doors to help swell the numbers. It was well worth the entrance fee.

Well done to all the exhibitors and stallholders for their hard work, and not forgetting the group of helpers who turn up to set-up and break-down the Show: this is essential if the event is to run smoothly. We had a few new faces helping and I hope we didn't put them off?

Please don't forget that this is the last Gazette before the New Year so make a note in your diary and come along to the AGM to hear what your Society has been doing during the year and to elect your choice of Committee. The date is Thursday 3rd December, at 7.30pm at the Deverell Hall, Purbrook. You will be very welcome.

As this is the last Gazette for the year, I would like to thank all the many helpers who keep the Society 'on an even keel'. Lots work in the background – so once again – many thanks!

Good gardening

Richard

MEMBERSHIP 2010

All memberships are due to be renewed by January 1st 2010, or at your first meeting or visit to the store thereafter. Renewals can be made from now on at Thursday meetings, including the AGM and also at the Store on Saturday mornings.

Renewals may also be done by post to the Membership Secretary. Cards will be sent by return of post if an SAE is enclosed or will be sent out with the next Gazette.

Graham

TRADING STORE

Christmas Potatoes – I'm sorry if some members were too late to purchase the Christmas potatoes this year. They were delivered in July and so most had been sold by the time the Gazette with my article in appeared. Next year I will try to put a reminder in an earlier Gazette and also increase the quantity ordered.

Amaryllis – I hope the same will not happen with the Amaryllis bulbs, which will have been delivered in October. However, I have ordered two cases so there should be enough still to be available up to the AGM. These will be the largest bulbs obtainable, which should produce at least two stems of magnificent flowers – perhaps an ideal Christmas present! Because the large flower heads can make them top heavy, it is advisable to plant them in earthenware or clay pots, which you may find on the Plant Stall at the Store.

Christmas Opening Hours – Please note that the Store will be closed on 26th December and 2nd January but do join us on the 19th December for some seasonal refreshments

Brian

REPORT ON THE SUMMER SHOW

As those of you who attended will know, the Annual Summer Show on the 23rd of August was a success. The show's success was primarily due to the usual high standard of the exhibits from a relatively small band of regulars without whom we would not have a show. Many thanks to all of you and I hope we can maintain your numbers and your support.

The success of the show is also due in no small part to the team of volunteer helpers, ably recruited and organised by Betty and Graeme. A very BIG thank you to all of you – I won't embarrass you by naming names. To my mind three aspects are particularly worthy of mention. The first is the very hard work put in by Betty and her catering team to provide the delectable range of refreshments provided – such a pity more of you didn't come to the Show and get the chance to sample them. The second is that for the first time in many years we had enough stewards to assist the Judges. I hope you all enjoyed the experience and will volunteer again next year. And finally, the good response to our request for helpers to dismantle the show, tidy up the venue and transport "stuff" back to the store. Instead of a pile of show paraphernalia in the school car park awaiting transport at the 6pm "clear the building" deadline, we had it all loaded and on its way to the store by five to six.

At this point I usually exhort more of you to support our future shows. Let's take that as read. Instead I would appreciate your suggestions on any changes to the schedule which, in your opinion, would encourage more of you to enter. I would particularly appreciate suggestions of new themes or titles for some of the handicraft classes, items in the cookery classes – especially suitable new recipes and any ideas that would encourage entries in the "children's" classes. I would appreciate suggestions by the end of December as we will be meeting in early January to generate the Schedule for next years Summer Show.

So that you can size up the competition for next year, the Show prize winners were:

Charles Rose Memorial Cup (Best Vegetable Collection)	M S Moore
Borrow Cup (Best Potato exhibit)	M S Moore
Cornelius Cup (Best vegetable exhibit excl collections)	D Hall
Ted Miles Trophy (Most points for vegetables)	M S Moore
Juniper Cup (Most points for novice)	J Pope
Rowena Cup (Most points for fruit)	J Reynolds
Dring Cup (Most points for roses)	M Potts
Healey Cup (Most points for flowers)	P Rogers
George Broom Memorial Bowl (Most points pot plants)	Mrs A Brown
Dring Chrysanthemum Cup (Most points for chrysanthus)	J Primmer
Norman Cup (Most points for Dahlias)	B P Moore
Rosemary Trophy (Most points for floral art)	Mrs J Withers
Ava Trophy (Most points for jams and preserves)	Mrs K Legg
Charlwood Cup (Most points in all classes, ladies)	Mrs J Macfarlane
Napier Cup (Most points in all classes, gentleman)	B P Moore
Enid Gauntlett Cup (Most points for handicrafts)	Mrs K Collinson
Mary Gauntlett Cup (Best Fuchsia exhibit)	Mrs A Brown
Society Shield (Most points monthly show table)	J Clark
Janet Bendell Cup (Best pot plant)	Mrs A Brown
Chairmans Cup (Best floral art exhibit)	Mrs J Withers
Jim Mew Cup (Best Onion exhibit)	D Hall
Greta Carter trophy (Best novice floral art exhibit)	Mrs M Bricknell
West Cup (3 vases Chrysanthemums)	B Keeping

Gauntlett Cup (Local Dahlia Championship)	S J Brewer
G A Day Cup (Rose Class 48 – four blooms)	M Potts
Smith Cup (Most points child up to 7 yrs)	Not Awarded
Eileen Jones Cup (Handwriting child up to 7 yrs)	Not Awarded
Borrow Young People’s Cup (Most points 7 – 11 yrs)	Not Awarded
Mary Grinter Cup (Most points 11 – 16 yrs)	Not Awarded
Havant Borough Council Cup (Most points cookery classes)	Mrs J Andrews
The National Chrysanthemum Society Silver Medal	B Keeping
The National Chrysanthemum Society Bronze Medal	J Osman
The National Chrysanthemum Society Certificate	B Keeping
The National Dahlia Society Silver Medal	S J Brewer
The National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal	R Harding
The National Rose Society Bronze Medal	M Potts
The National Vegetable Society Silver Medal	D Hall
The Banksian Medal	B P Moore

SPRING SHOW 2010

The Spring Show is scheduled for Saturday 20th March at its usual venue – the Deverell Hall.

Schedules are now available at the store. Do have a look at them as we have introduced several single specimen daffodil classes to make it easier to produce an entry.

By the time you read this, the optimum time for planting bulbs for the Show will probably have passed. If you haven’t planted any bulbs, it is not too late to consider an entry in the “planted container” class. The containers can be planted up a few weeks before the show with either own-raised or bought-in plants and are judged on both the quality and suitability of the plants selected and their arrangement within the container. There is the added bonus that the planted container will provide a colourful feature both before and after the Show.

Good luck with your entries.

THE PUMPKIN EVENING

Those of you who did not attend the monthly meeting on October 1st missed an outstanding display of giant pumpkins and a very entertaining quiz evening.

The Pumpkin side of the event was managed by Phil Stock who raised the plants sold at the store and chivvied up the number of large pumpkins in the open section.

In the Open class, Phil who had won the competition several times sportingly did not enter the almost 63kg (about 150lb) specimen he brought in. The heaviest entry weighed about 33kg (about 73lb) and won Alan Taylor a prize of 25 pounds with Mrs K Spurway and Frances Leppard winning the 15 and 10 pound prizes respectively.

The heaviest culinary pumpkin was entered by Maureen Kemp who pipped Phil’s entry by a mere ounce. Phil got his own back by winning the prize for the best quality squash.

All of us would like to say a big Thank you to Frances Leppard both for organizing a quiz that was taxing, but did not leave us feeling completely ignorant, and for masterminding the excellent spread of refreshments.

Charles Mobsby – Show Secretary

FROM THE SPIDER'S LAIR

Since the publication of the Autumn Gazette 3 more slide-shows of photographs have been added to the collections accessible from the PHOTOS page of the Website.

As befits its importance in our full calendar of events by far the largest is the one containing 31 pictures of the Summer Show. Obviously the Main Hall devoted to vegetable, plant and flower classes gets the most attention. However to give a balanced view I have included some less publicised but equally important features like the Handicraft room, the Young People's section, the reception/membership desk and not forgetting the popular refreshment area.

There has been some discussion about the use of partitions down the centre of the tables in the Main Hall. The consensus seems to be that the overall effect was improved by not having these this year. Certainly the first impression on entering the room was of a more open and spacious display. The photographs I believe support this view.

The other two slide-shows are of two very successful and well supported outings. The first was to Parham House & Garden where inside there is a magnificent Elizabethan long gallery and outside an extensive Walled Garden. In addition it was also the annual 'Garden Weekend' with stalls of plants and garden equipment for purchase plus entertainment by Morris Dancers and a Youth Band. The second featured trip is the one to Batemans, once the home of Rudyard Kipling.

As well as the links from the PHOTOS Main page the most recent additions to the slide-shows can also be accessed direct from the Home page. A special thank you to the members who have sent me photos for inclusion on the website. Contributions are always acknowledged on the 'thumbnails' page of each individual slide-show.

There is also one other small slide-show of entries to the 2009 Schools Competition this can be found near the bottom of the competition results page.

In October the total number of visitors to the website, since it was relaunched in February this year, will pass the 10,000 mark.

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David Collinson

******AGM******

Another quick reminder that our annual General Meeting takes places on Thursday 3rd December 2009 at Deverell Hall, Purbrook at 7.30pm.

There will be the usual Show Table, Bulb Sales and of course Betty's delicious refreshments to help make it an enjoyable social evening – so please come along.

TONY'S INTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL TROPHY 2009

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2009 WINNERS

The 2009 Trophy Finalists were:

BARNCROFT INFANTS SCHOOL, Leigh Park
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Leigh Park
ST. ALBANS PRIMARY SCHOOL, West Leigh

The standard of the entries was very high and trying to determine the overall winner was very difficult. Eventually this was decided by inviting the members present at the July monthly meeting to place coins in a container alongside the entries. The entry with the highest number of coins was declared the winner.

By a narrow margin the overall winner was:

PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL, LEIGH PARK

They received the Trophy plus the money, donated by members at the meeting, to purchase gardening supplies.

Lynda Piddington

*****AGM*****

An AGM is an important milestone in the life of any society. Not only is it an opportunity to look back over the year's activities but it is a chance for members, ie you, to offer comments and suggestions for the future well being of your Society.

Formalities will be kept to a minimum and there will be the usual Show Table, Bulb Sales and of course Betty's delicious refreshments to help make it an enjoyable social evening – so please come along.

Brian

PURBROOK FLORAL ART CLUB

All our meetings are held on the second Thursday in the month. We meet at Deverell Hall, Purbrook, 7pm for 7.30pm. There are refreshments, raffle and sales table. Visitors are very welcome at a small charge of £4 per person.

PROGRAMME FOR 2009/10

12 th November	Demonstration	'Christmas'
	<i>Carole Norman</i>	
10 th December	Christmas Party	Venue - Deverell Hall
11 th February	AGM	
11 th March	Demonstration	'That Spring Feeling'

8th April *Ann-Marie Dicker*
Demonstration **‘Natures Treasures’**
Jenny Withers
13th May **Demonstration** **‘Brighton to Barbados’**
Stephen McDonnell

All enquiries please call one of the Committee Members:

Jenny Withers – Chairman – 023 9225 1721
Lorraine Plant – Secretary – 023 9264 3809

A QUALITY DEMONSTRATION

After a successful Summer show members of the Floral Art Club looked forward to the September floral demonstration entitled ‘Falling Heaven’.

Our demonstrator was David Denyer local florist and floral designer manager of ‘Corrines’ of Gosport and ‘Joan Kail’ of Fareham. He was five times Gold medallist at Chelsea Flower Show and in Australia an International Gold medallist.

Based on David’s presentation before he began his demonstration, we knew we were in for a good evening. Our members were not disappointed, 6 individual designs captured the autumn season with flowers and berries cleverly arranged in different ways. We will be welcoming him back again in the near future.

Jenny Withers - Chairman

THE GREEN FINGERED COOK

We visited the ‘Store’ one Saturday a few weeks before the 2009 Summer Show and picked up a schedule. After giving my wife (Mavis) a number of pointers and a little advice on the variety of classes she could enter (she’s the gardener), Mavis challenged me to enter the “men only” cooking section. Much against my better judgment I agreed, this was most unwise as I am the one who looks in a cookery book to boil an egg!

Not only are my cooking skills somewhat lacking but we are having a new kitchen and as part of this project we have a stand-in gas oven, so even the ‘expert’ burns the bread. I suggested that we use a ‘Bain Marie’ which I had seen on television, but I was advised that this would make the oven too steamy; Mavis came up with another idea to use wet Newspaper under a baking sheet. My first effort was not too good, considered entering it for the Bread Pudding section but it looked too awful for that! I cannot express my pride when the second loaf came out of the oven, perfect, it made it all worthwhile.

When it came to displaying it on the show table, my heart sank just a little when I contemplated the other entries, but to my delight, I received second prize. I have now received an order from friends (but they do feed the birds!!)

So don’t be shy to enter, you will be amazed what you can achieve with a little effort, I am going for Gold next year. So I’m looking for a little competition from all you Men out there

Peter Davis

NEWS FLASH

'Farlington & Purbrook Parish Magazine' - October 1853

'Lady Napier's Gardener won an award for the best basket of apples at Waterlooille Fruit and Vegetable Show'.

Lady Napier lived at Oaklands House (now Oaklands Catholic School)

The above comes from **Anne Wellsted** who likes to research local history. Thanks Anne

FORTHCOMING TRIPS 2010

I know it is a bit early to be thinking of next July, but I have been asked by a few people about doing a visit to the Hampton Court Flower Show, and as the Society is RHS affiliated we can visit on the RHS day Wednesday 7th July 2010.

If we can fill a coach the price should be about £40 or less, this includes the coach. As I would have to purchase the tickets in advance I need to know how many members would be interested.

Please can I have your names by Saturday 19th December there will be a list at the trading hut or phone Ann on 023 9225 4986.

Other trips for next year will probably be Hever Castle, Ham House, Athelhampton House & Gardens/Bennetts Water Gardens.

Have a nice seasonal break and see you in 2010.

Ann

ADVANCE NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR 2009/10

Thursday 5th November

John Comes, photographer, showing lots of slides of flowers and wildlife. Maybe we can pick his brains about how to take better pictures.

Thursday 3rd December

Annual General Meeting. All welcome. Come along and elect your choice of Committee.

Thursday 4th February

Derek Brown, 'Fun in retirement'. This talk has been recommended by another group as being extremely entertaining.

Thursday 4th March

Mrs Lucy Frost 'Organic gardening'. More details to follow.

Thursday 1st April

David Coates 'Exotic Plants'.

Thursday 6th May

Gerry Fry 'The Life of the Honey Bee'.

June excursion to be announced later

Thursday 1st July

Mrs Jennifer Harmer 'Primula Auriculas – history and culture'. If you have never grown these plants they are well worth it, very pretty and with a gorgeous scent.

Thursday 5th August

Dennis Bright 'Valley of the Barn Owls'.

Thursday 2nd September

Alan Martin 'Anecdotes from working and studying plants in Jerusalem'. Alan worked in Israel for his internship from Sparsholt College.

Thursday 7th October

Hopefully our regular Pumpkin & Quiz evening.

Thursday 4th November

Mrs Carol Watson 'South Africa in Bloom'.

Magazine, Cards and Equipment Loans

There is a selection of Society Magazines, Privilege Cards and garden equipment available for loan to Members, against a signature at the Membership Desk in the Store.

Magazine

The Garden – Journal of the RHS

National Dahlia Society Bulletin

The Rose

Chrysanthemum Society

National Vegetable Society

Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies – Monthly Bulletin

Cards

RHS Reduced Garden Entry (+1 guest) – not Wisley on Sundays

National Vegetable Society

Royal National Rose Society

National Chrysanthemum Society

National Dahlia Society

Equipment

Lawn Spreaders (2) £1 charge towards replacement costs

Leaf Vac/Blower (2)

Lawn Rakes and leads (4) £2 deposit, refundable on return

Anyone borrowing an item is required to return it within two weeks, so that other Members may have the opportunity to use it.

Folding Tables may also be borrowed (£1 per table)

Diary 2009

5 th Nov	John Combes	Photography – Flowers and wildlife
3 rd Dec	AGM	Including refreshments by Betty
4 th Feb	Derek Brown	‘Fun in retirement’
4 th Mar	Mrs Lucy Frost	‘Organic Gardening’
1 st Apr	David Coates	‘Exotic Plants’
6 th May	Gerry Fry	‘The Life of the Honey Bee’
June	Evening Trip	Details to follow
1 st July	Mrs J Harmer	‘Primula Auriculas’
5 th Aug	Dennis Bright	‘Valley of the Barn Owls’
2 nd Sept	Alan Martin	‘Anecdotes from Jerusalem’
7 th Oct	Pumpkin Night	
4 th Nov	Mrs Carol Watson	‘South Africa in Bloom’

FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

For those of you reading this magazine for the first time, you may be interested to know what takes place at our Monthly Meetings.

We meet at the Deverell Hall on the first Thursday of every month, excluding January. Doors open at 7pm and the meeting commences at 7.30pm. Illustrated talks are presented by well-known local personalities; these programmes are mainly of a horticultural nature, although at times other topics of interest are presented.

An interval is usually taken at about 8.30pm when coffee or tea and biscuits are served (at no charge). This is then followed by the drawing of the Raffle. The speaker then concludes the evening talk and the meeting closes at about 9.45pm.

Do come and join us, you will be made most welcome. In addition to enjoying the talk you can view the Show Table, buy plants from the Plant Stall, book a seat on one our outings, pay your Membership Fees and meet the other members and officers of the Society.

TRADING STORE OPENING HOURS

Every Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am

The Trading Store is situated on the London Road, Widley,
adjacent to ‘The Old Vicarage’

Items for inclusion in the Spring 2010 issue, distributed at the start of February should be with the Editor by the first Saturday in January.