

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

April meeting

A reminder that the April meeting is on the 2nd Monday (12 April) where we will welcome Neil Wigfield talking on vegetable growing for a year round supply

Summer Visits

As announced at the recent meeting we have two summer visits planned this year.

Monday 10 May



The first visit will replace the May meeting and will be an evening visit to the garden at **The Old Rectory, Farnborough**.

The 4 acre garden, once the home of the poet John Betjeman, is divided into rooms with woodland, herbaceous borders, a ha-ha and a pool.

Members to meet at the garden at 6.30 pm.
Cost is £5 per person – money to be collected on the night.

We have to give them an idea of numbers in writing 10 days beforehand so could you please confirm your attendance either by contacting Penny on 868637 or by adding your name to the sheet available at the April meeting (Monday 12 April). If you could indicate to Penny if you require a lift many of us will be available to drive.

Wednesday 16 June

Following the success of the day visit last year we have arranged another day trip to two famous gardens; **Hidcote Manor and Kiftsgate Court**. Thanks to the hard work of members at the plant sale last year the HGC have been able to fund a coach for this event so Club members and their partners/spouses will only have to pay their entrance fees.

The coach will leave the Hanney War Memorial Hall at 10am prompt. We aim to get to the first garden, Hidcote Manor, at 11:00 where we have booked an introductory talk which will last about 15 minutes. Lunch can be taken at the restaurant or cafe at Hidcote, or bring a picnic. The coach will leave Hidcote at 14:15 to travel to Kiftsgate. The coach will leave Kiftsgate at 17:00 to arrive back in Hanney for around 18:00.



Hidcote Manor

Hidcote is one of England's great gardens. Designed and created by the horticulturist Major Lawrence Johnston in the Arts & Crafts style, it is made up of individual garden rooms, each possessing its own special character.

This is a National Trust garden so entry is free for NT members; otherwise entry is £9.50.

Kiftsgate Court

Kiftsgate Court Gardens is the creation of three generations of women gardeners. The garden contains plant species collected from all over the world displayed in a series of interconnecting gardens each with its distinct character.

Group entry is £5.50.



I have visited these gardens several times and have seen something different each time. I am especially looking forward to a visit in June as I have not visited in this month before.

If you would like to come along can you please sign up at the April meeting or complete the attached form and send it with your entry money to Kay Sayers. All monies need to be paid to Kay **before** the day. If any places remain by Saturday 15 May we will open the trip to guests, an opportunity will be available to sign up and pay at the plant sale.

Plant Sale

Each year we seem to do better at the plant sale and last year we again topped the previous year's sales with a staggering total of over £1,000. Even so Rosi tells me that we could do better, so this year we are hoping to maintain the excellent standard of the plants on sale and also to get a few more customers. Giving your support by helping on the day, providing plants for sale, coming along to buy and telling your friends and colleagues what a great event this is would be great. It is going to be hard to beat last years total but I am sure we can do it.

We really do rely on you our members to make this event a success and hope you can give us the great support you've provided in the past. The sale will be held on **Saturday 15 May** as usual we will be at the Hall on Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm if you have plants to contribute. If you need help getting your plants to the Hall then let Rosi Rollings or me know and we will arrange collection.

To re-iterate the advice from last year:

| Things that sell best | Things that don't sell well |
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| Established healthy plants | Unlabelled and unidentifiable plants |
| Anything in flower | Plants which have recently been dug up and look a bit wilted |
| | Cuttings with no sign of new growth |
| | Large shrubs |

The annuals always sell well, especially those old favourites, peligoniums, cosmos, nicotania so if you have any spare from your own sowing or cuttings they would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember it helps enormously if you are able to **label all plants with their name and colour**. If you are unsure of what a plant is please bring this to someone's attention when delivering it.

We also need volunteers to help on the day. We start setting up the hall at 9am and are usually finished by 12. Please call **Rosi on 868147** if you can spare the time.

Charity Garden Party Sunday 20 June

A garden party with cream teas, plants, cakes, cards, art and music will be held at The Mulberries, East Hanney in aid of The October Club and The Alzheimer's Society on 20 June between 2:30pm and 5:00 pm. In addition the gardens at Jasmine Cottage and Nightingale Cottage will also be open. Entrance is by donation. Donations of cakes for the cake stall are welcome. For further information call Judith Hockaday on 868231.

Travelling Garden Party

The Travelling Garden Party is in East Hanney again this year (I promise we will move to West Hanney next year) to be held on **Friday 23 July**

The following Club members have kindly agreed to host the evening:

Marion and Chris French, 3 Snuggs Lane – starters
Joy and Bob Wilson, Manor Farm, The Green – main course
Catriona and Patrick Karney, Midgy House, Main Street – puddings

Hanney Gardening Club is very grateful to all these members for inviting us to their gardens for what I'm confident will be another delightful evening. In my first year as Chair I am also hoping for a warm dry evening!

Accompanying this Newsletter is a form to complete to make your booking so please don't delay as numbers are (as always) limited.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Monday 6 September. As usual, there will be a talk, this year the speaker is Eva Roger on 'Liven up your garden with Autumn colours' following the necessary AGM administration. Please put the date on your calendar and come if possible as we are keen to get your views. We are also looking for a couple of additional members for the Committee as we have been running with only five this year. Luckily we have had the help from past committee members to arrange the tea rota and the Christmas Party but we cannot always expect them to help.

That's all for this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events during the summer, happy gardening.

Best wishes

Jane Bradley

Chair

Hanney Gardening Club

Visit to Hidcote and Kiftsgate gardens Wednesday 16 June

This is an all-day visit by coach to two beautiful gardens. The details of the trip are as follows:

1. The coach will leave the Village Hall promptly at 10am.
2. No refreshments are being organised. There is a restaurant at Hidcote or you may wish to take a picnic.
3. We aim to arrive at Hidcote for 11am. We have arranged a short talk about the gardens on arrival. The entrance fee is £9.50 unless you are a National Trust member and have your membership card with you.
4. We aim to be at Kiftsgate for 2:30pm so the coach is booked to leave Hidcote at 2:15pm. The group entrance fee is £5.50.
5. We will leave Kiftsgate at 5:00pm to return to East Hanney by around 6:00pm.
6. There may be guest tickets available. Applications can be made from Saturday 15 May – there will be an opportunity to do so at the Plant Sale.

Please book your place by completing the form below and send it along with your full entrance fee to:

Kay Sayers
4 Rectory Farm Close
West Hanney
OX12 0LR



Booking form: Visit to Hidcote and Kiftsgate Gardens

Name _____

No. of member tickets _____ x £5.50 (National Trust members) you will need proof of membership on entrance = £ _____

No. of member tickets _____ x £15 (non-National Trust members) = £ _____

No. of guest tickets requested _____ to be paid for if allocated

Please make your cheque payable to Hanney Gardening Club