



KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

OVER THE GARDEN WALL...

September 2020. No. 149

Dear Members,

What an unprecedented year we are having. I am very fortunate to have a garden I can tend and enjoy, but I feel sorry for those who have had to isolate in a flat in a tower block, particularly with children. Some members have expressed their appreciation for the garden pictures circulated by the County Organiser of the National Garden Scheme during the lockdown. The weather has provided a challenge; after the wet winter we have had to contend with dry spells and recently the extreme heat. Plants have been very stressed.

I wish to express my appreciation to Lyn Kilbride for organising the sale of plants in May, to Bob Sargeant who sold plants from his drive, as did Lyn, and to all those members who grew the plants that were sold, what a great effort in difficult circumstances.

Because of the government restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic we are unable at present to use the Stewart Hall. As advised in an email, our September meeting will be on Zoom, the October and November meetings will probably be the same.

Stay well, enjoy your garden and join our Zoom meetings if you can.

Brian Butler  
Chairman

## **Plant Sale 2020**

I am pleased to write that the alternative plant sale held in May was a resounding success raising £1018.35. Apart from sending out plant lists in the last Newsletter to our own members, other groups were contacted via social media informing them of what was available. Emails came flooding in requesting plants. Within a short time some plants sold out and I redirected people to what else was available. About 50 people reserved plants and they were then contacted to collect from outside my front door and leave money in the designated box and then go to Bob's if they had plants from there. People came at their allocated time, 15 minutes apart on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and all day Monday. Unfortunately, the weather was not good with very strong cold winds and on the Monday night a very heavy frost. By then all plants had gone!

I feel that as it is such a small group of growers I want to name them personally. Thank you (alphabetically no favouritism) Bob, David, Deborah, Jean, Jenny, Mary and Val for all that you grew for this year's sale and for dropping off your plants to my house. A particular

thank you to Bob who had two tables in his front garden filled with the plants he had grown.

Let's hope normality returns for the sale in 2021.

Lyn  
(Ed. See pictures on page 4.)

### **Perennial Plants for Sale**

We were unable to sell perennial plants which some members had grown for our May plant sale. These members have kindly looked after the plants, we were hoping to hold a sale in September. However, as halls are not available, we have decided to advertise these for sale, see below. I am hoping you will again support our Society by contacting the growers to arrange a time to visit them and purchase.

Mrs Jenny Summerfield - [jenny.summerfield@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny.summerfield@hotmail.com)

6 x hollyhocks  
6 x hellebores  
4 x bladder senna shrubs  
4 x aqualegias  
4 x pulmonarias  
3 x euphorbia oblongta  
2 x verbena bonariensis

Mrs Val Marsden - 01296 696303

5 Vincia (periwinkle - blue)  
1 large and 2 small Euphorbia (small red-leafed variety)  
3 Lysimachia (yellow - in flower)  
12 Lysimachia 'Firecracker' (maroon leaves with small yellow flowers)  
1 Inula magnifica (large daisy-like yellow flowers 6ft tall)  
2 Scabious (creamy-yellow flowers 7ft tall)  
9 Perennial geraniums (white)

Mrs Deboarah Hulett - [dhulett@waitrose.com](mailto:dhulett@waitrose.com)

Verbena bonariensis  
Aster Lou Williams  
Pulmonaria Dark Vader  
Salvia Turkestanica

### **Change of Society's web address**

I would remind you the Society's web site has transferred to <https://e-voice.org.uk/kehs/> which Laura Ells keeps up to date.

## **Unsolicited seeds**

Gardeners have been warned not to plant mysterious seeds they receive in the post after reports of packages turning up unsolicited and mislabelled as jewellery. Mislabelling means the seeds evade crucial biosecurity checks and pose a potential threat if they are planted. All seeds from outside the EU have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. The unsolicited seeds have been received from countries in southeast Asia and China. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is asking anyone receiving the unsolicited packages to report them to the Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate. (Ed. This is a precis of an article in the Daily Telegraph, but I have also received emails warning of the dangers from elsewhere.)

## **Forthcoming Society Events**

We will only be able to meet in the Stewart Hall when the government relaxes the restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic. You will be sent an email each month to inform you of the situation.

**SEPTEMBER** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

### ***Genetically Modified Crops – Fact and Fiction***

Martin Hodson, a plant scientist and author from Oxford Brookes University, returns with another very topical subject following his stimulating talk last year on Plants & Climate Change.

### A Zoom meeting – names and email addresses to Brian Butler by 27<sup>th</sup> August. ###

**OCTOBER** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

### ***Making Space for Wildlife***

With so many ancient habitats disappearing from our countryside, even a small garden can provide a vital sanctuary for wild plants and animals. John Tyler, a local naturalist, will discuss garden design, choosing the right plants, building a pond, establishing a wildflower meadow and managing your garden in a wildlife-friendly way.

**NOVEMBER** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

### ***Two Poppies - the Field or Remembrance Poppy and the Opium Poppy***

This talk, by Professor Sandy Primrose, scientist and author, will describe how these poppies impact our lives today and those of our servicemen and servicewomen.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



Plants waiting to be collected at Lyn's



Plants waiting to be collected at Bob's



More plants waiting to be collected at Lyn's



A group of members in Irene and Stanley Baxter's garden, whilst pricking out seedlings for the plant sale in 1993