

OTFORD GARDENERS' SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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*I don't believe the half I hear,
Nor the quarter of what I see!
But I have one faith, sublime and true,
That nothing can shake or slay;
Each spring I firmly believe anew
All the seed catalogues say!*

Carolyn Wells

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As we look forward to another exciting
gardener's year, we welcome the
coming of
SPRING
with our

**CHEESE AND WINE EVENING
And
INDOOR BULB SHOW
On
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2006.**

Entrance will, as usual, be £2.00 per person.
This will be the time to renew your membership and collect your schedule for 2006/7. Subscriptions are still £7.50 for a couple and £4.50 for single membership. **Please try to bring along the correct money (cheque or cash) to assist the Treasurer.**

Also remember to bring along your indoor bulbs for judging by popular vote and fill your pockets and purses with your copper coins to judge the entries.

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In addition there will be our **Easy Super Quiz** and not forgetting the refreshments.

The Cooper Bowl will also be presented.

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Our next meeting will be on 7th March when Brian Nobbs will give an illustrated talk at the usual time of 8.00pm on "Gardening for Wildlife".

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Following that it will be our **SPRING SHOW** on **SATURDAY 25TH MARCH**. The titles for the photographic classes are "An Urban Skyline" "It's Party Time" and "Winter Trees"

Further details will be given in our next newsletter.

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Our **Coach Outing** this year will be an all day visit to Hatfield House and Flower Festival on Saturday 10th June. The cost will be £16.50 for members and £18.50 for non-members. Priority will be given to members for tickets up to 30th March. Full details of this event will be given at the **Cheese and Wine Evening**.

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As advised at the Annual General Meeting, we have lost another stalwart member of our Committee and we need another two or three people to improve our service to members. Would you like to come and join us? We only meet on five occasions during the year and it is not an onerous task. Please speak to Doug or Janet.

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As you are aware, we always have tea and biscuits at our evening meetings and shows and we would like to get a **Tea Rota** together. We only need 18 members to help in any one year and volunteers would only have to do it once. Please see Janet if you can help which will be very much appreciated.

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In 2002 Otford won the Village of the Year Competition. It is now ten years since this competition was started and it has been decided to have a grand finale of all the villages that have won in the past. Judging will take place in March and so all we ask is that you keep your front garden tidy and pick up any rubbish that you see lying around both in your part of the village and elsewhere.

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Some of you may have noticed that we have not announced our Fun and Quiz evening, which we normally have in February and which is open to other clubs and societies. We have decided to have this later in the year and this will be held on 5th December.

We have received an invitation from East Horticulture Limited at The Landscape Centre, Leydenhatch Lane, Hextable, to their Open Day and product sale on Saturday 4th March from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

According to their invite there will be:

- Many special offers available on the day
- 50% discount on Wyevale East nursery stock purchased on the day
- New Sundries catalogue available.
- A flexible delivery service.
- Complimentary hot and cold refreshments.

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Suttons Seed and Plant Catalogues are still available with the cost of seeds reduced by 25% and the cost of plants i.e. plug plants reduced by 10%. Please ask the Chairman.

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The Heritage Centre Committee has decided to offer a display case to village organisations and societies for a three-month period. The Gardeners' Society has been asked to supply the first display. We have to have this in place before the end of February to tie in with the third paragraph on this page. We will put in photographs and other memorabilia but, if members have anything that they think would add to the display, would they please contact the Chairman.

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The Committee and I look forward to seeing you all at the Cheese and Wine Evening and Indoor Bulb Show.

**Doug Dickerson
Chairman.**