

OTFORD
GARDENERS'
SOCIETY

March 2004

NEWSLETTER

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.
Wordsworth.

Yes, it's Springtime again and time for
our own

SPRING SHOW
on
Saturday 20th March

Staging of your entries will take place
from 9.30am and we would ask you to
kindly vacate the Hall by 11.45am.
The **SHOW** will open, as usual at
2.15pm.

**Entry forms, together with your entry
fees, to the Parish Office please or to
34 Willow Park
by the 18th March.**

If you are not sure into which class to
enter your Narcissi/Daffodils, please
turn to page 5 of your schedule, where a
description of the varieties is shown.

So please fill the hall and dance with
YOUR daffodils!! Even if you only have
one entry it will help to brighten up the
hall.

**We would again be very grateful for
any cakes.**

Please note: Juniors will be able to
collect the Fuchsia Plants at the Spring
Show, which are to be grown on in a pot
and entered at the Autumn Show. The
Junior Challenge Cup will be presented
for the best plant.

Just a reminder:

The Flower Arrangement titles will be:

42. "Golden Days"
43. "A Mug's Game"
44. An exhibit with an Egg Cup
45. Novice - "Tea Time Special"

And the Photographic Classes:

56. "Water in Winter"
 57. "Reflections"
 58. "A Church"
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Thank you to all of you who came along
to our Cheese and Wine evening .
We do hope that you enjoyed it.
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We had a good turn out for our "Fun
Quiz Evening" but it would have been
nice if we had some more tables with
our own members. Thank you to all the
members who did participate, we do
hope that you enjoyed it. In fact the
Quizmaster, the Scoreres and Helpers
enjoyed it so much that we may be
repeating this next year. Watch this
space.
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Thank you to Sheila Dickerson for organising a “Flower Arranging Demonstration” with Rene Fry. We had a full house and this was a fascinating afternoon with the demonstrator showing her many skills and passing on her knowledge. We now look forward to many new entrants in our Flower Arrangement classes at shows throughout the year!

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Those of you who came along to our last meeting no doubt enjoyed the presentation by John Withall on “The Millennium Seed Project”. He was an excellent speaker and very entertaining. For those of you who were not there the Millennium Seed Project is based at Wakehurst Place.

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After the **SPRING SHOW** our next event will be our **evening meeting on 6th April**, when Berney Baughen will give an illustrated talk on “Iris the Year Round”. This is followed by 4th May – “The Scented Garden” with Jean Bowls and on 1st June-“Making and Planting Alpine Troughs” with Harry Townsend.

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We have two outside visits this year. The first will be on **20th June** when Janet Finney is organising a coach visit to **West Dean Gardens near Chichester**. The seats are filling up already, so please contact Janet as soon as possible if you would like to be with the IN crowd!

There will also be a local evening visit to George Puddefoot’s Riverside Fuchsia nursery at Sutton at Hone on 14th July. This nursery houses the National Collection of Fuchsias.

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The Village Fete will be on Monday 31st May and the theme will be “Television”. As you are all now planting seeds would you please just plant a few more for our stall at the Fete and bring them along on the day to help with our funds.

Also on the subject of the Fete if you would like to participate in the procession on behalf of the Gardeners’ Society, please contact Janet on 523760.

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At the Summer Show there will be an additional Flower Arrangement class. This will be an Open Class, which will be open to both members and non-members. The title will be “A Summer’s Day”. Please tell your friends.

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One of our members, Phil Baxter will be opening his garden at Cottage Farm, Cudham, every Sunday in June.

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Our web site

www.otford.info/gardeners

has been revamped. If you have any digital pictures that you would like to see on this site please contact Janet.

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The Committee and I look forward to seeing you all at the

SPRING SHOW,

together with your entries.

In the mean time

HAPPY GARDENING

Doug Dickerson
Chairman.

