

WESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

April 2025

Dear Members

I must apologise for not sending out a March Newsletter, I had a senior moment at the time and included two photos of my cloche, but no Newsletter.

I have started sowing seeds for the coming summer in a propagator in a spare room. I do not have any electrical heating in my greenhouse, only a paraffin heater for cold nights. This will keep frost out of the greenhouse but does not have sufficient heat to propagate the seeds.

I have planted onion sets and shallots in the garden, and have been busy potting up the dahlias that have been over wintering in boxes. The lighter evenings sure indicates winter is over and we are well into spring.

St Peter's Church have decided to terminate our hire of the hall on a Thursday evening. Our last Thursday meeting date will be in May. The reason for the termination is because the Church has had enquires to hire the hall on a Thursday evening every week, and the extra funds will greatly aid their charity works.

We have agreed to move to a Wednesday evening, where we will be able to fit in between the weeks that the Model Railway Group are not using the Hall. We will have the Hall on the 1st Wednesday of June. I will forward a schedule of dates nearer the time in next month's letter.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th April. We will not be having an outside speaker, instead I will be discussing growing tomatoes and cucumbers from seeds. This will include preparing both tomatoes and cucumbers for showing at our own Flower Show. The meeting will finish with a quick quiz, with questions taken from the website of the Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs, of which WHS are members.

We have booked St Paul's Church Hall for our Annual Flower Show, to be held on Saturday 9th August. The Show Schedule is being finalised this month. We have invited W-s-Mare Flower Club to suggest some classes for a Floral Art section to be added this year, which will be open to entries from the public.

At our last meeting Roger Bailey mentioned we would like to have meetings in July and August and possibly cancel January and February meetings. We are open to your views on this suggestion. We would welcome any suggestions regarding topics you would like to hear, or would like to give a short talk about.

Roger suggested that for the August 6th meeting we might have a trip to Wells Cathedral, and have a guided tour of The Bishop's Palace Garden. We would have to make our own way to Wells, arriving at

2.30pm for a 3pm tour. The cost of the visit would be £9.50p per person. I am sure we can coordinate to have some car sharing. We would like your thoughts at the April meeting for numbers.

We would like to hold a Garden Competition this year, during the 1st week of July. The categories proposed will be: Small /Medium Garden; A Border; A Hanging Basket; A Pot / Tub.

If you have any friends or family who would like to come along, everyone will be made welcome.

Memberships can be renewed before the meeting and during refreshments.

As per the AGM voting, Single Membership is £12, Family Membership is £17.

Entrance for the meeting is £2 per member and £3 per non-member.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday at St Peter's Church Hall, at 7.30 pm.

I can be contacted on my mobile 07983691157 or on my email 1951chapman@gmail.com if any more information is required.

Kind regards,

John Chapman,

Chairman.