

WESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

October 2023

Dear Members

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the rewards of the hard work you put into your garden in the spring and early summer with bounteous crops from the vegetable patch and glorious colours from the late flowering plants. September has been a good month for the garden, with plenty of colour still around.

I have noticed though that September has brought the Fuchsia Gall Mite, which has attacked the plants in my front garden, but not my back garden. The gall mite must be carried by the prevailing wind. I will cut back the plants hard for the winter and destroy the foliage.

The remaining monthly meetings after the summer break will be held at St Peter's Church Hall on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm, and will be on the following dates:

12th October, **16th November**, 14th December.

The November meeting date has been put back from the original date of the 9th November to the 16th November due to St Peter's Church holding an event on the 9th November. I hope that this does not inconvenience too many members.

Our speaker at the last meeting we had in June was Alan Cavill. He discussed the advantages of the 'NO dig method of cultivation' In my previous newsletter I forgot to mention that Charles Dowding was the creator of this system of cultivation. Type in his name into Google or You Tube, and you will find many articles that he has recorded on the subject, which are very useful to the novice.

Although we did not have a speaker for the September meeting, we had an interesting discussion about the failures and successes of the growing season. In the second half of the meeting, we had a horticultural quiz. The quiz was quite competitive and the questions were taken from the Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs quiz sheets.

As mentioned at the 2022 AGM held in December, I stated that I will be stepping down from the offices that I am holding at the end of 2023. I would urge you to consider if you would like to join the committee and help move the Society forward.

Anyone who has any spare produce or plants spare is more than welcome to bring them along for our members to purchase for a small donation.

I can be contacted by email chairman@wsmhorticultural.org.uk if any more information is required.

Kind regards,

John Chapman.

Chairman