

WESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

September 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.

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:

14th September, 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. His talk was about the advantages of the 'No Dig' method of cultivating vegetables and flowers over more traditional methods. Alan was a good speaker and his talk explained in simple terms what the advantages were, and he gave links to those who wanted to delve more deeply into the newer approach to cultivation.

In August we held our Annual Show at St Paul's Church Hall. Entries were up from last year's Show.

I would like to thank the following people for their hard work in making the Show a success,

1 Robin Potter, Georgina Heathcote and Keith Jackson from the committee for physically setting up the show and acting as stewards during the day.

2 Jane Sands for judging the Homecraft exhibits, Carol Wilson for judging the Photography exhibits.

3 Brian and Pam Airey for the admin work in correlating the judges' results and preparing the prize cards. Roger Bailey for his liaison work with the Town Council in getting the Mayor and Mayoress to present the trophies. (Interesting note. It is often said that you know you are getting old when you notice how young police officers look. I think that can be changed to, how young the Mayor and Mayoress look.)

We would welcome any comments or ideas for our future Annual Shows.

Unfortunately the speaker for our September talk has had to withdraw due to ill health.

We will be holding an open discussion of problems and successes we have had this summer.

I would like to discuss problems I have had with sowing seeds in peat-free compost and my attempts to combat the Fuchsia 'mite'.

We will also be holding a half hour horticultural quiz. **Don't panic**, we will split the audience into teams of five or six. No Latin names will be mentioned!

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

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

