



NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Dear Members,

Now that the clocks have gone forward, it is officially spring, and time for this year's **Annual General Meeting and free lunch**, which takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, in Brimpsfield Village Hall, at 11.30 for an 11.45 start. This year we are not planning to cap numbers for the lunch, but for catering purposes we do need to know how many of you to feed, so if you're coming, please send names to me at our email address [brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com](mailto:brimpsfieldgardensociety@gmail.com), call me on 01452 862412 or pop a note through the door at The Old Post Office, Brimpsfield, by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. Those attending will also be offered a free glass of something to accompany lunch.

The minutes of last year's AGM and the agenda for this year will be sent out separately in the next few days and will be available on our webpage (the Garden Society tab at [www.brimpsfieldvillage.org](http://www.brimpsfieldvillage.org)); paper copies will also be available at the meeting. Judith Cheyney, Martin Phillips and myself are standing for re-election as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and Roger Lock and Catherine Morris (whom we co-opted to the Committee during the year) are also standing as Committee members. We do badly need additional members as we are very short-handed, and very Brimpsfield-based – we would very much like members from other villages to come forward! Please let us know if you can help us in this way – we do need you.

The Committee proposes to keep **Membership subscriptions** for 2025-26 at the current level (£8 per person or £12 for a couple); this can be paid, and Membership cards collected, at the AGM. If you can't make it – and I know that a number of you are away on that date – you can pay at a later event, or pay and get your membership card directly from me; you will continue to receive newsletters in the meantime, unless you tell me otherwise.

After the AGM, we shall hold our annual **Plant Sale and Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**; coffee and cake will be available from 10.30 and you can browse the plant stall then, but selling will not start until 11am sharp, and we don't allow 'bagging' of plants in advance! As always, this is a 'bring and buy' stall in aid of Society funds, so bring along any plants, seedlings or anything gardening-related for us to sell; it helps if you can label your plants with their name, or at least the colour of the flowers as purchasers often ask! You can bring plants to me in advance, or just bring them to the hall on the day from 10.30 onwards. We are often surprised by the range of plants brought along for sale!

Happy gardening!  
Frances Ellery