

PEGS

Pluckley with Egerton Gardening Society

AUTUMN
2021
NEWSLETTER

Chris Beardshaw will be giving a talk for us in November – tickets on sale now, see below.



It's been really good to get back to holding society events again. It's given us the opportunity to get out, explore some lovely gardens and meet each other socially after the restrictions of last year. We carried over everyone's memberships and hopefully you have enjoyed the events you've been to this summer. We still have one more event - a talk by Chris Beardshaw in November.

In 2022, our first event is our AGM on Tuesday 18th January at 7pm in Pluckley Village Hall where you can renew your membership, catch up with friends and enjoy a fish and chip supper. If you can't make it please renew your membership using the form on our website. If you are over 85 and would like to take up our offer of PEGS lifetime membership at no extra cost please let us know at the AGM or contact Carol Washer on 01233 840078.

Next Event - Thursday
11th November 2021

Talk by Chris Beardshaw

"Painting with Plants"

Egerton Millennium Hall 6.30
for 7pm start

Tickets on sale now

We are really excited to have Chris Beardshaw giving a talk for us. This has been booked for ages and we hope that lots of you will come. Please bring all your gardening friends as it is open to members and non-members. Chris is a broadcaster, author and garden Designer and renowned for his beautiful planting schemes and award winning gardens at Chelsea. His talk "Painting with Plants" should be really interesting. The theme of the talk is creating floral rewards for less effort. Inspired by traditional English borders but using less inputs and looking for a new style. Tickets are £15 each.

They can be bought by downloading the form from our website www.pegsoc.org and from local shops: Pluckley Butchers, Pluckley Farmshop, Smarden Butchers, Ripleys Garden Centre, Madrona Nursery.

Review of 2021 Events

Visit to Godinton House Gardens Wednesday 26th May



We kicked off our events this year as soon as we were allowed with a socially distanced wander around the beautiful local gardens at Godinton House. They are a real gem, just on our doorstep in Hothfield and it was great to be allowed back in.

Wine and Wander at Stone Lodge, Pluckley Wednesday 23rd June

Our early summer social was held in the lovely setting of Carol and Guy Washer's garden near The Dering Arms. The weather was perfect and we had a good turn out. It was great to see familiar faces and the immaculate garden was a joy to wander around.



PEGS Autumn Show Pluckley Village Hall, Saturday 4th September

We had plenty of entrants in our Autumn Show this year and the hall looked lovely. The judge (who is independent and RHS trained) was quite strict and some entrants got disqualified for not reading the requirements exactly but there were also plenty of awards given. Congratulations must be given to Rebecca Southall who won 5 ½ cups this year!



Garden Visit and Cream Tea at Tram Hatch, Charing Heath Thurs 8th July



Members were able to enjoy a delicious cream tea and wander around Pam Scriven's wonderful garden on a lovely summer afternoon. With so many different areas to explore this garden, running alongside the Stour, is always interesting to visit.

Trip to RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show and Gardens Wednesday 4th August

Our members subsidised coach trip this year took us to the wonderful gardens and Annual Flower Show at Hyde Hall in Essex. This had been cancelled in 2020 and it was great to finally get there. Those of us on the trip took the opportunity to explore the wonderful gardens and stalls at the flower show. Luckily there was plenty of room on the coach for all our purchases! The van fire on the Dartford bridge delayed our journey home but the Carr's driver did his absolute best to return us to Pluckley as quickly as he could.



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Wine and Wander at Glebelands, Pluckley Sunday 15th August



We had a great turn out for our late summer social at Glebelands. It was lovely to see so many members enjoying the afternoon sunshine in the beautiful surroundings of Trudy and Paul Britton's garden which was brimming with late summer colour.



2022 Dates for your diary, so far...

Tuesday 18th January 7pm for 7.30pm AGM, Pluckley Village Hall

Saturday 5th February 9.30 & 12.30 Willow Weaving Classes by Dominic Parette Egerton Millennium Hall £22 Book now - form on website

Thursday 24th March Talk by Nick Bailey Egerton Millennium Hall

Saturday 9th April PEGS Spring Show Pluckley Village Hall