

WALTHAM GARDENERS' SOCIETY and Surrounding Villages

Society A.G.M. on 14th November

The Society's A.G.M. and Social took place on Tuesday 14th November with 10 stalwart members attending, a most disappointing attendance considering the population of Waltham and surrounding villages and the number of keen gardeners evident by garden activity.

We need new recruits and your input on the subjects you would like to hear about in 2018 and provide vital ideas on new events that would appeal.

We are also looking for additional support on the committee.

The Chairman provided his report for the year of which a summary appears below:

The Gardeners' Society has had a year of interesting talks and regular events.

The New Year commenced with an excellent presentation on "Growing and Showing Sweet Peas" by Philip Johnson. In March Sue Shaw provided a wonderful insight on competing in a major floral stand display at Chelsea entitled "The Road to Chelsea".

In April we welcomed back David Harper with his illustrated talk on "Butterflies in your Garden".

The Annual Plant Sale on 6th May was as always a great success with hardly anything remaining for sale by 11.00 a.m. A big thank you this year to Whiteacre Farm Nurseries and Maytree Nursery for their assistance in providing plants at wholesale prices and to all those who donated plants for sale.

In June Sue Scrivens stepped into the breach with a presentation on her and husband John's visit to Costa Rica which was a mixture of exploration and plant hunting.

Later in June the competition for Best Kept and Prettiest Garden took place with a goodly collection of entrants.

In July we welcomed Margaret Gibbs one of our favourite presenters providing inspiration for the Show's Floral Art Classes particularly on the theme of "The Garden of Eden".

The 5th August heralded The Annual Show, there were more classes than previous years and we ended up with over 250 exhibits on the day.

In September Caroline Halfpenny a former lecturer at Hadlow College on garden design provided a superbly polished presentation on garden design illustrated with some stunning images of beautiful gardens.

Our Annual Dinner in October was very well attended with 19 members enjoying an excellent evening at The Chequers on Stone Street.

So for the coming year the Committee is made up of Les Leslie, Sue Leslie, Janet Moor, Penny Best, Mary Streater and Leana Bannister with Facebook support by Penny Steele.

If anyone who is willing and able to assist on the committee please contact Sue Leslie.

Full details of the Society's Diary will be circulated but to ensure some of the main events are in your diary in 2018:

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February, with the Plant Sale on Saturday 12th May, the Garden competition judging on Saturday 23rd June and the Annual Show on 4th August.