

Cookham and Cookham Dean Horticultural Society  
**Newsletter**

April 2002

Next meeting: Wednesday, 24th April 7.45 p.m.  
Cookham Dean Village Hall  
ORNAMENTAL & MEDICINAL PLANTS  
FROM THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON  
by Chris Chadwell

EDITORIAL



Some of my poor plants were wilting when I got home one day last week. I was surprised at how dry the compost has got in my pots, yet the soil has held onto the water – or is it just my heavy clay doing this?

If you want to have anything more interesting to read about than the state of my poor plants I need YOU to contribute to this newsletter. Again nearly all the content over has been from only two people – come on everyone we need your tips, news, recipes etc to make this newsletter worth while.

*If anyone would like me to email their copy of the newsletter please let me know your email address – you will get advanced copies delivered straight to your inbox.*

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

We had about 45 people at the Spring Show and the floral contributions were a beautiful sight. Graham Talbot was our judge for the evening and he explained how he reached his decisions regarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each class. Those taking careful notes will be prepared for next year.

With such a dramatic title we are compelled to find out about this month's speaker's intriguing subject. Chris Chadwell last visited the Society six years ago speaking on a different topic, and his return has been requested. He will appear in the national costume of Bhutan to add extra *theatre* to his presentation, so this is one not to miss! Chris is a freelance botanist, horticultural consultant and lecturer. Look forward to seeing you on 24th April.



*Adele Weiner*

## TEA ROTA



Thank you to Adrienne McCormick & Di Benson for volunteering (again!) to prepare the refreshments for our April meeting.

If you are able to lend a hand on the night, please offer your services when you arrive. Many thanks. We still need volunteers for future meetings, so please add your name to the list.

## VISITS – LEONARDSLEE GARDENS

For those going on the trip Leonardslee Gardens. You will need to meet on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Cookham Station at 9 a.m. You will be leaving the gardens at 4 p.m. Catherine Doe ☎ 01628 526415



## MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed new member, Mrs R Veevers to the Society this month.

## PLEASE HELP!!

Once again your help is required for the Gardens Open Day (Sunday, 9th June) in aid of *The Thames Valley Hospice*. We need volunteers to make cakes and also provide plants to sell as well as help run the plant stall on the day. Please consider helping in any way you can and either give me a call or add your name to the list at our meeting on 24th April.



Many thanks.

*Adele Weiner 01628 483309*



## VIRTUAL GARDENS

This months recommended sites are not to be taken too seriously –

<a href="http://www.talkingplants.com">www.talkingplants.com</a>	Ketzel Levine is an editor for a gardening magazine and appears on American radio. On this site you can both read and listen to her interviews.
<a href="http://www.home.golden.net/~dhobson/">www.home.golden.net/~dhobson/</a>	A garden humour site. The news section was fun, however, I loved the bug identifier!

Don't forget that you also have your own local website [www.cookham.com](http://www.cookham.com) - where amongst other things you can find copies of the Newsletter. Well done Liz Kwantes for a great site and all the hard work that goes into it.

*Zoe Albright*

## DO YOU HAVE....

Are there any of our members that could lend the Society a projector for the May meeting. Although our speaker will bring one, she has requested a back-up. A projector using a straight cartridge is preferred. For our meeting in October, a carousel-style cartridge projector is needed. If you can help in either case please contact Adele on 483309.

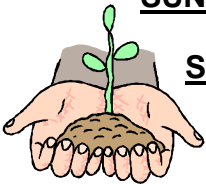
## WHAT'S ON

Wednesday, 15th May at 10.45a.m. - *Flower Arranging Demonstration & Lunch*. Demo given by Sherry Smith & Anita Davey. Tickets £15 (to include morning coffee and lunch) from Maureen Reid ☎ 478818. In aid of Thames Valley Hospice.



Friday 17th May from 10.00 am onwards - Plant Sale at Wembury, Altwood Close, Maidenhead, Shrubs, perennials, bedding and basket and patio plants. Tea, coffee and home made cakes Also ploughman's lunches. Raffle. All profits to the Thames Valley Hospice.

SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2 - 6p.m. - COOKHAM DEAN GARDENS OPEN DAY



Sunday, 16th June 11 - 4p.m. - RARE PLANTS FAIR  
Berkshire Agricultural College, Burchetts Green. Entry £3.00.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**11TH May**