



# Hailey & District Gardening Club 70th Anniversary Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Welcome to another, hopefully, pleasurable and productive gardening year.

**Happy Anniversary!**

**And the BIG news is - Hailey Gardening Club will host BBC Gardeners' Question Time in March**

2018 is a very important year for Hailey Gardening Club as it is 70 years since the gardening club was set up.

To celebrate the occasion we will be hosting the BBC Radio 4 programme **Gardeners' Question Time on Tuesday, 6 March at Wood Green School**. As you can imagine we are very excited about this and wanted to let everyone know as soon as possible. Because this event will be publicised widely around West Oxfordshire and will be very popular, we recommend that you book early. Tickets are £4.50. E-mail [INFO.HAILEYGC@GMAIL](mailto:INFO.HAILEYGC@GMAIL) for details. This is a not-for-profit event.

Over those 70 years the club has had a range of different names. It started life in 1948 as The Hailey Village Produce Association. We can all imagine – and some may remember! – the importance of producing good quality fruit and vegetables in that post war period while rationing continued until 1954 – 14 years after it began. Since 1948, the club has also been known at different times as The Hailey and District Horticultural Society and more recently The Hailey and District Gardening Club.



As well as Gardeners' Question Time, or GQT as it is known, to mark this anniversary we will be holding a special **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Party** at Hayesfield, Middletown on Sunday, 15 July. Put the date in the diary - this is one you won't want to miss. More details in the Hailey

Herald, check our Facebook page - Hailey Gardening Club - or find our web page: [haileywestoxon.org/hailey-gardening-club](http://haileywestoxon.org/hailey-gardening-club)

## **What's new?**

We have a new Facebook page - [Hailey Gardening Club](#) - where you can find out more about gardening club events, news and photos. If you have photos yourselves - particularly dating back to the gardening club's early days, we'd be delighted to put them on our Facebook page. Please send them to [info.haileygc@gmail.com](mailto:info.haileygc@gmail.com)

On the subject of new technology, we would find it very helpful to be able to communicate with members via email. This will enable us to get in touch with you more quickly, send reminders about events, membership, etc. We also occasionally receive offers to join visits of other gardening clubs if they have spare capacity. If you are happy to do so, please pass on your email address to: Ann Gibson – [anngibson@btinternet.com](mailto:anngibson@btinternet.com)



## **“Decking the Halls”**

### **Membership fee and benefits to members**

As a result of the AGM in October 2017, the club decided to re-align its financial year with the calendar year. So there will be no AGM in 2018. This will now take place in the Spring of 2019. And, just to remind you, the subscription you paid in April 2017 (£4 for an individual; £7 for a couple) is valid until the end of September 2018 when we will be asking for your next 12 months' membership (from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to 30 September 2019). Effectively, everyone has received six months' free membership.

Being a member of Hailey Gardening Club has its benefits. You will be delighted to know that a number of local garden centres and nurseries provide discounts to our members. You will need to show your membership card at all of these, so don't forget to take it with you. **In addition some will require you to sign up to their own loyalty card scheme. You can find out about this at their customer service counter.**

Participating garden centres are:

**Bampton Garden Plants**, Buckland Road, Bampton OX18 2AA Tel 01993 852233 [www.bamptongardenplants.co.uk](http://www.bamptongardenplants.co.uk) 15% on all plants excluding offers and sale items.

**Bunkers Hill Garden Shop**, 1-2 Bunkers Hill, Kidlington OX5 3BA Tel 01869 331492 [www.bunkershillgardenshop.co.uk](http://www.bunkershillgardenshop.co.uk) 5% on Thursdays only.

**Burford Garden Company**, Shilton Road, Burford OX18 4PA Tel 01993 823117 [www.burford.co.uk](http://www.burford.co.uk) 10% on plants, bulbs, seeds – additional loyalty card required.

**Cassington Nurseries**, Cassington OX29 4QY Tel 01865 882550 [www.cassingtonnurseries.co.uk](http://www.cassingtonnurseries.co.uk) 10% on full price plants – additional loyalty card required.

**Freeland Nurseries**, Wroslyn Road, Freeland, OX29 8AQ Tel 01993 881430 [www.freelandnurseries.wordpress.com](http://www.freelandnurseries.wordpress.com) 10% on all outdoor plants.

**Hilltop Garden Store**, Witney Road, Ramsden, OX7 3AS Tel 01993 868403 [www.hilltopgc.co.uk](http://www.hilltopgc.co.uk) 10% on plants, seeds & bulbs on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
for customers holding a Seasons Reward Card.

**A K Timms & Sons Ltd.**, 80-82 Station Road, Brize Norton, OX18 3QB Tel 01993 842172 [www.aktimms.co.uk](http://www.aktimms.co.uk) 10% on Garden supply items only.  
NB Saturday closing – 12.30 pm.

**Yarnton Nurseries, Garden & Shopping Village**, Sandy Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1PA Tel 01865 372124 [www.yarnton-nurseries.co.uk](http://www.yarnton-nurseries.co.uk) 10% on plants.

## What's on this year?

As well as GQT in March and our **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Party** in June, the gardening club will be making a big contribution to the annual **Hailey Festival** this year (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June) running the hugely popular **Scarecrow competition**.



### **Scarecrow Trophy (designed by Alan Bailey)**

Also this year, the garden and cake lovers special treat – **Open Gardens** on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. If you'd like to open your garden we'd like to hear from you. **Remember**, it doesn't have to be perfect. Visitors really enjoy looking at other people's gardens, hearing about the "you should have seen this before we started" and the "what we plan to do next year is ...". It's all grist to the mill and gets the ideas flowing.



## Impressive delphiniums in an Open Garden

Also in the programme (see last page) we have talks from a number of experts who are only too happy to pass on their knowledge – Timothy Walker, Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden; Jaimie Bunting, Wood Green School's Horticulture teacher; and Philip Aubury, past Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. So, if 2018 is the year you've vowed to "up your game" in gardening come along to learn how it's done.

Our **Spring Plant Sale** will take place in May, where you will be able to pick up some terrific bargains. We will be delighted to receive donations of any of your surplus plants too.



The **61<sup>st</sup> Village Show** will take place on 1st September with prize money and trophies to be won.



There is a class for everyone – have a look through the schedule and start thinking about it now. Vases of flowers, fruit and veg from the garden; cakes; craft items; jams; remember – it's not the winning that counts but the taking part.

And, do get the children in your family to enter something – a photo, drawing, model, cookery – the joy on their faces when they receive their prize money or a trophy really warms the heart. And, another reminder – all entries must be removed on the day by 4.30 pm.

**Apple Day** will take place on the official date – Sunday 21 October. We were very busy last year so, if you have apples to turn into delicious apple juice, come early to avoid the queues for the apple press.

And, throughout the year, we will continue to support the horticultural students at **Wood Green School** who are working hard to become the next generation of enthusiastic gardeners. Members of the committee visit the school from time to time and take great pleasure in being shown around the vegetable plots, the greenhouse and the gardens all cultivated and maintained by the students themselves. There are also beautiful displays of flowers and shrubs in containers dotted around – all part of the students' coursework. The school is always looking for additional tools and surplus plants, so if you have anything to donate, please get in touch with Judith Knaggs – 01993 899125 or [judith.knaggs@gmail.com](mailto:judith.knaggs@gmail.com).

### **Club outing**

We know that many people love to visit special places and gardens. We will be organising a visit in August to the spectacular Waddesdon Manor near Aylesbury, with a large estate containing beautiful gardens, walks, statuary and woodlands. The Manor is owned by the National Trust. Transport is likely to be car-sharing, but look out for further information in the Hailey Herald, on our web site and on facebook.

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## Programme of Events



- Mon 19 Feb**      **“On top - but never in control”** - A Talk by Timothy Walker Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Tue 6 Mar**      **BBC Gardeners’ Question Time comes to Wood Green School**  
As part of our 70th Anniversary we have invited GQT to join our celebrations at Wood Green School - 5.30pm. Ticket only
- Mon 19 Mar**      **“Gardening at Wood Green school”** - A talk by Jamie Bunting Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sun 8 April**      **Scarecrow launch** Theme - “Sport”  
Lamb & Flag 7.00 – 8.00 pm
- Mon 30 Apr**      **“Successful fruit growing”** - A talk by Philip Aubury Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sat 26 May**      **Spring Plant Sale**  
Village Hall 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
- Sat 9 - 24 June**      **‘The Hailey Scarecrow Trail’**  
Hailey Gardening Club’s event to celebrate the 2018 Hailey Festival. Identify all the scarecrows and choose the best one.
- Sun 24 June**      **Open Gardens** - explore gardens in Hailey, Delly End and Poffley End from 1.30 - 5pm
- Sun 15 July**      **Gardening Club 70th Anniversary Garden Party**  
Hayesfield, Middletown 2pm to 4.30 pm
- Sun 19 Aug**      **Gardening Club visit to Waddesdon Manor** Details to follow
- Sat 1 Sept**      **Hailey Village Show**  
Village Hall & Recreation Ground 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
- Fri 5 Oct**      **Quiz and Pizza Evening** in aid of Oxford Children’s Hospital  
Bring you own drinks. Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sun Oct 21**      **Apple Day** - including apple pressing  
Village Hall from 1.00 pm
- Mon 26 Nov**      **Deck the Halls**  
Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm

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