



NEWSLETTER ELEVEN, JANUARY 1995.

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweat,"

English Test
Answer 1994.

"A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell!" (anon)

We gardeners never ceased to be bemused by what is involved in gardening. We are baffled by the weather and bothered by our failures. "I've never known a season like it," we say. We said that last year as well! My wife asked me why a batch of carefully labelled pink, white or brown chrysanthemums, when planted out in the garden, all mysteriously produced only pink flowers. There seemed to be no obvious

answer and yet some sort of solution must be just round the corner- no it's not just a case of getting the labels mixed up- that was last spring! My mother, who should be endowed with the wisdom of the ages, having lived under six sovereigns, came up with a new conundrum last week. Why is it that one only ever sees white butterflies on lavender? The answer is probably biologically pretty simple- but does anyone know? Answers please!

That is not the only response we want from you secretaries. Please complete the accompanying sheet and return. The information this will provide, will be for the benefit of all our members. The Federation exists for mutual support and benefit and all individual members of clubs ought to be kept in touch with Federation business.

So in 1995 can you please ensure that all information which is relevant is passed on at your meetings. I know many clubs do this but the paragraphs which have been asterisked could be used to inform your members.

*Speakers and Judges

You should all be in receipt of a list of amendments and changes to the 1993 list. If not, please contact me.

I still need to have names of all those speakers on our list who have given satisfaction. Please note that these speakers need not be outstanding- many of course are) but I would welcome names of those whom you, as a secretary, would recommend to a neighbouring club.

We have had some reports of speakers who have not met these criteria. If you have cause for complaint please pass this information on to me, stating the reasons for dissatisfaction. Please be specific. We need to know. It is important for all organising secretaries to have confidence

in our register. If you, or your programme secretary, has any doubts, please contact me.

*Gardens Open Scheme

Please note that Ray Box of Radstock has taken over the organisation of the scheme from John Starnes. If you know of a private garden not on the list whose owner would be willing to open it for Federation members please telephone Ray on 0761-434415. We need this information immediately if we are to benefit from it this year

On last year's visits, Marie Wheatley of West Chinnock, writes; Horn Park, Beaminster, is very good and on a grand scale. (surprisingly not in the National Gardens Scheme) - lovely house and wonderful views. We were welcomed and the owners were only too anxious to chat.

Court Place, Misterton, - also a very pleasant visit. The elderly couple (Rev. and Mrs Facey) were thrilled to see us (about 30) as their first visitors. On a smaller scale, but very attractive, secluded and different.

Dicot, Chardstock - also very much enjoyed by the party of twenty. Some couldn't find it in spite of the map I circulated. That's the one disadvantage - signposts on the day would have helped. A cottage at the head of approx. two acres sloping down to a stream, pond and bog areas. A very enthusiastic couple who included tea and biscuits in the fl. They supply nurserymen with cuttings and seeds for propagation.

Hope this helps.

Marie.

P.S. Just realised Horn Park in Dorset hence not in Somerset N.G.S.!

* R.H.S.

John Starnes, our Chairman, who handles our insurance scheme, tells me that he still gets requests from Clubs for Cups and Trophies insurance but, up to now he has been unable to find any reputable company prepared to handle this type of business.

Clubs belonging to the R.H.S are reminded that, for a premium of £58, R.H.S can offer this cover. There is a limit of £5,000 for cups and trophies, and an excess of £50 per claim. The premium includes cover for audio-visual and show staging equipment. Those interested please contact R.H.S direct. Clubs not members of R.H.S must of course first join to obtain this facility.

Affiliation of Clubs to the R.H.S.

The information below is extracted from the Newsletter of the Kent Federation to whom our thanks are due for permission to reproduce it here. If you require further information contact R.H.S membership secretary, Mr Michael Johnson, R.H.S., 80, Vincent Square, London sw1

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Affiliation of Societies to the R.H.S.

By now most societies already affiliated to the R.H.S will have received the details of affiliation to R.H.S for 1995. We hope you will be pleased with the new membership benefits and subscription package which has taken account of the Affiliated Society research for which you filled in a form earlier this year. This package is as follows; NEW Subscription for 1995.

As from 1st November 1994, the subscription for Affiliated Societies will be £12 - a reduction of nearly 50% This gives your society all the benefits previously available, except individual members visits to R.H.S gardens.

NEW- the Garden Entry Card.

Your society can purchase up to three Garden Entry Cards at £8 each as an optional extra to your subscription. This card allows one member and a guest at any one time to visit Wisley, Rosemore or Hyde Hall for 30% less than the general public and only applies to the above gardens.

Group Visits

One free group visit for up to 55 members may be arranged in advance with the Administration to one of the R.H.S. gardens at Wisley and Rosemore or Hyde Hall. Details of the proposed date and time of the visit must be given at least two weeks in advance, and as there is a limit to the number of group visits that can be arranged on Sundays and during peak summer months a number of alternative dates should be given. If you want to organise a second visit to these gardens the special admission prices are printed below.

Chelsea tickets.

Affiliated societies can purchase two tickets for the 1995 Chelsea Flower Show at reduced prices for either the Thursday (£12) or Friday (£10)

NEW- Group admission to flower shows.

There will be special Affiliated group rates for 10 or more members to R.H.S flower shows other than Chelsea Flower Show. Westminster Flower Shows £4 on first day and £2 on second day, Harrogate Spring Show £7.50 -£5, Malvern Spring Gardening Show £4.50, Hampton Court Palace Show £11, BBC Gardeners' World Live £8.50. Affiliated society group rates for Harrogate Great Autumn are unconfirmed at time of going to press but Affiliated society groups will be offered a £1 discount on full-day tickets.

Other benefits that remain unchanged are as follows;

- * A copy of "The Garden" sent free every month (worth £30) and the opportunity to purchase as an optional extra up to a further three copies at the special rate of £12 per volume (12 monthly issues)
- * A free copy of the Affiliated societies Newsletter sent each Spring and Autumn.
- * A 25% discount on certain R.H.S publications.
- * A Banksian Medal (or a Grenfell medal for flower arrangement societies) for award annually at one of your society's flower shows (upon application)
- * Available for purchase Affiliated Societies medals, medal cards, show stationery and transparencies or blocks of Affiliated Societies device.
- * Free entry to various R.H.S competitions.
- * Free advice on any matter relating to the welfare of your society and gardening problems or plant identification.
- * Access to over 250 lectures and demonstrations all over Britain.

* R.H.S. ADMISSION CHARGES.

	Aff.Soc member		Gen.Pub.		R.H.S. member	
	£	p	£	p	£	
<u>By Garden Entry Card</u> ¹						
R.H.S Wisley	3	20	4	70	N/A	
" " Rosemoor Gardens	2	0	3	00	N/A	
" " Hyde Hall Gardens	1	75	2	50	N/A	
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<u>Affiliated Society Group Visits (10+)</u>						
R.H.S Wisley	2	3	75	4	70	Free.
" " Rosemoor	} 3	2	50	3	00	Free
" " Hyde Hall		2	00	2	50	Free
Sir Harold Hillier Garden and Arboretum	6	N/A	4	00	Free	
Harlow Carr Gardens		N/A	3	20	Free	
Ness Gardens		N/A	3	50	Free	
Hidcote Manor Gardens		N/A	5	00	Free	
Bodnant Gardens	7	N/A	3	90	Free	
Sheffield Park		N/A	3	70	Free	
Nymans Gardens		N/A	3	80	Free	
Brogdale Orchards Flower Shows		N/A	2	50	Free	
<u>Flower Shows</u>						
R.H.S Westminster	1st day	4	00	5	00	Free
	2nd day	2	00	3	00	Free
Harrogate Spring Show	1st day	7	00	8	50	7 00
	2nd day	5	50	7	00	5 50
	3rd day	6	00	7	50	6 00
	4th day	4	50	6	00	4 50
Malvern Spring Garden Show		4	50	6		3 50
BBC Gardeners' World Live		8	50	10	00	8 50
Hampton Court Palace Flower Show		11	00	14	00	11 00
Malvern Autumn Show		2	40	4	00	3 00
Harrogate Great Autumn Show	4					

Chelsea Flower Show Tickets.

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Tuesday	N/A	N/A	N/A	15 00
Wednesday	N/A	N/A	N/A	15 00
Thursday	12	00	23	00
Friday	10	00	20	00

1. Each ticket admits 1 adult, one guest
2. Not Sundays except for R.H.S individual members
3. R.H.S membership card admits member and a guest to Wisley, ROsemoor and Hyde Hall but member only to other gardens and shows.
4. Prices unconfirmed but £1 off public prices for Aff.Socs and R.H.S. members
5. Only two tickets per society for Thursday or Friday.
6. March - November £4. December-February £3
- 7 30p extra May and October
- 8 Only two tickets per Member for this show.

Miscellaneous.

Please note that Clevedon Leisure Gardeners has sadly been forced to close. Clevedon Horticultural still thrives.

Our belated congratulations to Compton Martin who were runners up in the R.H.S Affiliated Societies Newsletter Competition 1994.

Brilliant!

We welcome Mells and District and Spaxton Flower Show to our membership which now totals 120.

Our congratulations go to Queen Camel on their 60th anniversary!

Calendar of Events 1995

If you let me have the dates of any club events I shall publish them in the spring.

Here are some already received;

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Saturday 4th March Cannington spring Flower show

Saturday 26th March Banwell Spring Show.

Friday, Saturday and

Sunday 28/30 April Bath Spring Show.

Saturday 29th April NCCP Hatch Court. Plant Hunters' Fair
Hatch Beauchamp (A358 Taunton) 10.30-4 p.m. Many
nurserymen from S.W. Unusual plants. Refreshments.
Gardens to visit. Admission £2.

24/25 June. Gardens open Hinton St. George.

19 August Flower Show. Hinton St. George.

18/20 August Weston super Mare Flower Show.

2nd September Wells Flower Show

2nd September Banwell Flower Show.

Speakers.

Lyn Spencer Mills, Hinton St George tel 0460 76389

new topics- Canyon Country-Gardens of Colorado

The Yellow Book-Gardens Open to the Public.

Mr R. Cotton Cotswold Hardy Plants ltd, Wibble Farm, Williton, Somerset,
TA4 400 tel 0984 632303

new speaker- Propagation.

Trees and shrubs

Conifers and heathers etc.

Band A

This is a working nursery and would be willing to hold
open evenings for demonstrations.

Finally note- the Annual General Meeting will take place at Cannington College on Tuesday evening, 16th May 1995.

At the start of the new year may I wish you a most successful and happy 1995. Good luck to all your plans in your gardens, clubs and shows!

Pip Dawson.

P.S Return that form! Please.