



## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

### Haslemere Charter Fair

Haslemere town centre will once again be transformed into a colourful spectacle when the Charter Fair takes over the High Street and West Street on Bank Holiday Monday, **May 2nd**. The fair, which is open to the public from 1pm to 5pm, normally attracts around 8,000 visitors and is a truly wonderful day out for all the family.



The Haslemere Gardening Society will be manning a stall at the Charter Fair mainly to promote the Society but we will also be selling plants.

### Spring Outing

On the **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** we have an outing to High Beeches Garden and Borde Hill Garden in West Sussex. There are plenty of facilities at both venues.

**High Beeches** is a garden of 27 acres of romantic landscape woodland and water garden, with rare unusual plants and trees. Take time to enjoy the stunning vistas and to sit by tranquil ponds.



After lunch we leave for **Borde Hill Garden** which is a grade two listed garden set in 200 acres of parkland offers a renowned collection of Magnolia, Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas including an abundance of spring flowering bulbs.

The luxury coach departs St Christopher's Green **8.30am** and Haslemere Hall at **8.45am** to arrive at High Beeches at 10.30am. Food and drink are available all day at your own cost. The coach will depart for home at **4.30pm**. The price per person is **£33**



## Coffee Morning

This year the Coffee Morning will be held by kind permission of Cherie Aitken who has offered her garden at Crosse Garden in Church Lane, Haslemere. The event is being held from 10.00am to 12.00noon on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Entry will be £3.00.

The house is the second on the right after the corner of Grayswood Road and Church Lane.



As usual refreshments will be free and there will be opportunities to buy plants and join in the raffle. We hope you can make a special effort to bring your own plants as you have in the past.

## Late Spring Outing

A visit to the Blenheim Palace Flower Show has been arranged for **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**.

You will have the opportunity to admire one of Capability Browns most famous landscape creations. Take a Lakeside walk to the beautiful Rose garden and stroll through the water terraces to see the ornate fountains. Visit the New Winston Churchill Memorial Garden. There are plenty of facilities including good places to eat and drink. You can spend all day at your leisure to enjoy the flower show and grounds. The price per person is £28.00



The coach departs St Christopher's Green **8.30am** and Haslemere Hall at **8.45am** to arrive at Blenheim at **10.30am** approx. The coach will depart for home at **4.30pm**.

## Open Garden





Maggie Boyd will be opening her garden at Bardsley, Derby Road, Haslemere, GU27 1BS for the “National Garden Scheme: Gardens open for Charity”. Opening dates and times will be Saturday 2 July, Sunday 3 July, Saturday 23 July, Sunday 24 July (11am - 5pm). Admission £5.00, children free. Home-made teas will be available.

Visitors also welcome by arrangement June & July for groups 10+. Admission £8.00, children free. Home-made teas.



## Summer Outing

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** our final outing of the year will be to Marle Place Garden and Sissinghurst Castle in Kent. There are plenty of facilities at both venues.



**Marle Place Garden** - An enchanting ten acre garden of tree lined avenues and an abundance of shrub roses. Hedged rooms house perennial annuals and unusual shrubs giving scent and colour throughout. A yew hedged well stocked kitchen garden, orchid house and art exhibition help to create a surprise at every corner of this magical garden

**Sissinghurst Castle** - The garden is in the Weald of Kent and is owned and maintained by the National Trust. Wander through one of the most famous and delightful gardens in the British Isles. Explore the series of rooms filled with colour themed plants. The white garden cascades with a variety of flowers partnered with grey and surrounded in scent. There is so much to enjoy, the Herb garden, lime walk and cottage garden are not to be missed.



The coach departs St Christopher’s Green **8.30am** and Haslemere Hall at **8.45am**. It leaves Marle Place Garden at 12.30pm to arrive at Sissinghurst Castle at 1pm. Food and drink are available all day at own cost. The coach departs Sissinghurst at **5pm**. The price per person is **£30** for National Trust members and **£41** for non-National Trust members. **National Trust cards must be shown on the day.**

## Autumn Lectures



On Wednesday **21st September** the lecture, “Fruit Growing in Small Gardens” by Paul Templeton, will also feature a display by Committee members to a theme of “Flower of the Month” and there will be a good selection of quality spring bulbs for sale.

Geoff Peach, who is a professional gardener and show judge, will talk to the Society about “Topiary” on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

Our final lecture of the year will be on the subject of “The Royal Parks”. Simon Richards, who is a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture and Superintendent of Richmond Park will be speaking at this event to us on **Wednesday 23rd November**.

We are looking for volunteers to serve the teas and coffees in the lecture intervals. Could you let the Secretary know if you are able to help?

### **Winter Dinner**

This year’s winter dinner will be on Wednesday 7th December. Further details will be announced in the next newsletter at the end of summer.

### **RHS Shows**

Some important dates for your diary:

- May 24-28 RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- June 3-4 RHS London Rose Show
- July 5-10 RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

### **Website**

Some of you may be aware of the website [www.haslemere-gardening-society.co.uk](http://www.haslemere-gardening-society.co.uk). There is a direct link to this website from the [Welcome to haslemere.com](http://www.welcome-to-haslemere.com) site. We should all thank Carol Kirby for setting up and running our website over the last few years.

The Committee is putting a great deal of effort into the planning and organizing the programme of events. We hope you receive them favourably, which is our objective; and hope they receive your full support and participation. If you have any questions or comments, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Secretary.

**David Trout**  
Chairman