

Amersham Gardening Association

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February 2025 Newsletter

From the Treasurer

The audited accounts (balance sheet and receipts & payments statement) are on pages 9 and 10. Overall the Association remains in a healthy financial state, with an excess of income over expenditure of almost £1800 last year. This is despite the Association paying for all the food and drink (apart from a notional £1 per head to reserve tickets).

If you are paying for outings and subscriptions by bank transfer, please make sure that the message with your payment includes the name of the outing (please, not just "outing", as there may be more than one to book at a time), as well as your name.

Similarly, if you are renewing your subscription, please include the message "subs" and your name.

If you are paying for more than one outing by bank transfer, please make two separate payments, so that we can keep the accounts for each outing straight.

Please also make sure that you return the form, or send an email, to the membership secretary (for renewals) or the organizer of the outing so that s/he knows who has paid. This saves a great deal of toing and froing between the treasurer and the membership secretary and outing organisers.

Annual General Meeting, March 17th at 7:45

The minutes of 1st year's AGM, and the agenda and reports for this year's AGM are on pages 6 – 10. If you think you would like to help in running the Association, don't wait to be nominated, and don't be shy, just put

yourself forward at the AGM. New members of the committee will be most welcome; some of us have been on the committee for many years.

Plant sale Saturday May 3rd in St Michael's Church forecourt

The annual plant sale not only makes a useful contribution to the Association's funds, it also acts as a means of attracting interest and new members.

When you are potting up seedlings and cuttings, please add a few extra for the sale – and when you bring them along on the day, please make sure they are properly labelled, and that cuttings are indeed rooted!

Subscription reminder

Subscriptions were due for renewal at the end of December. Lest you have mislaid the form, a copy is included with this newsletter.

Two outings to book now

Included with this newsletter are forms to book two outings, to RHS Wisley and Revelry Lodge and Gardens – see page 4 for details

Britain in Bloom

Amersham in Bloom, winners of the [RHS Community Award](#) for Gardening with Young People in 2024, are returning to the UK Finals in the Town category this year.

Visit to Hollydyke House, Little Missenden.

On Wednesday 12th February 40 of us went to Hollydyke House to see the snowdrops. It was a cold, damp, gloomy day but at least it didn't rain!

We had a lovely surprise when we arrived as the owners, Sandra and Bob Wetherall, provided tea or coffee and biscuits, which were very much appreciated. Sandra then gave us a short talk about the garden and how they had managed to buy some land from their neighbours.

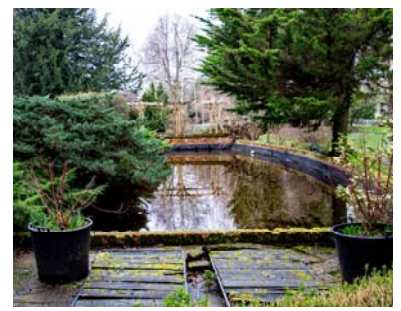
The snowdrops were, naturally, not all at their best due to the continuous gloomy weather we have been having. We wandered along by the river, saw ponds, poly tunnels, the swimming pool, stables, no longer in use, and a large field where Sandra has planted several trees.

The hellebores were just emerging too. We then sat in a tent or on the patio to enjoy delicious home-made soup and wonderful rhubarb and raspberry crumble and custard. Fruit from the garden of course! It was just what we needed on such a cold day. There were a few plants for sale and also award winning honey. A friend keeps a couple of hives in the grounds.

The garden will be open again for the NGS on 5th and 6th July. Well worth a visit.



Irene Glyn-Jones



When I worked in central London, I often went to the, then monthly, shows at the RHS Lindley Hall

There were often displays of fruit and vegetables, and as often as not the medal and certificate winners were Dukes and Earls. Of course, most of these august persons did not do their own gardening, but employed gardeners, and perhaps the awards should have gone to the gardeners rather than their employers

I was reminded of these lunch-time or early evening visits on reading the January issue of *The Garden*, which has an article about the discovery and

popularisation of the contorted hazel by A E Bowles. It seems that the original plant was found in a hedgerow on the Frocester Court Estate in 1863. The gardener here was friendly with Lord Ducie's gardener at Tortworth Court, and gave him a cutting. When the two landowners met to compare plants, Grahame-Clarke of Frocester Court proudly displayed his contorted hazel, at which Lord Ducie replied that he "already had one".

Forthcoming meetings in the Drake Hall

March 27th AGM at 7:45 then Carolyn Foster: the evolution of the perennial border

Carolyn Foster's beautiful, well-established garden in Altwood Close has been developed over 40 years as the family has grown up. It is now a much loved plantaholic's cottage-style, wildlife friendly garden, providing year round colour and interest as well as having a very productive vegetable patch, and greenhouses for indoor crops. Mixed borders overflow with perennials and shrubs, and there is also a terrace with a small raised pond, a pergola and a gravel garden.



April 24th Timothy Walker: the healing power of plants



Timothy Walker was born and brought up in South Bucks. He read botany at University College, Oxford, and trained at Oxford Botanical Garden, followed by traineeship at Saville Gardens, Windsor and as a diploma student at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Since 1986 Timothy has been giving lectures to gardening clubs, horticultural societies and many other groups. He travels to many countries giving lectures and is currently a lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford.

Despite being used for thousands of years, the role of plants in modern medicine is still considered to be peripheral by many people. This talk attempts to put the record straight and to show that plant products are used every day, by all of us to relieve pain and suffering, to heal wounds and cure diseases.

May 22nd Gillian Taylor: For the love of roses

Gillian Taylor is an enthusiastic gardener and plantswoman with a passion for roses.

This is the story of how Gillian became of lover of roses so that from having only two a few years ago she has progressed to growing around 250 varieties in her collection. The talk will discuss the diverse types of rose that are available, where to buy them, how to use them in various garden settings, where to see them, their care and suggestions for companion plants to use with them.



June 26th Robert Harvey: Creating a downland garden



Robert is a Chartered Natural Scientist of the Royal Photographic Society who travels extensively photographing landscapes and wildlife. He believes garden design is a blend of art with nature.

Tracing the development of his Wiltshire garden from a bare field to acceptance in the National Garden Scheme, he discusses the practical and aesthetic principles that give structure and unity to formal lawns and borders, wildflower meadows and ponds, trees, fruit and vegetables.

Two outings to book now

Visit to RHS garden Wisley Wednesday 9th April by coach

Leaving Amersham Rugby Club at 9.10 and Amersham Community Centre at 9.20; leaving Wisley at 3.00

Entrance to the garden is free for all as we are an RHS affiliated society and that gives us one free visit to an RHS garden each year, so the cost of £17 per person is for the coach and driver's tip. The cost to park at the Rugby Club is £4 per car.

In the cold dark days of winter, we all long for spring flowers and light. At Wisley there should be late daffodils and plenty of tulips. We can also expect to find magnolia and cherry trees in blossom. At Hilltop they will be preparing and sowing vegetables and maybe harvesting the last of the winter crops. The alpine

glasshouse, rockery and meadow should have lots to look at. If the weather lets us down, I will be heading for the large glasshouse, where I expect to see an amazing display of over 3000 orchids and other exotic plants.

There are places to eat near the entrance, at Hilltop and by the large glasshouse. Near the exit are the shop and plant sales area.

There is a shuttle bus, manual wheelchairs and also powered mobility scooters, which should be booked in advance.

The pictures show Yoshino cherries by the entrances, tulips and the long pond.

Frances Billington



There is much more information online at www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

Visit to Reveley Lodge and gardens, Thursday 29th May, by car

[Reveley Lodge](#) is a Grade II listed Victorian House and public gardens. The main structure was built around 1845 as a small country house. The ownership passed through many pairs of hands until the last occupant left it to the Bushey Museum on her death in 2003. It is managed by a trust and is a registered charity, established to preserve the house and gardens and to provide an arts and education resource for the local community.

The garden covers 2.5 acres and features a formal terrace, a listed conservatory, lawns, a rose garden, a kitchen and cut flower garden, a pond, a woodland walk, a summer meadow, herbaceous borders, a human sundial and beehives. Medicinal plants are also grown. There will be a guided tour by the Head Gardener; coffee & tea will be served in the café.

10.30: coffee or tea & cake on arrival;
11.15: one hour guided tour of the garden

Fresh home grown produce is available for purchase and all proceeds from the sale of fruit, vegetables and flowers are used to fund the gardens.

There is a family run garden café serving speciality coffees and freshly baked cakes, toasties and snacks. 'Mabel's Vintage Tearooms', serving afternoon teas, are found in the house. These have to be booked in advance.

The car park is very small and only accommodates Blue Badge holders. Other parking is in the road outside.

Address, directions and parking: 88 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4GL.
(Allow 40 minutes for your journey)

Take the A41 from Berkhamsted towards Watford. Continue on this road as far as Bushey Heath. At a roundabout near Aldenham turn right on the A411 towards Harrow. After several hundred yards, you will see a Priory on your right, Reveley Lodge is on your left.

What's this?

I expect many of you have looked at the photo and been puzzled. Recently my son's tenants moved out after 10 years. Strangely, I was recruited to help "sort out the garden" which had not been touched for those 10 years. The compost bin was quite close to the door.

Aha, I think, there should be some good stuff in there. But on removing the lid I was confronted by – egg shells, 10 years' worth of nothing but eggshells.

I didn't think to take a photograph until I had removed 50% of them.

Now over the years I have come across several thoughts regarding eggshells and compost:

- 1) They need to be washed first otherwise they attract rats who are after the albumin.
- 2) They should be roasted and crushed to facilitate digestion (by worms?).
- 3) They should not be included in compost. (Put the roasted and crushed shells on the soil around plants to deter slugs and snails (it doesn't work).
- 4) Worms love eggshells. So how come they are still there a year later when I dig out the finished compost?

When you see me around at the meetings do tell me if you compost eggshells. I haven't for many years, but maybe my worms feel deprived.



Susan Jeffery

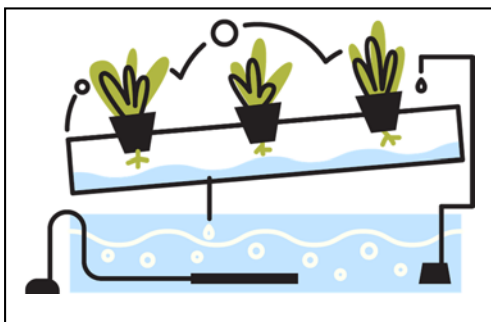
Exploiting flowers and pollution



We know that there is a serious problem of pollution of waterways from farm run-off; chicken farms are an especial problem, leaching large amounts of phosphate and nitrogen into rivers, much more so than other livestock farms. The problem is that these plant nutrients lead to rapid growth of algae that, among other problems, reduce the oxygen content of water,

so killing fish and leading to further pollution from decaying fish in rivers and lakes.

A report in *The Guardian* on November 19th 2024 tells us that "more than 51 million chickens are being industrially farmed in the river valleys of the Severn and Wye – the equivalent of 79 chickens for every person in the region". Obviously, it would be desirable to halt this pollution at source, but this seems unlikely. Although a number of companies sell pelleted dried chicken manure for garden use, this is unlikely to be a large enough market to make much difference to the farm run-off, and excessive use in gardens will simply shift the run-off of nutrients to other water-courses.



We have known about hydroponic culture, growing plants on an inert substrate with precisely controlled amounts of nutrients, for many years. Now, trials in Florida are using ornamental flowers grown on inert mats in an attempt to remove pollution from canals. The plants are not only attractive, but they also remove large amounts of phosphate and nitrogen. As an added bonus, the flowers can be harvested for the cut flower market, so providing an income to fund more work in cleaning up canals, rivers and lakes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 28th March 2024 in the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre in the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre.

Present: A total of 101 members and 1 visitor signed the attendance book.

1. Welcome The Chairman, Colin Ross offered a warm welcome to members and thanked them for attending. He was pleased to see so many at the AGM as he felt it was important for members to know how and by whom the Association was run.

He reminded members of the future trips which were detailed in the February Newsletter. There are still spaces on the April and May trips. The Plant Fair on

Saturday May 4th is an important source of revenue for the Association and he hoped members would support it. Also we will be attending the Chesham Bois Plant Fair on Saturday June 15th.

Susan Jeffrey then asked for help for this Plant Fair. Plants need to be delivered to the site by 9am. She also requested a gazebo and one was offered and a table is also needed. Donated plants need informative labels with them.

2. Apologies for absence had been received from David Bender, Ken Bodman, Liz Moulton and Isobel Wise.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23rd March 2023 had been published in the February Newsletter.

Acceptance was proposed by Sue Edwards and seconded by Michael Harrington and carried nem con.

4. Matters arising: None was raised.

5. Officers' reports These had been published in the February Newsletter.

The Chairman thanked the Officers and Committee for their hard work.

6. Treasurer's report This had been published in the Newsletter. Nothing was raised on the report. Acceptance was proposed by Tim Hillier and seconded

by Ray Edwards. The vote was carried nem con. The report to be signed later by the President on the Treasurer's return from holiday.

7. President's comments The President paid tribute to Colin and the committee for the success of the

Association. New members to the Committee would always be welcome.

8. Election of Officers

Officers who had declared themselves willing to stand for election were

Hon Chairman

Colin Ross

Hon Secretary

Jean Bowling

Hon Treasurer

David Bender

Hon Membership Secretary:

Annie Jardine

Hon Social Secretary (visits)

Liz Moulton

Hon Social Secretary (talks)

Sue Edwards and Julie Burton

Hon Archivist

Carol Barratt

The vote was carried with no objections or abstentions.

9. Election of Committee members: Frances Billington. Carol Daw, Irene Glyn-Jones, Clive Symes, Anne Webb. Vote carried nem con.

10: Election of independent examiner for the accounts Mrs Sue Humble was thanked by the Chairman for her diligent examination of the accounts over the last few years but as she is moving away she will be unable to act next year.

The Chairman then asked for a volunteer to be willing to undertake the not unduly onerous task of inspecting the accounts in late January/ early February 2025. No volunteers came forward at this time.

11. AOB None was raised

After the AGM we had a talk by Matthew Biggs, well known for Radio 4 Question Time. His talk was about Kew Gardens, which covers 210 hectares. It started as a simple garden to Kew Park but in the 18th century Frederick, Prince of Wales started making changes. However it was his widow Augusta who with the help of Lord Bute created a botanical garden. In 1761 William Chambers came back from his travels in China and built the Chinese pagoda which still exists.

The gardens expanded under George III, he enlisted Joseph Banks to make the gardens the greatest

Editor notes: Some years ago there was a biography of William and Joseph Hooker under the title *The Hookers of Kew*.

botanical gardens in the world. The South Africa house was the first glass house to be built. Pelargoniums arrived for the first time.

After the death of George III, the gardens went into decline but were rescued by Queen Victoria who brought Sir William Hooker from Scotland to save them. He created the Palm House a very unusual looking glass house. He was followed by his son Joseph who brought in great variety of rhododendrons.

It was an unexpected best-seller in the USA

Annual General Meeting 2025 on Thursday 27th March, starting at 7:45

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of the 2024 AGM (above)
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes of the 2024 AGM
- 5) Officers' reports:

Talks Secretary (Julie Burton and Sue Edwards)

January. Peter Skaggs-Gooch - Thorncroft Clematis Excellent, enthusiastic and entertaining speaker. Gave a very full talk on clematis and their far reaching uses in the garden as individual and companion plants.

February. Colin Roberts, Gardener at Adwell House. Unfortunately our speaker for 22nd February entered his visit to us for the wrong Thursday in his diary. However after a number of telephone calls he did hot-foot it down to the venue to give a shortened version of his presentation of a year in the gardens at Adwell House which was most enjoyable.

March. Matthew Biggs. Once again we welcomed Matthew Biggs to our March meeting; he gave a full and comprehensive presentation on The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew which we all thoroughly enjoyed. He is a very knowledgeable and seasoned speaker on a subject on which he is a master.

April. In April we heard Sarah Eldon and Claire Williams who gave us a fascinating and enjoyable journey into the life of fungi and their inter-relationship with all other species of plants.

May. Our speaker George Lockwood gave a talk on climbers in a Royal Garden, Highgrove including slides of the many plants in the garden but it was felt he was a rather disappointing speaker.

June. Andrew Mikolajski gave us an insight of how gardens were planted and how they looked in Tudor times, with many plants still used today.

July. Nigel Hopes from Ashwood Nurseries spoke about his close connection with John Massey and the history surrounding his garden and nursery.

September. James Bolton enlightened us about the close connection Gertrude Jekyll and Lutyens had with planning and planting clients' gardens to complement their houses, with many gardens surviving today.

October. John Amand brought a wonderful selection of his bulbs and spoke in detail about the background and planting of his collection.

November. Amber Hine introduced us to the idea of naturalistic planting and took a look at the growing popularity of natural spaces in a contemporary garden. Quite a different approach from the norm.

December. The Christmas social, now renamed party, was funded almost entirely from Association funds (just a nominal £1 per person to reserve a place), with bought in food rather than the traditional "pot luck". It seems to have been a great success.

Membership Secretary (Annie Jardine)

Subscriptions for the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 remained unchanged at £10 single and £17 per couple at the same address. At the 31st December 2024 we had a total of 184 members with 13

Visits Secretary (Liz Moulton)

We started the year with a visit to Sarah Nicholson's garden, organised by Irene Glynn-Jones, to view the snowdrops. Unfortunately, the snowdrops were nearly over, but we enjoyed the great variety of hellebores, despite the heavy rain.

In March we visited Stubbings in Maidenhead to view the daffodils. Again, the seasons confounded us, and the daffodils were over. However, it was a beautiful day and we could sit outside to enjoy our lunch. Thanks to Isabel Wise for organising it.

In April, Althea took us by coach to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens. There was so much to see there that members had no time to walk into the city.

Rodmarton House and Garden, organised by Liz Moulton, took us toward Cirencester. We had guided walks around the spectacular house and were free to roam the extensive grounds and enjoy our picnics. The return via Bampton Nursery had to be aborted as the coach got stuck before a humpbacked bridge. Luckily,

Chairman's report (Colin Ross)

It is great to report (yet again) that the Amersham Gardening Association had another very successful year. The monthly talks continue to be very well attended - in fact we were close to running out of seats on a number of occasions in the last year. Again, thanks to Sue Edwards and Julie Burton for continuing to find varied and interesting speakers, and for making all the necessary arrangements month by month - and a special thanks to our members Michael and Jeanne Harrison for a very interesting talk on creating a wild life hedge and pond at their Amersham home.

Following the New Members Meeting in April 2024, which was well supported we hope to hold another New Members Meeting this year immediately before the April meeting - members who joined since last April will receive an invitation in the next month.

The trips, including the many day trips and the holiday to Cheshire and RHS Bridgewater were well supported. These trips allow members to visit gardens, both local and further afield and also to get to know our fellow members better. Thanks to Liz Moulton and the visits team, who always seem to be able to find stunning gardens to visit.

For the first time this year we changed the format of the Christmas Social, which is now known as the Christmas

of those being new members who joined throughout the year. Please remember that renewal subscriptions fell due on January 1st of this year and remain the same as in the previous year.

the pub we were stranded next to put the kettle on and produced cups of tea as well as gin and tonics!

In mid-July a canal trip from Apsley proved very popular. We were blessed with a warm day and too many cakes. Thanks to Joan Clark.

At the end of July, Frances organised a coach trip to the RHS Hyde Hall Flower Festival. There were hundreds of plants to buy as well as the opportunity to visit the exquisite grounds at Hyde Hall.

Our final visit in September was by car to Turn End garden in Haddenham organised by Di Aylott. Sadly, the turn out was poor which was a shame as the area and the garden proved most interesting.

Please support our outings in 2025 as a lot of work goes into organising them.

Liz Moulton

Party. The main change was that the food was provided by the Association for a nominal charge of £1.00. Our thanks go to Jill Harris who organised the evening and to all the committee members and other members who helped in any way. As in previous years we enjoyed a slide show of the holiday, which was prepared by Keith Hoffmeister. Attendance at this year's event was higher than in previous years and as the new format was well received, it will be followed again next year.

Again, the plant sale was a success and raised a significant amount of money for the Association's funds. In addition the plant sale brings the Association to the attention of non-members and has helped to increase membership over the years. There is a lot of work involved in preparing for this sale, so if you think you could help in any way, please let any committee member know. As always, a special thanks to Janet Philpott for co-ordinating everything.

The success of the Association is dependent on the hard work of the committee and I ask you all to think of how you could become involved, perhaps by joining the committee or one of the sub-groups. It goes without saying that we need new blood in the committee to ensure that it reflects our ever changing membership so if you think you could help in any way please let one of the committee know.

- 6) President's comments
 7) Election of officers.
 The following are willing to stand for re-election::
 Hon Chairman Colin Ross
 Hon Secretary Jean Bowling
 Hon Treasurer David Bender
 Hon Membership Secretary Annie Jardine
 Hon Social Secretary (visits) Liz Moulton
 Hon Social Secretary (talks) Julie Burton and Sue Edwards
 Hon Archivist Carol Barratt

- 8) Election of committee members.
 The following are willing to stand for re-election:
 Frances Billington, Joan Clark, Carol Daw,
 Irene Glyn-Jones, Jill Harris (co-opted in
 2024), Clive Symes.

To note that Anne Webb is standing down from the committee after many years, including being Hon Social Secretary (talks)

- 9) Election of honorary independent examiner for the accounts.
 Mr Mark Taylor is willing to act for another year.

- 10) Any other business.

Amersham Gardening Association
 Receipts and Payments Statement
 for the year ending 31st December 2024

	2024			2023		
	income	expenditure	balance	income	expenditure	balance
Subscriptions	1992.40		1992.40	2197.00		2197.00
Deposit account interest	202.50		202.50	131.38		131.38
Visitors and miscellaneous	101.00		101.00	79.00		79.00
Plant sales at meetings	80.00		80.00	100.00		100.00
Social activities (incl tea)	0.00	-972.99	-972.99		-333.13	-333.13
Activities and fundraising						
Outings	41604.20	-38746.50	2857.70	34690.20	-33049.45	1640.75
Raffle and Xmas tombola/raffle	829.80	-349.00	480.80	820.70	-379.43	441.27
Plant sales outside	1626.73	-416.59	1210.14	1173.95	-407.77	766.18
Other expenditure						
Speaker fees		-1940.00	-1940.00		-976.00	-976.00
Room hire ACC		-879.95	-879.95		-847.20	-847.20
Venue hire (other)		-50.00	-50.00		-40.00	-40.00
Gratuities and gifts		-485.00	-485.00		-656.00	-656.00
Newsletter and postage		-205.16	-205.16		-128.31	-128.31
Administration and publicity		-570.49	-570.49		-367.71	-367.71
Social activities			0.00			
miscellaneous		-24.14	-24.14			
shows						
total	46436.63	-44639.82	1796.81	39192.73	-37518.13	2007.23

Amersham Gardening Association
Balance sheet as at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Current assets		
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
Cash at bank (current account)	£7,866.93	£6,039.47
Cash at bank (savings account)	£13,494.31	£13,291.81
Total	£21,361.24	£19,331.28
Balance brought forward	£19,331.28	£17,324.05
Surplus for the year	£1,796.81	£2,007.23
Suspence	£233.15	
Balance carried forward	£21,361.24	£19,331.28

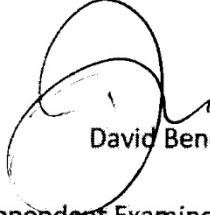
Notes to the Accounts

1. Included in the Income for the year is a total of £4741 received from members for excursions and holidays taking place in 2025 and in Expenditure £147 of prepayments in respect of these events.

Signed

Tim Hillier (President)

dated

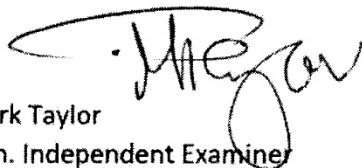


David Bender (Treasurer)

dated 28/2/25

Independent Examiner's report

I have examined the above balance sheet and attached income and expenditure account with the books and vouchers, and, in my opinion, they present a fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2024



Mark Taylor
Hon. Independent Examiner

27/2/2025

dated

Some requests for help

We always need people to meet and greet members and visitors at our meetings.

If you can help, please contact Felicity Vickery Tel: 01494 726284, email felicityvickery@yahoo.co.uk

We need people to help with the tea and coffee at our meetings. There is a rota so you are not expected to help at every meeting. If you can help, please contact Liz Moulton Tel: 01494 784913, email libbym6740@gmail.com

As ever, it will be much appreciated if some members could arrive about 7 pm to help put out chairs and tables; they do not put themselves out! Carol Barratt has a rota, so again you do not have to do so every month.

Please remember the raffle at each meeting. The profit on the raffles makes a very useful contribution to our expenses; subscriptions alone do not cover the cost of meetings and speakers.

Publicity. If you know where you could put a publicity poster please contact david.bender@btinternet.com

At present we have posters in the following places:

White Hill Centre, Chesham; Blue Diamond (formerly Van Hage) garden centre; Little Chalfont Library; Amersham Library; Chesham Library; Coleshill Village Hall

Committee and Contact Details

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Past newsletters

There is an archive of past newsletters from May 2014 to the current issue on our website at

<http://www.amersham-gardening.org.uk/newsletter.html>

Photos from outings

You can see links to lots of photos from our outings at <http://www.amersham-gardening.org.uk/outings.html>

Click the button on the top right of the screen for a slide show; you can scroll through the pictures using the > and < arrows on the right and left of the screen

Half price entry to RHS gardens

We are affiliated to the RHS, and one of the benefits is a card allowing two AGA members at a time to visit one of the RHS gardens at half price. If you want to borrow the card, please contact Jean Bowling (secretary@amersham-gardening.org.uk)

We are not psychic

If you change your email address (or indeed your postal address) please email membership@amersham-gardening.org.uk and / or newsletter@amersham-gardening.org.uk, so that we can keep the records up to date and make sure you receive the newsletter and booking forms for outings.