



Hardy Plant Society Northamptonshire Group

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Hello Everyone,

What a strange, and very trying, year this has been! I do hope that you have managed to keep safe and well throughout the recent months.

We all share an interest in plants and gardens so have been lucky enough to enjoy a hobby that according to the experts is beneficial to our health and wellbeing.

As I'm sure you appreciate it is beyond our control to arrange our group meetings at the moment but, looking towards 2021, Judith and Peter have been working very hard to make renewing your membership as easy as possible so we hope to see you all before too long.

I am looking forward to the brilliant selection of speakers that Kate has booked for our enjoyment. I'm sure you will agree that she does a grand job.

Hopefully we will soon be exchanging stories of the gardening highs and lows of 2020. My bumper crop of 6 Victoria plums was a high point, the wasp's nest above the kitchen ceiling was not. Plums all eaten..... Wasp's still in residence!!!

Enjoy the Autumn weather, take care and stay safe.

Regards Anna

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2021 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Moulton Community Centre, Reedings, Sandy Hill Lane, Moulton NN3 7AX commencing at 2pm except for the October meeting which will commence at 2.30pm.

9th January 2021

Please note that this is the second Saturday!

Timothy Walker – 'Garden Hunting in China'

6th February 2021

Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers – 'Light in a Dark Season'

6th March 2021

Alun & Jill Whitehead of Aulden Farm – 'Iris for the Natural Garden'

3rd April 2021

Dr Andrew Ward of Norwell Nurseries – topic to be agreed

5th June 2021

Graham Spencer – topic to be agreed

4th September 2021

Bring a Friend for Free!

Darren Rudge – 'Sustainability in Your Garden'

2nd October 2021

Please note this meeting will start at 2.30pm

Samantha Hopes – 'Journey into Horticulture'

6th November 2021

Simon White of Peter Beales Roses – 'Highlights of Chelsea and Hampton Court'

4th December 2021

Paul Barney of Edulis Nursery – 'Plant Hunting in Manipur'

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

This newsletter accompanies the subscription renewal form as it is time to renew both your Group and the National HPS subscriptions.

We did discuss waiving the Group subscription, modest as it is, for the next year but instead will tempt you back to the meetings with FREE raffles and FREE refreshments (when we are able to serve them).

As you have received the HPS Journals and Newsletters throughout the year the National subscription is also unchanged.

Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope for you to return your form to Judith, with any necessary corrections, and with your cheque. You will, of course, also be able to pay online or by standing order but do, please, return the form to Judith indicating that you have paid in that way.

We do ask you to pay your National HPS, and Cornucopia, subscriptions with your Group subscription in a single payment, be it cheque, bank transfer or standing order. This saves time and effort for Judith and also for HPS Head Office staff.

Please make your cheque payable to 'HPS Northants Group'.

Those paying by bank transfer or standing order may be required to use the full name 'Hardy Plant Society Northamptonshire Group'. Also please enter your GROUP membership number and your name in the reference field.

Should you decide NOT to renew your subscription, please still return your form to Judith indicating you will not be renewing. We shall be sad to see you go.

Please keep safe and well through these troubled times. We look forward to seeing you all again when we all consider it reasonably safe so to do.

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For a profile of **TIMOTHY WALKER** go to
www.timothywalker.org.uk/about-me/

COTSWOLD GARDEN FLOWERS

Sands Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 7EZ
01386 422829

We are not easy to find being half a mile down a single track lane. Keep going, you will get there! Punch WR11 7EZ into your satnav.

OPENINGTIMES

9.00am until 5.30pm Mon - Fri

10.00am until 5.30pm Weekends & Bank Holidays

www.cotswoldgardenflowers.co.uk

AULDEN FARM

The hamlet of Aulden is situated about 3 miles south of Leominster. Despite its small size, it does appear on quite a few road maps. For those with satnav our postcode is HR6 0JT.

www.auldenfarm.co.uk

NORWELL NURSERIES

Woodhouse Road, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire
NG23 6JX
01636 636337

www.norwellnurseries.co.uk

DARREN RUDGE

Darren Rudge, also known as 'The Laughing Gardener', has been a BBC Radio presenter for over 15 years.

www.darrenrudge.co.uk

HOPES GARDEN PLANTS

Halesowen, West Midlands
01384 413070

We propagate a range of plants from our garden and plant collections, some are reliable border staples, while others are rare jewels.

www.hopesgardenplants.co.uk

PETER BEALES ROSES

London Road, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1AY
01953 454707

The gardens, plant centre and shop are open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays 10am to 4pm. Visiting at other times is by appointment.

The Rosarium Restaurant is open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.30am to 3.30pm.

www.classicroses.co.uk

EDULIS NURSERY

The Walled Garden, Tidmarsh Lane, Pangbourne, RG8 8HT
01635 578113 / 07802 812781

Founded by Paul Barney, Edulis is tucked away in a walled garden in the Thames Valley near Pangbourne.

www.edulis.co.uk