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***Anemone nemorosa* 'Lady Doneraile'**

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Front cover picture, *Anemone nemorosa* 'Lady Doneraile'
courtesy of Jennifer Harmer

Indoor meetings are charged at £2 per member (guests £5) and held at St. Boniface Centre, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford. Meetings are usually the 3rd Friday of the month and start at 7.30 pm preceded by tea and coffee at 7:00 pm. **Please note that the February Meeting is on Saturday afternoon starting at 2:30 pm.**

Where the speaker has brought plants for sale, these will be available after the talk.

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Contributions for the Summer Issue of the Newsletter should be sent to the editor by May 22nd Contact details on back cover.

Editorial

Welcome to the 2020 Spring Issue of the Newsletter. Some of you, I am sure, will remember Sue Ward's plant drawings on the cover of past Newsletters. Sue and Jennifer Harmer have given me access to some of these original drawings and accompanying notes. I will be republishing some of these in future issues as: 'From the Archives'. I hope you will enjoy revisiting some of these plants. In the next issue I will focus on Clematis and would welcome articles on this diverse group of plants - your favourite cultivars, tips on cultivation and propagation etc.



In this issue there is also an article with a generic title, 'Unusual Garden Plants'. I would like to continue this theme as a series, so if you have an unusual species or cultivar in your garden please think about writing a short article about it for the Newsletter. It is a great way to learn more about the plants in your garden

Finally, I would welcome any feedback you may have about the Newsletter. What would you like to see in it, what are you not so keen on, any suggestions for articles, would you like to see a letters page? This Newsletter is for you, so please your feedback is important (as they say)!

Martin Ward
Newsletter Editor

Chairman's Thoughts

Is it me or are the weather patterns completely confused? We have always used the winter period to clear and prepare the garden for the coming year so that we can enjoy it in between maintenance. This year has been a bigger challenge than usual as whilst, sadly Australia seems to have an overheating climate, we have one more reminiscent of a cloud forest though not as warm. Primroses are in flower as are the first celandines, so battle will have to commence soon to stop the latter taking over and smothering the snowdrops which seem to only just be emerging. The consolation to all of this is that the damp weather is bringing the snowdrops on strongly even if they need webbed feet. Along with hellebores they present a beautiful display even in the rain and mud. As we are not doing a 'snowdrops by



candlelight' opening this year there is a great opportunity to split snowdrops in the green and given the weather they seem to move happily when in flower. At the same time the self-seeded hellebores are ready for transplanting. Together the two present an ideal opportunity to increase the winter border and to give time to settle in before next year's opening.

A new year with a new beginning happened in November when we held our AGM. It was disappointing to see so few people and we clearly need to think about the format. By contrast the committee's decision to experiment with Saturday afternoon meetings in January and February has been a success, at least as far as January went and the day was fine and sunny. It gives us thought for 2021 for the dark winter months. It was nice to see some members who have not joined us for some considerable time and even more so to be joined by Debbie Steel and her husband from the Dorset group as well as three visitors. Welcome to all; hope that you enjoyed our afternoon together. Let's hope we get more visitors.

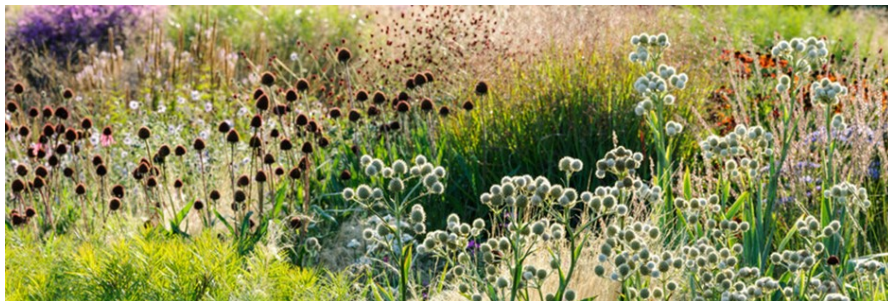
Whilst mentioning Dorset, do not forget that they are hosting the National AGM and lecture day. It promises to be an interesting day with two good speakers and the promise of homemade cakes. So please support our neighbour group – I know how much work goes into such a day.

Returning to our own AGM, we have struggled for some time to find replacements for Dawn Trenchard and Sue Hough who have contributed so much to the group. It is pleasing to note that they are both continuing to help, which is greatly appreciated. We owe both an enormous debt of gratitude, but we finally have two replacements for them. Becky Getgood has joined the committee with responsibility for Day Trips and we hope, ultimately she and Patricia Elington will organise a holiday in 2021. As I write this, enough people have signed up for the Spring trip to go ahead – thanks to all. Whilst Becky replaces Dawn, Jenny Maunder has taken on Sue's Indoor meetings role and like Becky has already been hard at work making sure the 2020 programme works. If you have any thoughts on topics or speakers for the future, please let Jenny know. She is hoping to sprinkle some practical sessions in as well and has scheduled a propagation workshop – details in the events part of the magazine. Thanks to both of them.

Becky is also looking at setting up a Hampshire group web site to supplement the information held on the national database. If that sort of thing interests you or you have web site skills, please contact Becky. If we can get it to work it should help bring in new members alongside our other media promotions

Mike Maunder
Chairman

Update On Forthcoming Outdoor Events



Coach Trips. You will be pleased to hear that we have enough people for the Spring 2020 Coach trip to go ahead. Thank you to all those who have paid!

Details about the September trip are elsewhere in this newsletter. Please let me know by 31st March if you would like to attend. I guarantee you will find inspiration at the gardens we are visiting as well as indulging your plant shopping genes at the Rare Plant Fair event.

Holiday 2021. Planning is underway for a holiday in June 2021. Details will follow in the summer.

Open Gardens. Thank you to Valerie and David Menzies who have kindly volunteered to open their garden this year. I am going to be brave and open my incredibly messy garden and would love to hear from any member who would also like to host a visit, this year or next. Your garden does not need to be pristine or at National Garden Scheme standard. It is fun and sometimes enlightening to see other members' gardens and have a good natter about plants. In addition, the money raised helps to fund the cost of the speakers at our meetings.

Please support our open gardens this year by attending, with an umbrella if necessary, by buying a plant and perhaps enjoying some tea and cake. I look forward to welcoming you to my chalky garden in North West Hampshire hopefully in August.

Becky Getgood
Outdoor Events Coordinator

The Story behind the Drawing (from the archives) *Anemone nemorosa* 'Lady Doneraile'



Some ten years ago Sue Ward produced a wonderful drawing of *Anemone nemorosa* and Jennifer Harmer researched the background of the person who it was named after, 'Lady Doneraile'. Sue later described some other cultivars of *A. nemorosa* which may still be of interest and I have repeated the drawing and three articles here.

Viscountess Doneraile (1836 - 1907)

Mary Ann Grace Louisa Lenox-Conyngham was born in 1836. She was a daughter of Mr. George Lenox-Conyngham, Chief Clerk of the Foreign Office, and her mother, Elizabeth Holmes, was the only child of the distinguished Irish barrister, Robert Holmes, whose wife was a sister of the ill-fated Robert Emmet, whose doom was sealed at an early age in the rebellion of 1803. Over his career the glamour of romance has been thrown by Thomas Moore in the well-known lines, 'She is far from the land where her young hero sleeps,' addressed to Sarah Curran, a daughter of the famous advocate, to which lady he had been betrothed.

Miss Lenox Conyngham was married on the 20th of August, 1851, to the Hon. Hayes St. Leger, afterwards fourth Viscount Doneraile, celebrated as a keen rider to hounds, who was at one time Master of the Duhallow and at another of the Burton Hounds, and who was a life-long friend of Lord Henry Bentinck, also of the late Viscount Chaplin. A great lover of animals, he had the misfortune to be bitten by a tame fox in January, 1887, and in August of the same year symptoms of hydrophobia made their appearance, which unfortunately proved fatal.

During her reign at Doneraile she made the gardens amongst the most beautiful in Ireland, and without in any way detracting from the great natural beauties of the demesne. Doneraile is situated in the midst of the Spenser country, and the flowers mentioned by him and by Shakespeare are still to be found upon the neighbouring hills

After the tragedy Lady Doneraile made her home at Grésy-sur-Aix in the old Chateau de Fontanil where she had every opportunity of indulging her love of gardening. She transformed the old *potager* into a charming flower garden; and in the ancient orchard through which a little stream wound its way to the coppice she had naturalized much of the local flora. She was greatly missed at Aix, where her charming personality, her beauty, and her hospitality, gained her a very wide circle of friends. King George of Greece was a frequent visitor to Fontanil.

During the time she lived in Grosvenor Street her window flower-boxes drew many visitors, who might have been seen standing in admiration before them. It was for the skilful way in which they were planted and for their beauty that she was awarded the R.H.S. medal, which ever remained amongst her most valued possessions.



Lady Doneraile died at Nice on the 25th of February, 1907, deeply mourned by all who had the privilege of her friendship. Her love of gardening was inherited by her only surviving daughter, Lady Castletown, of Upper

Ossory.

In the well-known Book of Beauty, Lady Doneraile's portrait appeared a few years after her marriage. (Curtis's Botanical Magazine Dedications 1827-1927)

Sue Ward & Jennifer Harmer

***Anemone nemerosa* in the Spring Garden**

A late warm March brought out the many *Anemone nemerosa* that I have in my garden. A couple of years ago I wrote about *A. nemerosa* 'Lady Doneraile' growing under my *Magnolia stellata* 'Water Lily'. Well, this year they flowered together - a



A. nemerosa 'Robinsoniana'
© Hardy Plant Society

really lovely picture. It made me look around at the other *Anemone nemerosa* that I grow. An old favourite is *A. nemerosa* 'Robinsoniana' which is growing under a *Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum* 'Pink Beauty'. I have taken off its lower branches and underplanted with ferns, aquilegias, hellebores, heucheras, geraniums, brunneras and small bulbs such as galanthus and narcissus and weaving its way through all these plants is *A. nemerosa* 'Robinsoniana'. This is an old clone first spotted at the Oxford Botanic Garden and it has large flowers of a pale lavender on the outer side of the petals, a little lighter on the inside. It grows to 20 cm when in flower and is a good, robust plant.



A. nemerosa 'Bracteata
Pleniflora' © Hardy Plant Society

In amongst my trilliums I have put four different anemone cultivars. *A. nemerosa* 'Bracteata Pleniflora' has green tipped white double flowers with a ruff of green bracts, 15 cm high. *A. nemerosa* 'Blue Eyes', grows to 12 cm, has white double flowers and, at the very centre of the petals, it is blue. *A. nemerosa* 'Blue Bonnet' is one of the darkest blues with a greyish blue reverse, smaller at 8 cm. Finally, *A. nemerosa* 'Bowles Purple' has pale blue flowers with purple backs to the petals, growing to 10 cm.

A partnership that has not worked quite as well as I hoped is *Pulmonaria* 'Excalibur', which has lovely silver leaves, with the pink *A. nemerosa* 'Bill Baker's Pink', *A. nemerosa* 'Cedric's Pink' and one called *A. nemerosa* 'New Pink' (from the Garden House in Devon). I thought they would look lovely weaving around the pulmonaria leaves. Alas, the pulmonaria is too strong and has shaded the anemones out. All three of these anemones start white, faintly flushed with pink, then becoming a deeper pink. I think *A. nemerosa* 'Bill Baker's Pink' has the deepest pink flowers lasting for many days. All of them are around 10 cm tall and I have now rescued them and moved them under a *Daphne x transatlantica* 'Eternal Fragrance'.

A. nemorosa 'Hannah Gubbay' has large pale blue flowers with a lovely rounded shape to the flowers, almost cup-like. It is quite tall at 20 cm and is growing with some of the taller galanthus. *A. nemorosa* 'Parlez Vous' is another large form (20 cm) with lovely pale blue flowers. It's partnered with *Hosta* 'June' whose leaves cover the dying foliage of the anemone.



A. nemorosa 'Vestal'
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The very last to flower is *A. nemorosa* 'Vestal' - pure white petals with a dense centre made up of many tiny petals, only about 10 cm. I grow several clumps at the front of my shady border so I can really enjoy looking at the exquisite flowers which give me so much pleasure.

Sue Ward
17th April 2012

Unusual Garden Plants

***Araujia sericifera* Rosea - Cruel Plant or Moth Catcher**

This unusual, very fast growing evergreen climber is a fascinating example of a plant which in some areas of the world is classed as an invasive species; whereas in other regions it can almost be a challenging garden plant to establish. In many cases the absence of pollinators can restrict the spread of a species but in the UK, it is because it is not completely frost hardy. *A. sericifera* originates from north-eastern Argentina, southern and south-eastern Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. For globe trotters that is pretty much around the famous Iguazú Falls, the largest series of waterfalls in the world. The plant was first described in 1817 by the Portuguese botanist Félix Avelar Brotero, hence its full botanical name of *Araujia sericifera* Brot. It is now considered as an invasive species in Australia, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa, United States and more recently in Chile. Perhaps with a changing climate this species could become an invasive species in warmer regions of this country - so beware. It is capable of growing very fast and can smother large trees

A. sericifera belongs to the botanical family Apocynaceae which includes a number of tropical and sub-tropical medicinal and ornamental plants. Plants such as frangipani (a common ornamental tree), oleanders, mandevillas and another plant which I have started growing, *Hoya* all belong to this plant family. Many of these species are characterised by their milky sticky sap which can give rise to skin irritation. More surprisingly the periwinkle *Vinca* spp and the slightly more

unusual *Vincetoxicum* (a possible candidate for another article) now also belong to this family. Many of the species have medicinal uses and many are poisonous.

A. sericifera is usually recommended for cool bright conservatories but I had seen it growing outside in this country so I thought that I would “give it a go” I bought my plant from Hayloft Nursery in May last year, and although slow to establish, by July it had started to cover one side of a south west facing 8ft metal archway. By late August it had started to flower. The flowers of this particular cultivar are pale pink and have a delicate fragrance especially in the evening. Although there were plenty of flowers I would class it more as interesting than showy.



Araujia sericifera Rosea
© Hardy Plant Society

It gets its common name as cruelplant, or moth catcher from its unusual pollination mechanism. In warmer countries the flowers are commonly visited by daytime and nocturnal moths. The long proboscis of these insects become firmly wedged between the rigid anther wings of the flowers preventing the moths from escaping. Some smaller insects such as bees and wasp can also be trapped. I didn't observe this in the flowers in my garden but it was September before the vine was in full flower

and the evenings were cooler; by mid- September the autumn rains had started. Perhaps this year the established plant might flower earlier when there are more moths about! Probably due to a lack of pollination, my plant did not set seed. The

fruits or seed pods, when they occur, are usually large, pear shaped and ribbed 8 - 10cm long containing a mass of silky floss with black seeds.



Araujia wrapped in
fleece

The plant is now well wrapped in fleece to protect it from the frost and I wait to see if it will survive the wet weather and frosts. As a precaution I took some late cuttings in October and rooted 3 out of 5 in my “Ikea Propagator”. One of these cuttings has already burst into leaf. So hopefully if the garden plant doesn't survive I have a replacement!

Martin Ward

Autumn Coach Trip – 13th September 2020

Bishops Palace gardens, Wells, the Rare Plant Fair, Wells, and the Piet Oudolf Field – Hauser and Wirth Gallery at Bruton.

To express interest in attending the Autumn coach trip please complete the form on the following page of this booklet and return to Becky Getgood. The estimated cost is £40 per member and £45 for a non-member guest. Further details are on the form.

Wells. We will visit the Rare Plant Fair at the Bishop's Palace and the Palace gardens in the morning. The gardens comprise 14 acres and include herbaceous borders, parterre, arboretum, allotments and orchards, all looking superb in September. Beyond the ramparts is a newly designed garden of contemplation, the springs that give Wells its name, and the Scotland garden. It is a 5-minute flat walk to the Bishops Palace from the coach drop-off point. Refreshments and facilities are available in the Palace grounds. We will have lunch at Wells.

Hauser and Wirth Gallery, Bruton – The Piet Oudolf Field. In the afternoon we will travel to the Hauser and Wirth Gallery at Bruton to view the stunning



garden designed by Dutch Landscape Designer Piet Oudolf. This perennial garden is approximately 1.5 acres in size and surrounds a series of Grade 2 listed farm buildings that house a contemporary Art Gallery. The garden was designed as a field of flowering perennials and 26,000 plants were grown to create it.

An up-market café-restaurant serves coffee and cake and facilities are available in the Art Gallery. The garden is on a very gentle slope.

Becky Getgood
Outdoor Events Coordinator

HHPS AUTUMN HOLIDAY – SUNDAY 13TH SEPT 2020

Wells Rare Plant Fair, the Bishop's Palace Gardens Wells and Oudolf Field
at Hauser and Wirth, Bruton.



This form is to express interest in attending the Autumn Coach Trip. The estimated cost is £40 for members and £45 for non-member guests. The actual cost will depend on numbers attending and will be notified to you by the end of April 2020. You will be required to send a cheque for the full amount by 31st May.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please complete this form by 31st March and give to Becky Getgood at a meeting or send in the post to: Becky Getgood, Beech Cottage, Mount Hermon Rd, Palestine, Andover, SP11 7EW.

Alternatively you can email your names, phone number, address and email to Becky at: r.a.schofield@btopenworld.com

I would like to attend the HHPS Autumn Coach Trip on 13th Sept 2020.

Name: _____ Member: Yes / No

Name of Guest: _____ Member: Yes / No

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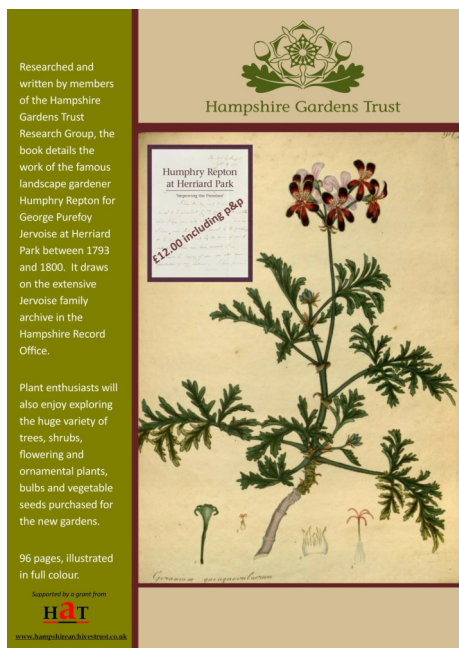
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General Data Protection Act (GDPR) the personal data that you provide will be stored by the HPS Hampshire Coach Trip Administrator and will be used solely for the administrative purposes of the trip.

Please tick the box confirming you agree for us to hold the details you have given in this form ☐

'Humphry Repton at Herriard Park Improving the Premises'

To mark the bicentenary of the death of Humphry Repton (1752-1818), the famous landscape designer, members of Hampshire Gardens Trust started to research one of the only two Repton sites in Hampshire, Herriard Park (south of Basingstoke). Repton's trade mark was the 'Red Book' which he produced for each client with watercolour sketches showing how his design ideas would transform the client's park and pleasure grounds. The Herriard Red Book, produced for his client George Purefoy Jervoise at Herriard Park between 1793 and 1800, is lost; but there is a rich archive of letters and bills in the Hampshire Record Office.



The researchers trawled through the, not inconsiderable 'garden archives' of the Jervoise family. Not only are there sections on new plants and planting in general/new trees/ tree planting, shrubberies, small flowering and ornamental plants and the kitchen garden but there are detailed appendices on the plants ordered for the garden in the late 18th century. The number and varieties are quite surprising and considerable.

The exhaustive work of this small team of Hampshire Gardens Trust researchers has recently been published as a 96-page, beautifully illustrated book, 'Humphry Repton at Herriard Park: Improving the Premises'.

The book can be obtained from:

The Administrator, Hampshire Gardens Trust, Jermyns House, Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey SO51 0QA Price £12 (inc P&P)
admin@hgt.org.uk

Plant Propagation Workshop – Saturday 30th May

We will be holding a Propagation Workshop on Saturday 30th May from 10am to 1pm. Mike and Jenny Maunder have kindly agreed to use their splendid barn at Hill Farm House, Droxford Road, Swanmore SO32 2PY. Come and spend a morning with enthusiastic gardening folk. Share some thoughts, skills, plant propagation ideas, with a 'hands-on session' and come away with the fruits of your labours. Whether you are new to plant propagation or are skilled in the art, it will be suitable for everyone.



Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Group of the Hardy Plant Society held on the 15th November 2019

Present: Mike Maunder (Chairman), Peter Hart (Treasurer), Helen Cleare (Secretary) and group members.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

2. Apologies

Janet Chant, Rosalind Clarke, Roy Clarke, Eileen Pointer, Chris Pointer, Olenka Snell, David Ward and Sue Ward,

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 16th November 2019 having been printed in the Spring Newsletter were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

3.1 The minutes were accepted unanimously.

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Chairman's Report

Mike Maunder had been chair for 3 years and over that time had been very fortunate to be supported by a range of committee members. Two of our long-standing committee members have stood down and their roles have been replaced by others. Martin Ward has taken over the newsletter which has been revamped and he welcomes articles and ideas from group members. The next newsletter will be in January 2020.

There will be no holiday during 2020 but he was pleased to say that there will be another propagation workshop following the success of the one which ran earlier this year.

We had some good garden visits organised for this year. We are experimenting with a Saturday afternoon meeting for January 2020 which will be our first meeting next year. This will be held on 18 January 2020 at 2:30pm.

We are always looking for volunteers for our indoor meetings so if you would like to volunteer to help then please let our secretary Helen Cleare know.

6. Treasurer's Report

We have made an overall surplus of £563 in the year.

The accounts were circulated at the meeting they had been split into 'core activities' (indoor meetings, garden visits, newsletters) and 'special activities' (holidays, coach trips, lectures and for this year, the propagation workshop).

Our core activities lost around £500 whereas the holiday and propagation workshop made £1,000. We therefore needed to keep running our special events. We had enough money in the bank and there was no cause for concern.

For core activities we ran 7 indoor meetings rather than the usual 8 and there were slightly fewer people attending each meeting. Sales of raffle tickets overall were up.

Hall hire stayed the same whereas the cost of speakers goes up. We had moved to a different printer to save money in producing the newsletter.

Becky Getgood raised the possibility of raising the subscription fee in order to raise more money as she felt that the current fee did not reflect the value in membership. A discussion followed where it was clear that comparisons with other clubs did not always give a 'like for like' picture. The Chair stated that she did not wish to raise the subscription unless this was essential and at this point there was no need to do so as the group was not losing money.

6.1 It was agreed that the committee would review subscriptions for 2021/2022.

Proposed: Marjorie Hart **Seconded:** Joy Couper

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

6.2 The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Eileen Collins; **Seconded:** Jenny Maunder

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

7. Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mike Maunder – **Proposed:** Sue Hough; **Seconded:** Dawn Trenchard.

The chair was thanked by the secretary for the contributions that he had made over the last 12 months to the group, particularly for acting as host at his home for group related events.

Vice Chairman: Peter Schofield – **Proposed:** Martin Ward; **Seconded:** Ann Wear.

Treasurer: Peter Hart – **Proposed:** Dawn Trenchard; **Seconded:** Sue Hough.

Secretary: Helen Cleare – **Proposed:** by Dawn Trenchard, **Seconded:** Jenny Maunder.

All officers were duly elected.

8. Election of Committee:

8.1 Three committee members had resigned and were thanked for their contributions over the years. Sue Hough and Dawn Trenchard were both

presented with a small gift. They had been responsible for organising our indoor meetings, lectures and holidays. Olenka Snell (who was absent from the AGM) has resigned as a committee member but would continue her conservation work for the group.

8.2 It was agreed to vote for the Linda Ham, Martin Ward and Roret Blue *en bloc* to remain on the committee.

Proposed: Joy Couper; **Seconded:** Dawn Trenchard

8.3 Jenny Maunder would replace Sue Hough on the committee and organise the speakers for the indoor meetings.

Proposed: Eileen Collins; **Seconded:** Martin Ward

8.4 Dawn Trenchard's work in organising holidays or coach trips would be undertaken by Patricia Elkington and Becky Getgood. Becky Getgood would undertake this role and become of member of the committee.

Proposed: Dawn Trenchard; **Seconded:** Roret Blue.

8.5 All members to the committee were duly elected.

9. Election of Auditor:

The existing auditor Brian Collins had agreed to continue.

Proposed: Sue Hough; **Seconded:** Eileen Collins and was duly elected as Auditor.

10. Subscriptions for 2019

This item has been discussed under 6 (above) and it was clarified that both subscriptions and door entry should be reviewed.

11. Any other business

There was no further business.

12. Date and location of next AGM:

This will be held on Friday 20th November 2020 at 7.30pm
at St. Boniface Church Centre.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 20th March 7.30pm

'Plants of the season' - a practical talk using real plants, including propagation, pruning and best use in gardens. **Paul Green**

Paul has worked in horticulture for over 25 years both in the UK and briefly in the USA. He has run his own nursery, Green's Leaves, since the mid 90's. At the nursery Paul grows a wide range of exotic and unusual plants, many from the Southern Hemisphere.

Friday 17th April 7.30pm

'Roscoea'. **Samantha Hopes**

Samantha Hopes, worked with John Massey at Ashwood Nursery, looking after his Hepatica collection. This became one of her passions, alongside specialist alpinists and a new breeding program with Roscoeas.

Wednesday 22 April

Spring Coach trip: Vann Garden, Godalming, Surrey; Parham House, West Sussex and Lansdowne Nursery, Worthing, Sussex.

Saturday 2nd May 10am to 12:30pm

Conservation Group meeting

Ritchie Hall next to St Boniface Church, Chandlers Ford

Saturday 30th May 10am to 1pm

Plant propagation workshop

Hill Farm House, Droxford Road, Swanmore Hants SO32 2PY

Sunday 21st June 2pm to 5pm

Garden Visit: Valerie & David Menzies, 5, Anstey Mill Close, Alton, GU34 2QT.

Note there is no parking in Anstey Mill Close. Please park in Newman Lane Industrial Estate, Post Code GU34 2QR is a guide. Park near to the burger van which is on the right as you enter the industrial estate. Walk round the metal gates next to the burger van along the tarmac track (Anstey Mill Lane) through to Anstey Mill Close on the left after the railway bridge. Disabled drivers may park on the drive and those giving lifts may drop off at the house but should then park on Newman Lane.

Friday 17th July 7.30pm

*Stumperies, ferns and shady friends. **Andrew Tolman***

Andrew has just completed over 10 years of service as a Senior Gardener for HRH the Prince Of Wales. Since joining Highgrove in 2002 he has had a varied role gaining experience in many areas of the garden. He has developed a passion for topiary, ferns and other woodland plants as well as continuously having the pleasure of the care of the iconic Stumpery.

Sunday 13th September

Autumn Coach trip: Rare plant fair and garden, Bishops Palace, Wells and Piet Oudorf meadow garden at Hauser and Wirth Gallery, Bruton.

Friday 13th September 7.30pm

Growing hardy exotics and plant health. **Graham Blunt**

Graham owns a nursery, Plantbase in Sussex, where he specialises in tropical, South African, Australian, New Zealand, exotic, jungle, hardy, South American, rare plants. His growing techniques make exotic plants hardy to whatever the UK has to throw at them! He is also an expert in the international regulations governing the import and export of plants and plant health requirements.

Friday 16th October 7.30pm

Weeding for 5000 with 2 hoes and 5 wishes. **Jamie Blake**

Curator of the Dell Garden at Bressingham and son-in-law of the late Alan Bloom will give us a visual tour of the garden and the techniques they use for managing the 5000 varieties of plants.

Friday 20th November 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting followed by speaker (TBC)

Plant Labelling

We do our best at our Plant Sales and Raffles to ensure plant labelling is correct. Occasionally, plants are donated with the wrong plant name. Also, some plants grown from seed are not always marked accordingly and there is no certainty that they will come true, even when grown from HPS supplied seeds. The Society cannot always guarantee accuracy but we will continue to vet all labels to the best of our ability.