



**NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2019**

**HAPPY NEW 2019 TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!**

**We have an excellent programme of talks and visits lined up for for 2019.  
We look forward to seeing you!**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY  
ALLIUM BULBS & RHIZOMES**

**Speaker: H.W.HYDE**

Venue: Christchurch Wesley Hall, Oxford Street, Marlborough.

Doors open 7.15 for 7.45 p.m.

Richard Hyde is the third generation owner of H.W.Hyde & Son, a family run nursery in Berkshire specialising in lilies and other Spring bulbs. For the past seven years this nursery has been in the top 20 exhibitors selected to go forward to the "Chelsea Plant of the Year Competition". In 2012 it was awarded its 8<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Gold medal. Since then they have won many more Gold awards and received royal commendations from the Queen and HRH Prince Charles.

Don't miss this chance to hear from one of the finest bulb growers in the country.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2019**

Venue: Christchurch Wesley Hall, Oxford Street, Marlborough.

Doors open 7.15 for 7.45 p.m.

This is your chance to hear a review of last year, raise any questions and vote in the new committee for 2019. Any ideas for future visits and lectures are most welcome, so come along for tea/coffee, a chat with a friend and an opportunity to have your say in the running of the Association. We would welcome some new members on the Committee so please return the Nomination Form below if you or a friend are interested. The Committee meets four times a year and is a very friendly group.

The AGM is followed by our usual meeting, with a talk by Sue Carter on the History of Lacock Abbey Gardens.

**THE POT LUCK SUPPER**

We finished the year in fine style. Tricia produced her scrumptious mulled "wine" (Prohibition demands non-alcoholic beverages in the hall) and the tables were loaded with contributions to the Pot Luck Supper. Over 50 members happily tucked in, bought raffle tickets and afterwards settled down to solve Jan Lilleywhite's "Name That Tree Quiz".

We had such fun (and nobody got them all right!) so it is reproduced here for those of you unable to join us. Answers next week. Finally, Rosemary produced some extra special Christmas raffle presents. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening – committee members, people who brought food, Jan and Rosemary.

## NAME THAT TREE QUIZ

- 1 Peace maker's gesture  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2 In the Garden of Eden  
3 \_ \_ \_
- 3 All right  
3 \_ \_ \_
- 4 Expanse of sand  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5 Used for cricket bats  
6 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 6 Fire residue  
3 \_ \_ \_
  
- 7 Sweet or horse  
8 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  
- 8 Oxford blues practice this  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  
- 9 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov., 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
4 \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10 Part of the hand  
4 \_ \_ \_ \_
- 11 Syrup for pancakes  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 12 Neat and tidy  
6 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13 Island in the Med  
7 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 14 Twisted mile  
4 \_ \_ \_ \_
- 15 Boeing 747 etc.  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  
- 16 Used to make Noah's Ark  
6,4 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
- 17 Main goal gets mixed up  
8 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 18 Not me!  
3 \_ \_ \_
- 19 It begins with a trump card  
4 \_ \_ \_ \_
- 20 Zaccheus climbed this  
8 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 21 A precious old punishment  
6,5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
  
- 22 No "H" on the ship's wheel  
3 \_ \_ \_
  
- 23 Think it over before interring  
8 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
  
- 24 You don't want to finish at the  
top of this  
3 \_ \_ \_
- 25 This primate does a conundrum  
6,6 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 26 More senior  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 27 Sorceress  
5,5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 28 Reconstituted melon  
5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 29 A month  
3 \_ \_ \_
- 30 PC49 goes to the sea shore  
6,5 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

## **GARDEN VISITS 2019**

Jane and Miranda have been busy planning outings for 2019. If you would like to join MGA on some or all of its 2019 garden trips, do put the following dates in your diary now. Nearer the time we will provide further information and booking forms:

**West Green House Gardens and The Vyne on Thursday 2 May** – Our visit will start at the gardens of West Green House which have been created over the last twenty years by Maryly Abbott, a renowned Australian garden designer. They combine a neo-classical style with contemporary design and include a magnificent walled garden, potager, water gardens and more. Most of the garden has gravel paths which are suitable for wheel chairs, but wheelchairs are not available at the garden. We will then make the short journey to The Vyne for lunch, after which we can enjoy the pleasure grounds around the lake and visit the magnificent house, dating from Tudor times. Manual wheelchairs are available and the ground floor of the house is accessible. A buggy service operates between the car park and the house and tea room.

**Blenheim Palace Flower Show on Friday 21 June** – This will be the first time we have visited the Flower Show and there is a great deal to see – Show Gardens, Grand Floral Pavilion, talks given by experts, shopping opportunities as well as plenty of refreshments when you get weary. For those with lots of energy you can take the opportunity to visit Blenheim's amazing gardens too, including the Water Terraces, Italian, Secret and Rose Gardens. Apparently, a few mobility scooters are available, but unfortunately these cannot be booked in advance.

**Highgrove Royal Gardens (we hope to visit during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July dependent on the diary of HRH Prince of Wales)** – Created with imagination and passion by the Prince of Wales over the last 38 years, the series of interlinked organic gardens reflect his deep commitment to sustainability, as well as a natural artistic ability. As an important haven for a rich variety of flora and fauna, the gardens have been developed to not only please the eye, but sit in succinct harmony with nature. Highlights include the Stumpery, Cottage and Sundial Gardens and Thyme Walk. There is a shop with plant sales. Wheelchairs and scooter users are welcome but they should be suitable for bumpy terrain and unmade paths. No mobility scooters are available for visitors.

**Miserden Gardens and Rodmarton Manor Tuesday 6 August** – Miserden Gardens is a lovely, timeless garden, with spectacular views over its deer park and rolling Cotswold hills beyond. It was designed in the 17th Century and still retains a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity. We will enjoy yew topiary and a yew walk designed by Lutyens as well as some magnificent mixed borders, which contain a wide range of roses, clematis, shrubs and herbaceous plants that provide colour throughout the year. We will also visit the large plant nursery. We will travel on to Rodmarton Manor for the afternoon, where we will enjoy a guided tour of the house, a fine example of a house built and all its furniture made according to Arts and Crafts ideals when everything was done by hand with local stone, timber and craftsmen. The 8-acre Cotswold garden was designed as a series of outdoor rooms and is particularly lovely in the summer months when the herbaceous border should be at its best. Neither mobility scooters or manual wheelchairs are available at either of these properties. People using manual wheelchairs will only have access to the ground floor of Rodmarton Manor but both gardens are largely accessible.

## JOBS FOR JANUARY

- Start the year with a general clean up. Collect all the soft rubbish for the compost heap. Make a bonfire of woody material and store the ashes under cover.
- Get pots and crocks washed and check up on tools for repairs and replacements,
- Protect standard rose trees by tying the branches loosely together and fastening straw, bracken or sacking round them.
- In frosty weather, cover cold frames with mats and protect tender shrubs with fleece. Frost may have caused recently planted bedding, such as pansies and wallflowers, to lift slightly from the soil, Gently firm them back into the soil.
- Sow sweet pea seeds in small pots indoors. When the plants are 5cm / 2" high, pinch out the tops to make them bushier.
- Fruit tree pruning should be completed quickly.
- Cut back old hellebore leaves to ground level to reduce leaf spot disease and improve the appearance of the plants.
- When Christmas hyacinths and indoor daffodils have finished flowering, cut off the old blooms and water once a fortnight with liquid feed. Plant outside from early March.
- Make sure birds have plenty of food and water. Top up feeders with high-energy bird food, including fat balls. Don't forget the ground feeders (blackbirds & robins); an apple a day cut in half is much appreciated.
- Don't miss out on garden centre and nursery sales. Compost, seeds, bare root trees and shrubs and other garden essentials come at bargain prices in January.

## HAPPY NEW GARDENING YEAR!

### MARLBOROUGH GARDENING ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Name.....  
Address.....  
Tel.....  
Name of **Proposer**.....Address.....  
Name of **Seconder**.....Address.....  
I am happy to accept nomination to join the committee as an ordinary member.  
Signature of Nominee.....

To be returned by 28 January 2019 to:  
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The copy deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
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