

**LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Winter 2021 Newsletter**

**LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm
AT THE KING EDWARD HALL, LINDFIELD**

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Chairman's Report (attached below)
3. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2021 (to be laid round)
4. Election of Chairman
5. Election of Officers:
Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Show Superintendent, Show Secretary, Catering Supervisor, Sundries Centre Supervisor, Flower Arranging Steward, Membership Secretary and Publicity Officer.
6. Election of a committee of not more than nine members
7. Appointment of an Examiner
8. Any other Business

N.B. - Nominations for Chairman, Officers or Membership of the committee should be made on the following form and must reach the Chairman Richard Harding by Monday 1st November 2021.



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NOMINATION FORM

I propose the appointment of:

as..... of the Society for the forthcoming Year.

Signature.....Address.....

I second the proposal - (signature.) - (address.....

.....)

If appointed I am willing to serve as

signature -

Address

Chairman's Report 2021

Hello again fellow members

It is my privilege to send this, my first Chairman's LHS annual report. To repeat a common phrase. it's been a funny old year or two, with very little activity from March 2020 to late summer 2021.

However, your excellent Committee has again come up trumps in recent months, giving members more opportunities to socialise, and I must pay tribute to them for all of their hard work. The officers (named in the show schedule) those in "front of house" and others working tirelessly behind the scenes. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

Members who were lucky enough to get a ticket to attend were very complimentary about, and thoroughly enjoyed the 75 years anniversary party in Sue and Jim Stockwell, garden, and in spite of the restrictions imposed, with some members feeling unable to exhibit, the Autumn show was well attended, and proved successful once again.

Heather managed to find some very attractive places to visit which were enjoyed by all who went, and how lucky we were with the weather!

I must give a special mention to Gill Jones, who, with help from Heather and Jenny has done an excellent job, despite the restrictions, enabling members to enjoy the benefits of the sundry centre. Gill's willingness to deliver goods is definitely more than we could have expected, and both the club and members who benefited owe her a great deal of gratitude.

The monthly talks, organised by Wendy started again in October with an excellent and informative address to members on recycling from Colin McFarlin. Wendy has now arranged a full compliment of speakers for 2022, and I would remind you that these are always held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, the next one of course following the AGM.

Finally, I must mention Michael Elliot, who despite retiring from the Committee a few years ago, very kindly continued to look after our accounts until we found a successor. He has done a fantastic job and will give us his final report and present the accounts for the past year at the AGM. Michael, on behalf of us all, very many thanks.

Providing the AGM agrees, I am very pleased to tell you that Pat Whetstone has volunteered to be our Treasurer, and Christine Cawley will succeed Pat as our new Secretary. Nomination forms for committee members are also on our web-site. That's all for now, Hope to see you at the AGM

Richard Harding, Chairman.

Now, as a supplement to the above, I will take this opportunity to remind members of details of the AGM evening.

Doors open at 7.00pm when you will have another opportunity to pay your subscriptions. Remember they should be paid before the end of December. The AGM will commence at 7.30pm. There is no charge to attend the AGM but it will be £2 for those wishing to stay for the talk. This will include tea/coffee and biscuits, plus a free ticket for our super raffle, with prizes to the value of over £60 including 4 bottles of plonk left from our garden party. Extra tickets will be available for £1 for more chances to win!

The talk will start at approx. 8.30 when we welcome our own Heather Martin, whose topic is "designing your garden, where to start when starting afresh". Very appropriate if you are thinking of a change in the spring.