OFFICERS

Chairman Liz Rath

Vice-Chairman Ray Cooper

Secretary post vacant

Treasurer Brian Marston

Show Secretary post vacant

COMMITTEE

Gary Bradbury Plant Sales/NVS

Ann Clemence DayTrips/RHS

Angela Cox Web/membership

Louise Dowle Speakers

Janet Giles Refreshments

Val McCulloch Annual Tour/Raffles

Sarah Neden

Janette Nickols Garden Gossips

Alison Stone DayTrips/Schools

New committee members welcome!

Members showing their current membership card are eligible for 10% discount (except on sale items) at **Summerfield Nursery**, Barnsole Road, Staple and at **Archers Low Nursery**, Ash Road, Sandwich and a discount of 5% (except in cafe) at **Preston Garden Centre**, The Street, Preston.

The Society is affiliated to the **National Vegetable Society (NVS)** and members can attend their meetings in Bridge Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month.

also affiliated to The Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies

Members are invited to bring examples of plants from their garden to the Thursday meetings, for others to share.

From Feb. 2019 There will be a monthly competition:

Feb: House plant in a pot

March: Vase of Daffodils (your vase) April: A edible item incorporating Easter egg chocolate

May: Something from your kitchen garden (eg veg., bunch of herbs)

July: Flower arrangement in a drinking glass Sept: (Your) Vase of berries and seedheads

Oct: Photograph: Shades of Autumn

Programme of Events 2019

Please bring plants from your garden to Thursday meetings, for others to share.

Thur 28th Feb 7.30pm Jacqueline Aviolet
Hardy Geraniums

Competition: House plant in a pot

Thur 28th March 7.30pm Sarah Rogers
Riverhill Himalayan Garden (we visit in June)
Competition: Vase of Daffodils (in your vase)

Sat 6th April 10am-12noon Saturday Social in Ash Village Hall

Tues 16th April 5.30pm Visit to Europa Tomato Nursery, Ash. Early season start of Harvest

Thur 25th April 7.30pm Maureen Rainey
Water for Wildlife & Society Plant Sale
Competition: A edible item incorporating Easter
egg chocolate

Sat 27th April 9.15am Coach to Pashley Manor Tulip Festival, Ticehurst and to Tenterden

Sun 12th -Wed 15th May GARDEN TOUR TO NEW FOREST

Sat 25th May Ash team in Garden Quiz at Kent Garden Show, Detling Free double tickets for the show are available

Thur 30st May 7.30pm Caroline Halfpenny Scentsational & Society Plant Sale Competition: Something from your kitchen garden (eg veg., bunch of herbs)

Sat 8th June 9.15am Coach to Riverhill Himalayan Garden, Sevenoaks and Orchard House, Marden

Thur 20th June 7.30pm ROSE SHOW in the Note change of date Salutation Garden

Sun 7th July 2.30-4.30pm visit by car to Cherry Tree Cottage, Cooper Street, Ash, CT3 2NP

Thur 18th July Afternoon visit by car to The Orangery, Mystole, Chartham CT4 7DB

Thur 25th July 7.30pm Rachel Castle
The Primula Auricula
Competition: Flower arrangement in a drinking
glass

Wed 31st July 9am Coach to leaves for RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show & Plant Fair Sat 17th Aug SUMMER SHOW (Deadline for entries Thur 15th Aug)

Thur 5th Sept Visit by car to arrive 6pm at Doddington Place, Doddington, Sittingbourne ME9 OBB

Thur 26th Sept 7.30pm Jim Buttress RHS

Judge 65 years in Horticulture

Competition: (Your) Vase of berries and

seedheads

Thur 31st Oct 7.15pm AGM
7.30pm Alexander Hunt of Potash Farm
All things Nutty (with items for sale)
Competition: Photograph: Shades of Autumn

Thur 28th Nov 7.30pm Jeanette Lerwill
Designing with plants

Thur 12th Dec Christmas Social

Garden gossips -(informal visits to members' gardens) will be advertised on the society's noticeboard in the Village Hall during the year. 3 or 4 small gardens the village are planning to open for a safari. If you are willing to open your garden, please contact Janette Nickols