

BOSHAM CHIDHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was wonderful to greet so many members to our March meeting. I was particularly pleased because we had such a great speaker organised and he did not disappoint!

Jackie opened the evening as Steph was unable to come as she was on her way to Cuba! Sounds like a slide show coming on! Jackie sadly informed us that our dear friend and long time Society member, Pat Montague, had recently died. When I first joined the committee she was in charge of the distribution of the newsletters to every member of the Society! How times have changed and how much easier it is now just sending emails to everyone.

Mr John Williams, of Cookscroft Gardens, Earnley, Chichester, came to talk to us about the making of the Gardens from a seven acre plot. We all enjoyed every minute of his talk and slide show, and felt it was the best we had had in a long time. His knowledge of every tree and plant (and their latin names) is amazing. Most of the trees he has grown from seed with a lot of the seeds coming from different parts of the world, particularly New Zealand. I would thoroughly recommend his talk to anyone in the process of making bookings for the future either for an outing or as a speaker. He and his family open the gardens under the National Garden Scheme on specific dates this year. His website is worth looking at (www.cookscroft.co.uk) and I cannot recommend him more highly.

On April 12th our old friend and photography show judge, Mr Peter Rocchiccioli, will be coming to show us how to print your photos for best results. Please bring along your own printed photos as he will be happy to offer you good advice. Also as an extra competition that evening, why not bring along your favourite recent photo which has never been exhibited and we will ask him to judge the best one!

A reminder, as you hopefully will be starting your spring gardening, to pot up any surplus plants ready for the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on 12th May.

Happy gardening!

Rozie Bradley

Secretary