



Welcome to our May meeting, our last before Summer and, I the promise of warmer weather.

I hope that you all enjoyed the Spring Show last month, certainly the entries all looked wonderful. I have also heard that the trip to Savill Gardens went well, with reasonable weather.

Coming up later this month we have our Coffee Morning and plant swap on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-12:00 in the Community Centre, then in June (on the 12<sup>th</sup>) we have our Members Rose Show and talk by Tom Stone on the gardens at Mottisfont.

A few non-society events worth noting are both Open Garden days, in Alresford on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June and in Bosham on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

I would also like to remind you that we are running the Hanging Basket and container competition again this year, with judging in early August....colour, plant variety, shape and design are all qualities the judges will look for, whether in a colourful pot of herbs or a hanging basket full of flowers. Entry forms available tonight.

Finally, regarding events, a reminder we have the Alresford Show on 7<sup>th</sup> September, Margaret would still be happy to have more volunteers for Stewards! And keep growing those fuschias!

We are also still looking for someone to fill the post of Treasurer as Peter Tudor now feels it is time to hang up his (money) boots. Anyone interested should contact me (01962 733524, or e-mail [horti@allthemorleys.co.uk](mailto:horti@allthemorleys.co.uk))

Now on to our speaker tonight: Please welcome back Marcus Dancer, who is a well- known Nurseryman who has been in horticulture since he left school. He has had his own nursery near Fordingbridge for the last 20+years, and although specialising in Clematis, he also grows a wide variety of climbing shrubs and other plants. Tonight he is going to talk about his favourite climbers for both sunny and shady spots.

Stephen Morley  
Chairman

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