Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society

Dear Members

Welcome to the autumn/winter newsletter with the latest news and updates from the Committee.

Autumn Show Sunday 27th September

The Committee are incredibly pleased with how successful the autumn show was. We had lots of help setting up and clearing away so many thanks to those of you who assisted. Despite the terrible growing conditions we received around 400 entries which is exceptional and fifty exhibitors took part, several of whom were entering for the first time. You are a dedicated bunch of gardeners! The dahlias, as always were stunning, and the standard of entries across all the classes was high. Thank you to David Ford for taking the photos – you will be able to see more on our website in a couple of weeks.





Autumn Prize-winners 2026

From left to right – Pam Moore, Christina Whitby, Les Steed, Dawn Hoyle, Malcolm Farrington, Chris Whiting, Ron Marlow, Ken Hoyle, John Cullen

Evening Talks

Our evening talks programme for 2026/27 will start on 28th October. All the talks will be held at Broomfield Village Hall with doors opening at 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start. Entry is £3.50 for members, £4.50 for non-members which includes refreshments.

The list of the talks and the dates are as follows:

28th October – Nick Dobson - A funny thing happened on the way to the potting shed - share a laugh or two as we dig up some garden humour, both visual and verbal, mixed with a top dressing of garden advice and horticultural information. Liberally planted with bad puns.

25th November – Neil Phillips - Life in ponds and pools - A look at the wildlife found in and around our ponds. From the familiar moorhens and dragonflies to the less well known water scorpions and caddisfly larvae.

27th January – TBC

24th February – Annual General Meeting followed by a presentation from St Vincent de Paul Society (our charity for 25/26)

24th March – George Lockwood, Flowering perennials in a shady garden

Barn News

We currently have a good stock of garlic bulbs (£1.80) and Aquadulce broad beans (90p for approx. 45) Our range of composts includes multipurpose, ericaceous and John Innes and we also stock seeds, netting, fleece, chemicals, fertilisers and other gardening sundries.

If you haven't yet used the Barn it is well worth a visit. It is open on Sundays from 10 – 12 midday. It will close for the winter period from 26th November 2026 and reopen January 24th 2027 when seed potatoes will be available.

Membership

Membership subscriptions for 2026/27 are now due. The price is £5 (no concessions) which still represents good value and entitles you to:

- use of the Trading Hut to purchase discounted seeds, compost and other garden sundries
- discounted entry to evening talks and any visits we organise
- free entry to exhibit in our shows
- access to our open gardens programme in the summer months
- vote at our AGM
- use of our RHS discount card to visit any RHS garden

You can rejoin at the Barn or at any of our events such as the evening talks.

If you no longer wish to be a member and receive our emails please let us know by e-mailing us at bcgsshowsecretary@gmail.com.

RHS Card

Don't forget that we have an RHS membership card at the Barn which members can book out for ad-hoc visits. It provides 50% discount off entry for 2 adults to any RHS garden (expires 31/01/27) but is not accepted during Flower Shows or Glow illuminations events.

Website and Facebook

Please visit our website, which provides information on the Society's activities at **www broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk** We have a second website for users of mobile devices (smartphone or tablet). We also post updates on our Facebook site. You can search in Facebook under "Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society" or type the following link into your browser **https://www.facebook.com/ groups/355859514864259/**