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2017/18 Newsletter



BBQ/Garden Outing

Laura and Nat Hone very generously opened their garden in June for our annual garden visit. It was a beautiful day; our gardeners, their tutors and helpers enjoyed wandering about the beautiful grounds with its amazing collection of plants, flowers and trees. The annual garden visit is for many of our gardeners a rare opportunity to see gardens other than their own and HGP has been most fortunate in the variety we have been able to visit over the years. This year we held a BBQ at the same time which everyone enjoyed and the committee produced its usual array of delicious salads and puddings.



Community Matters

In May Growing Point was chosen as one of the Community Matters (Green token scheme). Consequently Waitrose made a very generous donation and we send the company all our thanks.

Christmas Party

In December, we held a hugely enjoyable Christmas party for the HGP Gardeners. This was organised and hosted by the tutors, Charity Manager and trustees. The Orchard Room at Holme Lacy looked very festive. Everyone really enjoyed the plentiful Christmas food, spiced apple juice, party games and quizzes!



Spanish Tapas Evening

In July, Mike and Julie Cohn kindly opened their home in Fownhope to a very well supported wine tasting and tapas evening. It raised well over £2500 to go towards client transport, one of our highest costs.



Autumn Show

In early October, HGP held its annual Autumn Show. It turned out to be a beautiful day and the sun shone on the wonderful exhibits from the gardeners who come from all over the county. The High Sheriff, the Reverend Lady Lisvane, judged the categories and awarded the prizes. The Gardeners of the Year were Affinity; and for the first time, a Progression Cup, for the gardener making the most progress during the year, was awarded. The first winner was Marissa from Friday pm group.



At the Autumn Show we were particularly delighted to see Gordon's produce. We are so glad that Gordon has made a remarkable recovery from his accident earlier in the year



NEW TRUSTEES!

For 25 years, HGP has been successfully helping vulnerable and disabled people of all ages through social and horticultural therapy to enhance their quality of life and promote social inclusion. We are looking for people who can help us run the charity, with some administrative and social media experience, and who are willing to volunteer at events. Horticultural experience is not a requirement. Please contact Mrs Laura Hone (Chairman) on laura@hone.net.

HGP Garden at Holme Lacy

The garden was looking particularly lovely last year. The gardeners and their tutors have been fantastic. We would also like to thank our Charity Manager, Julian Reeves, for the hard work he has put in.



FUTURE EVENTS

Gardeners Question Time 10th March 2018 7.00pm at Holmer Village Hall

Summer event in Putley on 21st July. Please hold the date!

HGP Talks

Talks allow us to tell people about the social and therapeutic benefits of gardening. If you are interested in arranging for HGP to give a talk please contact the Charity Manager, Julian Reeves, hgrowingpoint@yahoo.co.uk