

Herefordshire Growing Point

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2011 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Show 2011

In October, the sun came out for the Autumn Show. Attended by many participants, friends, carers, guests and committee members, it was a lovely afternoon. The Demonstration Garden looked gorgeous in its Autumn colours and the Executive Committee provided tea and cakes. The High Sheriff of Herefordshire, Simon Arbutnott came to judge the exhibits and handed out the prizes. Among the winners were **David Davies, Gardener of the Year,**



Jane Simpson, who won the prize for the best carrots,



And the **Over 60s** who won the longest runner bean contest.

**The
mystery
guest at the
Autumn
Show!**



Castle House Hotel Event

On the 19th March 2011 Growing Point held a very successful 20th Anniversary event at the Castle House Hotel in Hereford, raising nearly £6,000. The evening was attended by Sir Roy Strong as the guest speaker. Generous support came from Knight Frank (sponsors) and Holloways of Suckley, Butler & Sweatman, Sally Townsend (photographer) and Art History UK who donated prizes. We are very grateful to the Hotel for extending the use of their wedding fair marquee to Growing Point and they even catered for the Rugby fans by providing a room with a TV!

Garden Visit to Brilley Court

Rosanna and David Bulmer very kindly invited us to Brilley Court for the annual outing. The clouds rolled away allowing everyone to have a lovely afternoon in the sun. The committee provided a delicious tea and the Growing Point helpers either pushed wheelchairs or accompanied people round the beautiful garden. Rosanna Bulmer and David Roberts, the gardener at Brilley Court were on hand to answer questions or help where necessary. We are very grateful to the Bulmers for their generous hospitality.

Doreen Powell

Very sadly Doreen Powell passed away at the beginning of this year. Doreen was a founding member and strong supporter of Growing Point. She was a valued committee member and we will all miss her company and wise advice. She had a great love of dogs and flowers and, in spite of her considerable disabilities, she was always cheerful. She came to all our events, outings and activities and contributed fully to everything we did.

Summer Barbecue

On the 22nd June, we held a very successful annual barbecue at Holme Lacey. Bryn Margerison and Woody Blagg once again manned the barbecues with great aplomb and the event was very well supported by Growing Point participants, tutors, families and carers alike with food provided by the committee.

Achievements from our Groups

A vegetable exhibition took place amongst the groups with carrots and onions, in particular, taking the stage. Under the sun dial, colourful and beautiful new mosaics have been laid with the help of the Holme Lacey students.



Border News

Sally Rodgers and Laura Hone received a very generous cheque from Border News, the magazine for the Border group of Churches near Monmouth.

Border Office Supplies

The Garden House now has a computer with a specially adapted keyboard, which was generously donated by Border Office Supplies.

Transport Retirement

Our thanks to Martin Watkins and Out and About Transport (MIND) who have transported with great care Growing Point groups and members over the years. Sadly, Martin has retired at the same time as Out and About is no longer able to offer this service. Luckily, the Ross WRVS have stepped into the breach.

Bosbury WI

Following a talk and presentation to the Bosbury WI, Growing Point was made their Charity of the Year.

New Collecting Boxes

Growing Point now has collecting boxes at various points around the County. If you would like one for your local store or pub please contact Laura Hone (laura@hone.net)

Christmas Cards

Order your Christmas Cards now! You can see a sample on the website. Cost is £4.00 for a pack of 10. Contact: 01544 262186 or email h_growing_p@hotmail.com.

New Leaflets

We have revised and updated the leaflet which has been printed with the generous support of Impact Printers, Rotherwas. Please contact Laura Hone on laura@hone.net for copies.

Future Events

Bromsberrow Gardening Club

Bromsberrow Gardening Club is holding an evening talk on **10th November** at 7.30 pm: "A Year in the Life of a Vineyard" by Jeanie Falconer of Frome Valley Vineyard. At Bromsberrow Village Hall. All welcome. Contact Jeanie Falconer on: 01885 490768.

Hereford Race Day

On **17th November** Growing Point are having a Race Day at Hereford Race Course. This is a great opportunity for us so please come with your friends.

Gardeners Question Time

On Saturday, 10th March 2012, we will be holding a Gardeners' Question Time evening at 7.30 at the Blind College in Hereford. Please put this date in your diary. More information will follow.