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This summer the months of June and July have been very hot. Fortunately some evenly spread rain showers helped to keep the trees, shrubs, grass and plants in a reasonable condition.



The cool evenings have been very welcome. On each Thursday in July, Hyde Hall stayed open until dusk. With sunset approaching, visitors experienced a very peaceful and calming atmosphere as they wandered around the garden rooms. Let's hope these late closures are repeated in the Hyde Hall programme next year.

Quiz Night

This was another very successful Quiz evening which was attended by 44 members and friends and led again by Kevin. The questions were fun and the teams knew the answers to the most obscure questions. However the meaning of the word 'Aglet' caught almost everyone out; the answer is at the end of this Newsletter. The Quiz raised £179. Thank you to all who attended.

Open Gardens in aid of Farleigh Hospice

The weather was kind, the gardens were in tip-top condition and visitors flocked to see the results of the owners' many hours of hard work. The 22 Danbury and Little Baddow Open Gardens raised a record breaking £10,100 for Farleigh Hospice. The following Wednesday a cream tea and cake afternoon, which raised an amazing £1035, was held in aid of Farleigh Home Care. Eves Corner WI provided the delicious cakes. In spite of it being a very wet day, 80 people squeezed into Margaret Axon's house. The organisers would like to thank everyone for their support for Farleigh.

Autumn Show, Sat, 7th September, 2:30pm, Little Baddow Memorial Hall

This is our biggest Show of the year with Classes covering Cookery, Flowers, Floral Art, Fruit, Vegetables, Handicrafts and Photography. Juniors are very welcome to enter the Cookery and Craft Sections.



The cake, to be made from the provided recipe, is a Chocolate Sandwich; the recipe is on page 19 of the Year Book and on the website. There are only 7 simple 'Method' steps so we look forward to many entries. Maybe our men folk will take up the challenge this time?

The Photography section has the following subjects- a Village Sign, a Waterfall, Life at the Seaside, a Single Bloom, Shoes and a Garden Shed.

The Committee would like to encourage Juniors to enter the Cookery Section with 3 Lemon Drizzle Fairy Cakes and/or a Hedgehog themed Cake.

In the Junior Craft Section a necklace from seeds or a Halloween mask can be entered and/or a photograph of a favourite animal.

Please complete the Entry Form in the Year Book or download a copy from www.danburyandlittlebaddowhortsoc.co.uk. Entry Forms, and the 20p fee per entry, must be handed to the Tea on the Green Deli at Eves Corner **before 3:30 pm on Thursday, 5th Sept.** Please have the correct money available as we do not wish to burden the shop with change issues. All show entries must be taken to the Hall between 9:15 and 11:00am on Sat. 7th.

Garden Visit:- Friday, 20th Sept, Ulting Wick, Ulting. CM9 6QX, 2:00pm sharp



Nestling in the conservation area of the Chelmer Valley in rural Essex, the eleven acre gardens at Ulting Wick have been redesigned, extended and developed over the past 15 years. The garden is centred on three listed, black boarded Essex barns and a 17th century farmhouse. The buildings provide structure, shelter and a canvas for an exotic show of dahlias, bananas, grasses, cosmos, sunflowers etc. Ulting Wick Garden has been featured in many articles and magazines and has been shown on the Gardeners' World TV programme.



The subsidised cost is £5 which includes tea and cake. Please contact Celia (226382) to book your place. The garden address is:- Crouchman's, Crouchman's Farm Rd, Maldon CM9 6QX. Transport is not provided. Ulting Wick is about 4 miles from Danbury.

Talk:- Care of Indoor Plants, Charlotte Power, Friday, 4th October, Danbury Old Pavilion, 7:30pm

Charlotte, who has responsibility for the designed landscape at Writtle University College, is a specialist in amenity horticulture (public gardens) indoor plants and trees. She previously worked at Kew Gardens and has extensive knowledge of plants of all types. This promises to be an informative evening and questions will be welcome.

AGM, Friday 8th November, Danbury Old Pavilion, 7:30pm

During the AGM the President will report on the year's events, the Treasurer will offer the meeting an audited set of accounts and new/existing committee officers/members will be confirmed. Minutes of last year's AGM and this year's Agenda will be available. After the short business meeting there will be wine and mince pies and a chance to chat! This is your opportunity to meet the Committee in a relaxed setting and enjoy a mince pie in anticipation of the Christmas festivities!



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An **Aglet** is a small sheath, often made of plastic, used on each end of a shoelace.