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December 2022

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to Christmas. I am missing the colour of flowers in the garden but I do enjoy seeing the silhouettes of the trees and a clearer view of the hills. The robin below was made by a very talented friend in my village. You will see some more of her creativity decorating our tables when you come to see Old Herbaceous on December 14th.



Teas

Many thanks to Ellie and Catherine who did a great job delivering tea and coffee at our November meeting. We will have the bar open for refreshments at the December meeting while we enjoy our theatrical treat. Anna Taylor and her friend Jane have volunteered to manage the teas in January. All I have to do is remember to put the rota out so people can sign up!

Newsletters

I hope the new way of receiving a link to the newsletter on the website is working well for you? Please let me know if you are experiencing any problems. Following the pandemic, I understand that it is taking a while for people to “get back to normal” for a variety of reasons. I would be grateful if members could rejoin so that I know who is still interested to receive a newsletter.

Sad news

I am extremely sad to say that Noel Shepherdson passed away on Friday 25th November. His wife Anne founded this club in 1987 and Noel supported Anne’s work all through his life. He was a talented and well known local artist – his immaculate score sheets for our annual shows were a work of art in themselves. He was a kind and gentle person with a twinkling sense of humour – he will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.

Flower of the Month Competition



Congratulations to Mandy (our Programme Secretary) who won this month with a beautiful little nasturtium. There is no competition in December due to our special event but we will re start in January.

This Month’s Meeting

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our one man show of “Old Herbaceous”.

Many thanks to Sandy for organising this special event and providing hospitality for Giles and his colleague.

Seeds

Club members have ordered a total of £640 worth of seeds so this will enable us to receive a 50% discount. How lovely to look forward to nurturing and growing all those delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers in 2023.

Membership

Your membership fees were due from October. £15 covers attendance to all our meetings; early access to trips and events with subsidised tickets; seed offers and plant sales. We are also affiliated to the RHS. Such a bargain!

Payment can be made with cash or cheque at our meetings or by transfer to:

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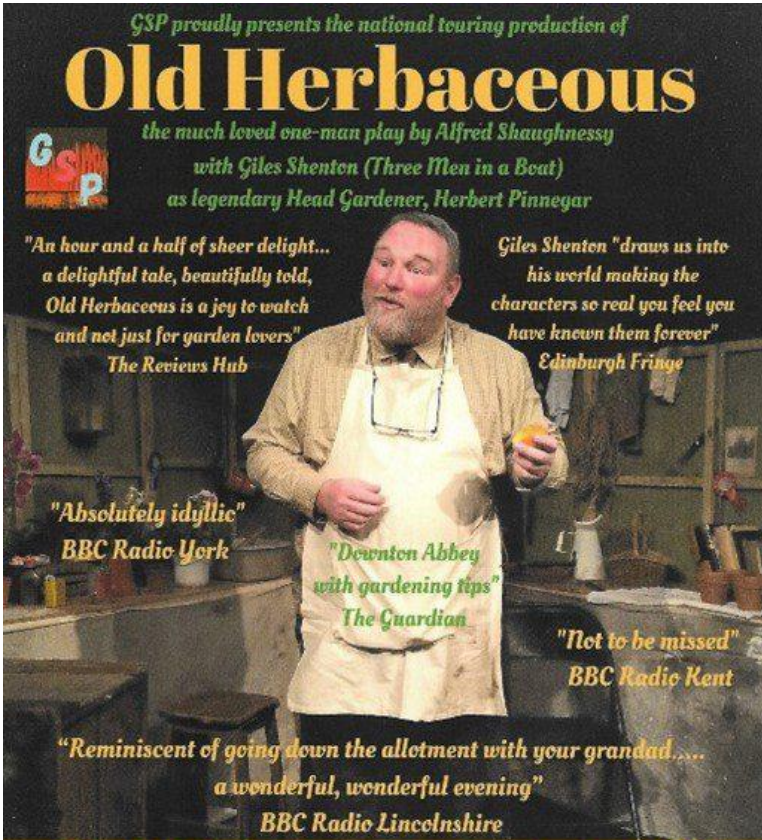
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I understand that you may not have “got round” to rejoining after the pandemic but we would really appreciate your action on this. It will help me to know who still needs to receive our monthly newsletter and with plans for the club going forward.

Christmas Meeting



GSP proudly presents the national touring production of
Old Herbaceous
the much loved one-man play by Alfred Shaughnessy
with Giles Shenton (Three Men in a Boat)
as legendary Head Gardener, Herbert Pinnegar

*"An hour and a half of sheer delight...
a delightful tale, beautifully told,
Old Herbaceous is a joy to watch
and not just for garden lovers"*
The Reviews Hub

"Absolutely idyllic"
BBC Radio York

*"Downton Abbey
with gardening tips"*
The Guardian

*Giles Shenton "draws us into
his world making the
characters so real you feel you
have known them forever"*
Edinburgh Fringe

"Not to be missed"
BBC Radio Kent

*"Reminiscent of going down the allotment with your grandad.....
a wonderful, wonderful evening"*
BBC Radio Lincolnshire

South West Shropshire Gardening Club
LYDBURY NORTH VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday 14th December at 7:30pm
£7.50 for members £12.50 for non-members
Bar (cash only) Raffle
FOR TICKETS PHONE 07971 565913
www.gilesshentonproductions.co.uk

Coming soon: Wednesday 14th December.

We are in for such a treat: a national touring production of the much loved, one man play by Alfred Shaughnessy, with Giles Shenton performing superbly as the title character.

The story starts just before World War Two. Old Herbert Pinnegar has spent his life as a gardener at "the big house" and shares his memories with us. Shenton's performance lends a grace and dignity to a story of an ordinary man who is ...quietly remarkable. The play is about his life, his love of a garden and the woman who owned it. There are hilarious observations of relations between the classes in a gentler, simpler age. It is poignant and heartwarming, said to be "an hour and a half of sheer delight...a joy to watch and not just for garden lovers".

There are still some tickets left. The cost is £7.50 for members (subsidised by the club) and £12.50 for guests (another good reason for updating your membership!) You can pay by cash, cheque or by transfer:

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Please put your name as reference and email sandy_burton@btinternet.com to let her know and secure your ticket.

The Pearl Garden

Thanks to Committee Members who came early to our meeting in order to do some maintenance on the garden. This is situated in front of the village hall and was made in 2017 to commemorate thirty years of the club. If anyone would like to help with a bit of weeding next time, we would be very grateful.



Have a very Merry Christmas everyone!

Angie Salmon
Chair



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