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2016 PROGRAMME

April 22nd - 24th

The Garden Show Firle

Firle Place,
Firle near Lewes,
East Sussex.
BN8 6LP.

thegardenshowonline.co.uk

May 28th

Heathfield Agricultural Show

Tottingworth Park,
Broad Oak,
Heathfield,
East Sussex,
TN21 8UE

[Heathfield Agricultural Show](#)

For contact details for all events keep an eye on the [Events Page](#) of our website

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Weald Crafts will take place on:

Tuesday 15th March 2016.
7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

At Robertsbridge Village Hall, Station Road, Robertsbridge.

There will be the usual refreshments after the meeting including: Tea, Coffee, Wine etc.

Please remember this is the first opportunity for everyone to book events for 2016. There will be all the various events booking forms available for you to fill in. Bring along your cheque book and do not forget your £5 vouchers.

For those who are unable to come to the venue all the booking forms will be emailed out on that evening. Those who do not have email access they will be sent by normal post on this day.



New Event at Firle in April



As you may have seen on the 2016 programme we have a new event in April, The Garden Show at Firle Place. It is a three day event starting on Friday 22nd April through to Sunday 24th April. I was advised of the show by one of our members who has attended the event over the past few years in his own right and highly recommended that we try and join up with them. He states that there is 'a very high footfall throughout the three days'. I got in touch with the organisers and explained that we were trying to get more events into our programme and after some good work on their side, have managed to find enough space for us to have a small marquee. The marquee will take twenty-two pitches and they have been taking bookings for this event since last September so you can see why we could only get a small marquee space.

The show is run by a commercial company so we have had to pay a ground rent for the area we are occupying of £700 as well as the marquee hire fee of just over £820. That said we are still able to keep the cost of a pitch down to £25 a day. I have seen their bookings for this year and there will be over 150 marquees, tents and other pitches at the show. This company run a similar show in Surrey in August at which the Surrey Guild take part and they were very keen to get us involved as they want more crafts represented at Firle, hence the reason they moved things around to accommodate us.

We are hoping that this will be supported well by our members and that we will be able to book more room for The Spring Garden Show in 2017. Lets make this a show we look forward to each year.

Alan Bristow

Change to Treasurers email address

Please note that our Treasurer, Graeme Mounsey has a new email address:
gray.mouse@btinternet.com

July 2nd - 3rd

Smallholders Show

South of England Show-ground,
Ardingly,

West Sussex.
RH17 6TL.

smallholdersshow.co.uk

smallholdersshow.co.uk

August 20th - 21st

Tractorfest & Country Fair

Beech Lane Field,
Sissinghurst Road,
Biddenden,
Kent.

TN27 8EX

tractorfest.co.uk

August 20th - 21st

International Horse Trials

Firle Place,
Firle near Lewes,
East Sussex.

BN8 6LP

firleplaceevent.co.uk

November 18th - 19th

Cooden Beach Hotel

Christmas Fair

Cooden Sea Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea.

TN39 4TT

thecoodenbeachhotel.co.uk

December 8th

Battle Late Night Shopping

Memorial Hall,
High Street,

Battle,
East Sussex.

Two Events on the same day!

On the 14th January I sent out an email to all members with regard to a problem we had in organising this years programme of events. We had a situation where the Firle International Horse Trials at Firle, East Sussex and the Tractorfest and Country Show at Biddenden, Kent are taking place on the same dates in August this year. In the email I asked everyone to indicate which of the shows they would prefer to attend and we would then attend the show with the greatest number of 'yes' votes.

Within seven days of sending the email I had received a amazing number of responses. The numbers were equally amazing as the yes votes came out the same for both shows! We now have an organiser for each event so both shows will be available. I would like to say thank on behalf of the committee for your quick and prompt responses which has enabled us to cover both shows this year.

Thank You.

Alan Bristow



£5 Voucher

When you book your first two events on the night of the AGM or by post, when you send in your booking form and two cheques, DO NOT FORGET to put one of the £5 Voucher slips in with your deposit cheque.

Macmillan Cancer Support

The committee received the following email just prior to Christmas from Doreen Upwood the local area organiser;

Thank you for putting up with us again this year. We have one more tombola to do but we will have raised over £20,000. We could not have raised so much without your help. As always this money will help local people who are living with cancer. Have a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

It goes without saying that this year we are again supporting Macmillan Cancer Support.