Thank you to outgoing Committee members Colin, Mike and Sue - Welcome to new Committee members Diane, Liz and Rachel.

**Annual Subscriptions**
Annual subscriptions are due from 1 January and can be paid at the January meeting. As decided at our AGM this is now £14 per annum (only 16p increase for each meeting).

**Coach Trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show**
Booking forms to be completed and £50 deposits will be taken at the January meeting for our 3 day, 2 night, coach trip to visit the Malvern Spring Show from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th May 2015. Price of £175 per person sharing twin or double rooms, or £215 for single room includes coach, 2 night's bed, breakfast and dinner at Hotel Chateau Impney, as well as all entrances. After January the trip will be opened to non-members if there are seats still available.

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Chairman’s Message

A good turnout for our AGM and Christmas Party on Tuesday, however this year we discussed more topics and had a longer AGM to cover key business. Key decisions were:
- Agreeing £2 rise in membership fees to £14, which really only equates to an extra 16p per meeting and still much cheaper than many societies, but does help cover increasing costs
- End of monthly competitions, which were not well patronised, but continuation of the Spring and Autumn mini shows.
- Opening our Annual Show to entries from Affiliated local societies.

Congratulations Angela Pratt who gained the most points in our 2014 monthly competitions to win the Elizabeth Davy trophy and nominated Brain Tumour Research as our annual charity.

The delightful duo of Jane and Julie sang and played musical accompaniment to our buffet, making a wonderful seasonal atmosphere to the whole evening. Well done ladies!

I thank our departing Committee members of Sue, Colin and Mike for all their help in the past, and welcome onto the Committee Diane Elmes, Liz Ablitt and Rachel Bishoff.

We have been delighted by a number of wonderful trips out this year by Caroll who has already got our trip to Malvern Spring Show sorted – so don’t forget to book your place at our January meeting.

We kick off the New Year with the return of the ever popular Matthew Tanton Brown talking about Choosing and Using Evergreen Shrubs at our January meeting. It will be a busy meeting with collection of our annual subscriptions, deposits taken for the Malvern Spring trip – and, I also will have the bare root roses for those who would like them.

A Happy New Year to all our members.

Ray Martin

Spring Mini Show Schedule

13th April 2015

All entries taken on the night – No entry fees

Classes
1. Garden flowers in a picture frame – frame provided
2. Vase of 1 (max) Daffodils any variety excluding miniatures
3. Vase of 3 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
4. Vase of 5 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
5. Vase of 5 (max) Miniature Daffodils
6. Pot of Mystery Daffodils (purchased from FDHS)
7. Pot of Mystery Tulips (purchased from FDHS)
8. Pot of Hyacinths (purchased from FDHS)
9. An Alpine plant (max pot size 200mm)
10. 3 sticks of Rhubarb
11. 2 Leeks
12. 4 Butterfly buns
13. 5 Jumbles (recipe in Show Schedule)
14. A homemade Birthday Card
15. Photo entitled “Spring Time” mounted (not framed). Not to exceed 200mm x 250mm overall
16. All Round Spring Flower arrangement (max size 200mm x 200mm)

Entry rules:
- Only one entry in each class
- Enter as many classes as you can
- Points: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

Winner of most points will be presented with the Spring Cup.

All cakes and food items to be offered to members at the break