

Looking forward to a 'Diamond' Gardening Year

by Gary Punter, Wansford Horticultural & Crafts Society

A big thank you to Gill Fisher who stands down as Chair after 20 fantastic years at the heart of our Society and village life. Our members gratitude was shown at both our AGM (Zoom) and earlier presentation of gifts (pictured). We are delighted that Gill will continue to be an active member. The new committee was elected (from right to left) Rhona Punter [secretary & membership]; Gary Punter [Chair]; Keith Alvey, Mandy Veni, Quentin Arnold [Treasurer], Liz Harris & Gill Fisher [retired]. To complete the committee and not in picture are Julie McAnally & Ian Wright. Many thanks to Anna Alder-

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son who steps down.

We have a full programme of events for 2021 which will include: entertaining talks; hands on workshops at Burghley; local 'open' gardens; plant sale, social events and visits (Hidcote, RHS Wisley and Kew at Xmas). An exciting highlight will be on August 28th, when we celebrate our 'Diamond 75th Show', since starting in the village in 1946 !

At a time of year when it is cold and our plants are quiet, it is great to cover your planting borders with 2-3 inches of compost or mulch to give your soil a boost of goodness ready for spring. Also, continue to rake up leaves/twigs and create a habitat for hedgehogs and helpful bugs.



If you are interested in learning more about local gardening and crafts, please contact garypunter@aol.com

Next Event for diary	'Curious Herbal' An entertaining and intriguing true tale of the people and history of medicinal herbs by Nancy Stevens	7.30pm Wed 27th Jan. online talk via ZOOM
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