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Dear Members,

What a difference a year makes – so warm and sunny as I write this while this time last year we had the Beast from the East with all that snow! We have just started our winter lecture programme which was kicked off by Gail Plant talking about scented plants, unfortunately I could not be there but understand it was filled with scent from her garden. We still have Helen Picton on Daisy Days and Michael Marriott on The Wonderful World of Roses to come.

We have welcomed Claire Dale to the committee who will be taking over our speaker programme during the year and Nicky has already done some excellent publicity work for us with a lovely article in The Ross Gazette. Also Pat and Roy Milnes have kindly offered to organise the teas from now on so many thanks to them.

Can I please ask you to sow some extra seeds, take a few cuttings or divide up some of your treasures and bring them along to the May Plant Sale. Nicky and Patti will be organising this one and hopefully the excellent salvia plantsman will return as well as Nicola with her lovely summer bedding plants.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter several people have volunteered to organise garden visits for this summer so make a note of the dates in your diary and there are more details on each of the gardens on our website. Penny has booked the first visit for Thursday June 6th to Brighton House near Hereford, booking form to follow at the April meeting. David Thomson has organised a visit to Birtsmorton Court on Tuesday 30th July, again a booking form will be available at the April meeting. Then in early September, date to be agreed, Sylvia Baker and Sylvia Neale are arranging a visit to a garden near St Briavels.

We are still somewhat short of numbers for our 2019 Coach Holiday to Hampshire with only 23 people booked so far. More details as per the earlier booking forms and on the website. Penny and Jo plan to ask around to establish the level of interest in any future holidays as it is a lot of work for them if the take up is limited.

Also following the news that The Chase Hotel is closing we have made a provisional booking at Glewstone Court, more on this much later in the year as it felt really early to be making a Christmas booking at all but needs must.