



California Gardeners' Club Newsletter December 2019

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Things to remember

1. Our next meeting is on 6th January when Tom Way will talk to us about "Photography on Safari". We are expecting some fantastic pictures from Tom. This is definitely one not to miss.
2. Don't forget that January's table competition is 'A Photograph of a winter scene' 7" x 5" and no boarder or frame.
3. Trading Hut is now closed for the winter.
4. **Somebody left a bobble hat in the hall**

On Monday over 60 members gathered for our Christmas party, an evening of quizzes, party games, music, wine and food, all directed by our Chairman Dick in his inimitable way, and soon everyone was in a party mood.



Beetle Drive winner

The "Beetle Drive" entailed a great deal of frantic dice tossing and drawing and moving from table to table.

Then came the “Shove Halfpenny”



The two “Shove Halfpenny” winners

Of course, the players did not sit around a small board. The game and all its parts were magnified so that the discs were nine inches across and an inch thick. The board was on the floor and a special “shover” pushed the discs. All this made for a lot of fun and laughter!

We also had three quizzes. The now traditional “Curtain” one, trying to identify split photographs (very difficult)! also two paper quizzes on gardening to pass round the table.

The food and drink were, as always, excellent and very much enjoyed and a good time was had by all!

We ended with the traditional “Auld Lang Syne”. The fact that the evening was so successful and enjoyable is a tribute to all the planning and hard work put in behind the scenes by a lot of people. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen!

Lynn Potts



Please Note:
CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing

Help Required

We are **still** looking for someone who is prepared to work with the Show Secretary and learn the ropes.

It's not a difficult job but certainly a very interesting one. It does not require a great deal of horticultural knowledge but more administrative and is only a twice a year commitment.

PLEASE give it your consideration. If you fancy having a go, then please email Dick on sandr@morseconsultants.com

Many thanks

Outings

We are looking for suggestions for next year's outings. If there are any places you have visited and think would be worth a club visit, please let us know. On the other hand, if there is anywhere you have not visited and would like to go; once again, let us know.

Monthly Table Competition

There was no table competition in December

BUT

Please remember that the January competition is 'A Photograph of a Winter Scene' and it should be 7" x 5" (no borders or frame).

Membership

***Over the past six months our membership continues to steadily grow.
Why not tell your neighbours and friends about us and invite them to a meeting?***

Keeping annual membership at £5 makes us a great club to be a member of.

So, don't keep it a secret

Monthly talks

This is a call to all members: if you have any ideas/requests for the subjects of the monthly talks, please let us know. Either reply to this email or give Hermione a ring (number below).



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