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Photographic Competition – some initial details

A reminder that our ever-popular biennial photographic competition will be held this year.

This is something of an interim announcement as the full details of the competition categories and rules have yet to be agreed by the Committee, but you might like to note several key facts:

- There will be lots of categories (including some new ones) designed to make sure the competition will cover as many different types of gardening and horticultural pictures as possible, and we want to ensure as many different types of photographers right across the Membership are eligible as well.
- The competition deadline will be the end of this year and you will be able to enter photos taken since the last competition, in 2008. So any relevant garden and horticultural pictures taken in 2009 or 2010 will be eligible. Remember we like a spread of seasons, so don't wait until the summer and we're sure you'll have lots of pictures from the snow!
- In short, new and regular entrants alike should get snapping – and *keep* snapping throughout the year – and you can be sure there will be the opportunity to enter all manner of interesting garden-related pictures.



Phil Berry

Previous competitions have yielded a wonderful array of images and showcased some remarkable creative talent – and with your help we can make the forthcoming competition a real treat for us all.

Fuller details of the categories and rules will appear in the next Quarterly, but if you want to know those details before then contact me (on 814 777 or mike@mikeimms.co.uk) or Phil (814 247, philip.berry2222@btinternet.com)

Mike Imms

The Big Garden Bird Watch

The RSPB's annual health check on the numbers and distribution of our avian wildlife takes place this year over the weekend of 30th 31st January. It is very important research and requires just an hour's commitment at any time over the weekend. If there is anyone interested in taking part but who feels they have insufficient experience in identification, please contact Brian Senior (814 428), David Owen Ellis (530 205) or Brian Lloyd (814 623), any of whom would be very pleased to join them at a mutually convenient time to help out.

Brian Senior

New Editor Needed

Unfortunately I shall be unable to continue as Editor of the Quarterly. It is the usual problem, of too little time to do everything one would wish. Last year was busier than I expected when I took on the editorship, and next year promises to be no better. Hopefully it should not be too difficult to find someone able and willing to take on a (mostly!) enjoyable task.

Would anyone considering this please contact Phil Berry (contact details above).

Jill Gurney