

## **WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT APRIL 2016**

Our membership at the end of 2015 stood at 42, up from 37 in 2014. We have maintained this number into 2016, which has allowed us to keep our membership subscriptions at £15 per person for the year.

Our speakers in 2015 were, Geoff Stone, who gave us a slide show, set to music, featuring gardens and natural history. Sally Cunningham who talked about 'Plants for Their Place', and Colin Ward on 'Shade and Semi-Shade Plants'. Colin brought with him an impressive selection of plants for sale after the talk.

For our August meeting we visited members' gardens at Westcombe House, Langton House and The Little Rectory, where we enjoyed our buffet supper on the lawn.

In July 21 members and one guest visited the National Trust Gardens at Canons Ashby House, where we were given a guided tour by the head gardener and his assistant.

We finished the year with our Christmas social, which was attended by 32 members.

We have recently had our first meeting of 2016 with a speaker, when 22 members came to hear Anita Thorpe give us a talk on 'Woodland Plants'. Other speakers booked for 2016 are, Brian Ellis, speaking about 'Texture and Foliage in The Garden', and Linda Smith on 'Attracting Wildlife to Your Pond'.

Roy Haynes

Chairman WGA