



newsletter



The restored French parterre. This and the other photos were all taken on 20th September.

Club competition winners

Steel Cup (Advanced)	Rod Ashwell Runner-up: John Bevington
Archer Cup (Handicap)	David Woolley Runner-up: George Collin
Ashwell Cup (All England h'cap)	Geoff Strutt Runner-up: David Woolley
Thomas Philip Earl de Grey Cup (B level)	Tim Brewer Runner-up: Geoff Strutt
14 point advanced	Bryan Harral to play either David Marsh or Eric Audsley
De Grey Plate (14 pt h'cap)	Peter Aspinall Runners-up: David Morris and Cliff Hayes
Golf croquet	Rod Ashwell Runner-up: Eric Audsley

I'm hoping I've got the last one right. Some trophies have yet to have the winners' names from 2013 or even before engraved on them. There is a list of winners up to and including 2013 on the Archive page on the website, but this is missing the 2013 winner of the 14 point advanced competition, which, if memory serves me right, wasn't completed until early this season. If the winner could let me know I can update the table.

2014 Annual Dinner

This took place at the golf club in Lower Stondon on Friday 21st November and was ably organised by Peter Aspinall who produced a seating plan and individual place cards which showed everyone's menu choices. 28 members and guests attended, and a good time was had by all. David Woolley was the Chairman's choice as club member of the year, and I can only apologise for the lack of photos as I neglected to take the camera. If anyone did take any then do send them on and I can include them in the next newsletter.

More from the gardens . . .



The Italian Garden, looking west



Mellow fruitfulness – Comice, by the look of it



Variegated holly

Revisiting the gardens one can see clearly that our spoor remains in the green tramlines that mark the central N-S lawn boundaries, where countless applications of white liner over many years have left what may prove to be an indelible mark. And apart from the advantage of free entry, one can walk around in the blissful knowledge that there is no work to be done.

The holly represents the nearest thing to a seasonal image, so with thanks to everyone who has helped out this season, be it mowing, catering, woodwork or anything else – not forgetting the EH contractors – may I wish all members a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

John Bevington

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