



Clitheroe Garden Club Newsletter



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THE ANNUAL SHOW

I think all who attended our Annual Show would agree with me that it looked just as spectacular as ever, particularly considering the bad summer we have had. One judge told me that it was the best show he had attended, with plentiful exhibits in good condition. Therefore, well done for making the effort and producing the results. Altogether there were 65 exhibitors including 9 children. Twenty two exhibitors had entered for the first time. As always it all ran smoothly from preparation to finish through good team work. The Banksian Medal winner was Eddie Moorcroft for the most money won in the horticultural classes.

This will be my last show as show secretary. I have enjoyed the experience and will be handing over to someone else soon.

Pam Entwistle



WHICH ARE YOU?

The body of every organisation is constructed from four kinds of bones.

There are the wishbones who spend all their time wishing someone else will do all the work.

There are the jawbones who do all the talking and little else.

There are the knucklebones who criticise everything others try to do.

Luckily, however, all organisations have backbones who carry the load and do all the work.

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These two letters
are published at
the request of
our Chairperson,
Dorothy.



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To The Chair & Committee,
Clitheroe Garden Club.

Resignation from Voluntary Duties

It is only after considerable soul searching that I have come to the conclusion that, as age advances, I am struggling to keep up with all my commitments. These include family, the garden club and other organisations. My total commitment to family will never waver and of the rest the garden club publishing and printing is the most demanding of my time and energy. It is not without regret, therefore, that I feel it necessary to tender my resignation from this duty with effect from February 2013. Needless to say, Iris, who has taken charge of all newsletter distribution ever since we introduced it in November 1999, will also stand down.

My time so far with the garden club has been all the more enjoyable as a result of accepting considerable responsibility, first in helping to maintain and improve the facilities at the club allotment site, then as president for a while before taking the chair and recently keeping up with the publishing and printing for all areas of club activity. Iris, who is even more committed elsewhere than I am has been fully involved with the club in her roles as treasurer, secretary and lately newsletter distribution. We intend to remain members and supporters of Clitheroe Garden Club.

A long time ago, as a teacher, I was advised by a colleague to keep my big mouth shut when volunteers were needed. By ignoring that advice my life so far has been much richer. Who knows I may open it again sometime on behalf of the club!

Yours faithfully,

D. B. Gosman
(Bill)



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16th August 2012

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter. The Committee and the members all really appreciate the work you have been doing in editing and printing the Newsletter for us six times each year. This is a huge undertaking for anyone. In addition you have done the schedule for the Show and all the necessary paper work that goes with it. On top of all of that, membership cards, posters and tickets all appear as if by magic! We have been so lucky. Needless to say, we regret your decision but completely understand it.

Personally, I am delighted that you and Iris are staying as members as I am always so pleased to see you there and you can keep an eye on the progress of the club for whom you have done so much even before you took over the job of Editor in Chief and Printing Factory Manager. Iris, too, has played a major role in the development and success of the Club and has been so generous in allowing you to spend so much time on it - there are only so many hours in a working day.

Would it be possible to print your letter and my reply in our next newsletter? This would seem the best way to let the membership know and get people thinking about the army of volunteers needed to replace you both. As a new Chair person, I am on a steep learning curve but feel sure that you will help us to sort out the various aspects of your jobs.

In the weeks and months ahead we will celebrate the work you have both done and when February 2013 arrives I feel sure the new-found space will give you energy to enjoy the other things in life.

Referring to your last paragraph about volunteering making life richer - I entirely agree. You may remember that in my letter to introduce myself on becoming 'Chair' I mentioned that one of my sons told me to learn to step back quickly when a chair man was needed. I have not yet learned that skill and becoming 'Chair' has certainly given me some extra things to think about and I have met lots of interesting people.

Very best wishes to you both,

Dorothy

While I admire the great enthusiasm of the members of the present committee, I find myself unable to keep up with the demand their enthusiasm has created for publishing and printing.

Sorry folks, *Bill*.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1950 petrol increased from 2s 3d (just over 10p) to 3s (15p) per gallon. (3p per litre).

In October 1951 the Austin Mini was announced with a price tag of under £280.



Superb Sunflowers

I recently visited Mr Jim Aspins garden in Clitheroe with my husband who is the photographer of the family. It had been suggested that it was such a beautiful garden that we should have a picture of it for our newsletter. It was an amazing sight, Jim had grown the most impressive sunflowers I think I have ever seen, with enormous heads bigger than dinner plates. He also had some tall sunflowers in different shades but we took this photograph of the large flowered ones which I thought must have come from a specialist seed merchant, but Jim said he actually bought the seed at Sainsbury's!

Perhaps we could make this a regular feature of the newsletter. Are you proud of your garden or a particular feature of it that you would like to share with your fellow gardeners, or perhaps you would like to suggest someone's garden to be featured? If you would like to put forward your own or someone else's garden contact any member of the committee who's details are on your membership card.

Carol Hill

RECRUITING

A letter has gone out to all allotment holders pointing out to them the benefits of membership of Clitheroe Garden Club.

**GARDEN CLUB NEW YEAR MEAL
WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2013
6.00p.m. for 6.30p.m.**

LA VESPA 78 - 82 Whalley Road, Clitheroe.

Please complete the booking form at the back of this newsletter by Dec.5th

Don't Try This at Home!

Snail cough mixture

Gather your snails from the garden and put in bowl overnight to clean themselves. Place the snails in a muslin bag and sprinkle with brown sugar, hang the bag over a bowl and leave to drip, then bottle.

This is an ancient recipe for cough medicine I think it must have worked very well because you wouldn't dare cough if you thought someone might make you drink this!



*Congratulations
and Thank you
to all who played any part
in another successful show.*



News Editor Required

Have you always fancied yourself as one of those important people called a News Editor? Well now is the chance to begin your apprenticeship on the Clitheroe Garden Club Newsletter. With the retirement of Bill and Iris coming up in Feb 2013 we are looking for someone to edit the Newsletter. Bill published the first newsletter in October 1999 on a trial basis. It took off and has been published six times a year ever since then. The Committee and other members send in gardening or plant articles, details of coming events, adverts, recipes, photographs and sales hut news so you don't have to be an inventor, (though that would be very welcome). The editor has to fit it all together on to a small number of pages. Most things arrive in your computer as a 'Word File' and so just need juggling to fit.

Once it is edited we need someone to print the copies, possibly another person to collate and staple and put into addressed envelopes and then someone to distribute the copies in bundles to our keen volunteers who do the deliveries. (A few go out by post.)

Bill and Iris have done all of this so we need at least two people and probably more. One suggestion is to have two editors, each one doing three copies each year. The club has one new printer and we could buy another.

Also

For about 15 years, Bill has also done all the printing of membership cards, tickets, posters, questionnaires, show stationery, prize cards etc., – in fact, anything we have required. This need not be an editor's job as it would be good to involve another person.

Getting Started

TRAINING! Not a problem, Bill will help you out or even do occasional jobs.

If you can HELP in any way then please get in touch with a Committee member, Bill, Iris or me. Don't think your offer isn't important, it may be the final thing we need. Please get in touch otherwise we feel like we are talking to ourselves and that there is no-one out there. The Club has to be like a co-operative now, it belongs to all of us and we all have to make it work. WE CAN DO IT BETWEEN US AND ENJOY IT!

WELCOME TO TED AND TREVOR

We have two new Committee members and that is brilliant! Ted Woodend is going to take over as the organiser of the Show. I know that Pam will give him lots of help as the retiring Show Secretary and I have heard serious suggestions of a person who may like to job share and that would be good as it is a big job. Our other new member is Trevor Mitchell. Trevor is going to take on some of Lawrie's work at the Sales Hut and be of help to George whenever he can. I know that he has already been at the hut getting into the groove. Trevor will be dealing with the seed orders. We need a couple more new members on the Committee. They wouldn't have special jobs to do, they would be our insurance policy for the future and meanwhile be like 'Ministers without portfolio', ready to help out when needed at events like the Coffee Morning in aid of North West Air Ambulance and the Show. If you are a new or newish member then give us a try because new ideas are always welcome. Our next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm at our house, Greenacre. The cake is good and the chat at the end is even better. Check this out with Ted and Trevor! A lift is possible if you need transport. Talk to me soon if you can help.
Dorothy

THE SALES HUT

The shutters have now come down for the season and a very successful one it has been too.

Despite the horrific summer weather members turned up to the hut in numbers. This reflected in our sales and most items did pretty well.

Only members fully utilizing the hut makes the efforts of the volunteers worthwhile.

As previously mentioned, you will see changes next year, you may even be part of them. The changes are intended to encourage more members to become engaged in hut activities thereby making the hut more accessible to all. Please support the changes.

I would like to thank all who contributed plants, unwanted tools and whatever bits and pieces which all go to help sales. It is amazing how somebody's unwanted article is just what someone else has been looking for.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort on Sunday mornings.

Winter well.

Lawrie Ball

Thompson & Morgan discount seed offer

Thompson and Morgan are this year offering 55% off seeds and 15% off non-seed items (tubers, fruit, sundries etc.) These are slightly more attractive terms than last year and are a good incentive for those interested. This year Trevor Mitchell is compiling the orders.

New 2013 catalogues, order forms and instructions of what to do will be available at the October, November and December regular Wednesday meetings. Alternatively you can contact Trevor on 01200 425234.

There isn't a cut-off date but we would like to send in the bulk order pre-Christmas to ensure the early delivery of seed/plants which require an early season start.

First Aid

If you are interested in learning some first aid techniques, please contact the club secretary Lesley Taylor as soon as possible to register your interest. This is being provided at no cost as thanks for help the club gives to the North West Air Ambulance. No date has been set yet.

Email Addresses

If you have an email address please consider sending a quick message to your club secretary lesley453@btinternet.com so she has your correct email address as some of the addresses on the membership forms are not correct. It would be really useful if we could contact our members at short notice if for instance a meeting has to be cancelled, the hut cannot open or we organise a last minute outing. We can promise that your email address will not be passed on to anyone else and we certainly wouldn't be contacting you except in these sorts of circumstances.

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CLITHEROE GARDEN CLUB NEW YEAR MEAL
Wednesday 30th January 2013 6.00p.m. for 6.30p.m.

The full cost of the meal is **£15.50**. In the box provided by each menu option please state the number of people making that choice. Send your cheque, made out to Clitheroe Garden Club, by **Wednesday 5th December** to Ian Berry, 2 Higher Standen Hey Farm, Whalley Road, Clitheroe BB7 1PP or pay at the meeting that evening.

Name....., Address.....

Tel No.

La Vespa 78 - 82 Whalley Road, Clitheroe.

STARTERS

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| Salmone Affumicato Scottish smoked salmon with sliced red onions drizzled with extra virgin olive oil and fresh lemon. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Calamari Fritti Deep fried baby squids accompanied with salad leaves and home-made tartare sauce. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Funghi All'Aglio Fresh button mushrooms sautéed in garlic and white wine with a touch of fresh chilli. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Zuppa Del Giorno Homemade soup served with homemade crusty bread. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Polpette Al Ragù Homemade beef meatballs cooked with fresh peas and tomato sauce served with homemade bread. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

MAIN COURSES

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| Cannelloni All'Italiana Large pasta tubes filled with meat and spinach, oven baked in a fresh tomato and basil sauce, topped with a touch of parmesan cheese. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pollo Al Funghi Porcini Chicken breast cooked with onions and wild mushrooms in a white wine and cream sauce. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Filletto Di Spigola Al Forno Baked fillets of sea bass in extra virgin olive oil, lemon and a touch of garlic. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vitello Alla Siciliana Tender escalopes of veal pan fried with the famous Marsala wine from Sicily. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| VEGETARIAN Tagliatelle All'Ortolana Egg pasta ribbons sautéed with garlic, courgettes, aubergines, olive oil and fresh chopped tomatoes. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

DESERTS

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| Homemade Tiramisu..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homemade Fruit Salad..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mixed Italian Ice Cream..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COFFEE INCLUDED