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Welcome to the last newsletter of 2016.

We hope that you've enjoyed despite mixed and 'challenging' weather, a good and productive growing season.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that the show will be back in 2017— thanks to Noel and Elaine for rising to the challenge—there will be plenty of opportunities for volunteers—so please do get involved if you can.

Make a note on your 2017 calendar for Saturday August 26th.

We hope you enjoy a winter season full of planning and reviewing seed catalogues, and preparing for a fabulous 2017.

We'd love to receive articles for the newsletter, so please do get in touch at the address below:

Happy gardening!

Seasons greetings to you and all those you hold dear.

Kevin and Sophie

Items for the Newsletter should be emailed to **sophiejmiles@hotmail.co.uk.**

We have our AGM on 1st February 2017

As food and entertainment seemed to encourage more members to come to the 2016 AGM we've decided to have a similar evening for the 2017 AGM. There will be a short AGM (Sandra did a sterling job this year and formalities finished in under half an hour) followed by pie'n'peas and a quiz. Tickets for food will cost £2.50 and be available at the November and December meeting or from Sandra (tel 01200 422818) or Beverley (tel 01200 424577).

There will be a veggie option and as usual at the AGM the bar will be open.

We will be using different caterers in 2017.

New committee members needed!

It's a rare AGM that doesn't see us appealing for at least one new member and this year is no different. John Gornall who serves as a general committee member would like to pass the job on to someone else next year. If you would like to have more input into how the club is run this is your chance! General

committee members don't have particular responsibilities, if you are interested/want to know more about what's involved please contact any of the committee members.

The beginning of 2017 will see me fully retired which means I can do lots more travelling (hooray) but it will make it difficult to function as the club secretary. I can send emails from India but taking minutes at meetings will be a tad difficult. Is anybody out there who would like to have a go at being secretary? I've managed it in spite of paperwork and IT not being my strong point as any of my work colleagues will testify! If you're interested and want to know what's involved telephone me Lesley (01200427308) or you could send an email.

Treasurers assistant

Ian Berry is happy to continue as treasurer but he is also planning trips with Alex and would very much like to have somebody who is willing to deal with money when he is away. For the most part it would involve dealing with cash taken at the hut during the trading season. If you think you can help Ian or want more information please contact him (01200 424662).

The Sales Hut.

The end of the 'hut' season brings us to news of a successful season in terms of sales, interest and support from members. Profit should show better performance than last year due to greater sales and a greater volume of green plants, seedlings etc. The Hut Team members have produced a large volume of saleable items and have shown their usual service, help and friendliness to all our customers. We are a friendly and welcoming club to new members who have helped us to achieve a reasonable, workable profit.

Ted has greatly re-organised the hut set up which is now more easily workable and TIDY – Ted's favourite word. We owe much to his efforts over the last year.

We are fully stocked for the new season and potatoes, seeds, onion sets etc. are already ordered for early delivery. Due to waste in previous years, I have reduced the items for delivery so as not to be disappointed.

The offer of seeds, at half price from Thompson and Morgan has arrived. Catalogues and order forms are available from me or at the evening meetings.

Thank you for your support which is essential to our continued existence.

Finally, my personal thanks to our chairlady Sandra for her drive and support as all would second.

Trevor Mitchell.

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December Speaker

Wednesday December 7th.

Jaqueline Iddon,

Christmas From The Garden.

Great Show News...

The Garden Club Show is back. Please make a note of **August 26th 2017**. A similar format, but we are open suggestions for change. So check the catalogues, start planning and pray for a good summer, we are hoping for a bumper crop and lots of entries.

You can email us at

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Plas Cadnant

Beverley and Tony Cooper

The gardens at Plas Cadnant are one of Angleseys newer attractions, situated just outside Menai Bridge off the road to Beaumaris and only a few minutes drive from the A55. We had never heard of them until we picked up a leaflet on a recent visit to North Wales and decided to pay a visit; we would thoroughly recommend that others do so. The gardens are open from March to October

In 1996, the present owner bought the 200 acre Estate and work began on the restoration of the historic garden and grounds, which had become almost completely overgrown.

Since then large parts of the gardens have undergone a spectacular transformation and have been largely restored to their former glory.

There is now a visitor centre, with displays illustrating the history of Plas Cadnant going back to the Iron Age, an excellent tea room and a number of holiday cottages should you wish to stay there. Three different gardens have been discovered, including an unusual walled garden with curving walls and pool, an upper woodland garden with stone outcrops and the remains of a 19th century folly and a secret valley garden with three waterfalls and river. The valley garden is on the tree-clad slopes leading down to the Afon Cadnant with many ferns and shade-loving plants. Some of the paths are rather steep.

Further details may be found on their website

www.plascadnantgardens.co.uk

Plas Cadnant, Cadnant Road, Porthaethwy, Menai Bridge,
Isle of Anglesey, LL59 5NH

The Editor and her Husband also visited Plas Cadnant in September and agree it is a truly lovely garden, and despite the damages due to last year's floods is full of interest and delight.

We enjoyed a super afternoon there and agree it is well worth a visit—and we loved the fact that in the tea rooms, tea is served in shining silver teapots!



What to do in garden in November – from the helpful gardeners at the RHS.

Trees & shrubs

Planting and moving

Bare-root deciduous hedging plants, trees and shrubs become available this month. They need to be planted promptly, before they dry out. They can be heeled into the soil for a short period if conditions are not suitable for planting.

It is an ideal time to plant roses. Avoid planting in areas where roses were previously growing otherwise new introductions may suffer from replant diseases (rose sickness).

You can still order and plant containerised trees and shrubs, and large semi-mature specimens for planting later in the winter, when bare-root plants are no longer available.

Protect newly planted trees, hedges and shrubs from wind and cold. A temporary netting windbreak is sufficient where there is no natural shelter. Straw, bracken, or something similar can be used to pack around deciduous plants and protect them from frost. A wooden frame with clear polythene stretched over it can do a similar job without blocking light from evergreens, but don't let the polythene touch the foliage, as condensation at these points could freeze, or cause rots.

This is also a good time to transplant trees and shrubs growing in unsuitable positions. However, if they are more than a couple of years old, you are unlikely to be able to remove an intact enough rootball to ensure the plant's survival in its new position, and you may be best advised to leave well alone.

Climbing roses should be pruned now at the very latest, and should preferably have been done much earlier in the autumn.

Clitheroe Garden Club New Year Meal

Wednesday 25th January 2017, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at

La Vespa 78-82 Whalley Road, Clitheroe

The full cost of the meal is £16.50. Next to each menu option please state the number of people making that choice. Please send your cheque, made out to Clitheroe Garden Club, by Wednesday 7th December to Ian Berry, 2 Higher Standen Hey Farm, Whalley Road, Clitheroe, BB7 1PP or pay at the December meeting.

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Name Tel

Address.....

Starters

Salmone Affumicato - Scottish smoked salmon with sliced red onions drizzled with extra virgin olive oil and fresh lemon.

Calamari Fritti – Deep fried baby squids accompanied by homemade tartare sauce.

Funghi All' Aglio – Fresh button mushrooms sautéed in garlic and white wine with a touch of fresh chilli.

Zuppa Del Giorno – Homemade soup served with homemade crusty bread.

Polpette Al Ragù – Homemade beef meatballs cooked with fresh peas and tomato sauce served with homemade bread.

Main courses

Lasagna.

Pollo Alla Diana – Chicken Breast with French mustard, onions, mushrooms in cream brandy sauce.

Salmon Aurora – Salmon cooked in garlic and white wine with prawns, tomato and cream

Risotto Della Valtellina – Risotto with Chicken, wild mushrooms, saffron and cream

Desserts (Coffee included)

Geoff Hocken.

We are very sad to report that the Garden Club has lost a good friend.

Geoff Hocken died in hospital on 19th October. He served on the committee when Pam Entwistle was chairlady, he was also frequently at the Sales Hut where his wife Frances attends every Sunday to look after plants and customers.

His good company and cheerful smile will be very sadly missed.

We send our condolences to Frances and her family.



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***Items for the Feb 2017 issue should be sent in
by mid Jan to the above email.***

