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Welcome to the mid summer 2017 edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

We hope that you are all enjoying the delights of the weather so far this growing season, and are making good progress in your gardens, greenhouses and allotment plots, and perhaps already eating some of your own produce

Don't forget that our **Garden Club Show—that is being held on Saturday August 26th** is rapidly approaching—and is being organised by the fabulous Noel and Elaine Hodgson.

Please do have a go and enter a few classes this year, and help us to make it a show to remember! Noel and Elaine are looking for volunteers to help with the success of the day, contact them if you can help in anyway.

We wish you a successful summer in the garden, and on your plot growing and enjoying the wondrous bounties of the season ahead.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

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

Happy gardening!

Kevin and Sophie

Items for the Newsletter should be emailed to

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Speakers for the autumn 2017 season

Monthly meetings are held at

Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket Club,
off Brownlow Street, Clitheroe, starting
at 7.30 pm.

Admission charge for Visitors £2.00,
Members free.

Raffle. Refreshments available after
meeting.

This seasons speakers are :

Wednesday 6th September -

Steve Halliwell, What can the Machair
be?

Wednesday 4th October –

Maggie Mees, Holebird, a Lakeland
Garden for All Seasons

Wednesday 1st November –

John Ball, (Lancashire Wildlife Trust),
A History of Wildflowers in Lancashire

Wednesday 6th December.-

Ruth Thurnhill, Glimpses of Garden
History at Browsholme Hall

Suggestions for Speakers are wel-
comed.

Talks don't always have to be about
gardening-related subjects, but the
Speakers do need to be people you
think Club Members would enjoy lis-
tening to.

**Please contact Beverley Cooper
with suggestions.**

Annual Show

The annual show will be at St
James School on **August 26th**

D Day fast approaching, please do
enter something in the show, look
around your allotments and gardens
for flowers, veg ,eggs, and get busy
in the kitchen for jams and cakes
and the studio for arts crafts
and photos.

Let's make it the best show yet.

ENTRIES please return the complet-
ed entry form and fee for all adult
classes to Noel Hodgson show Sec-
retary by 7:00pm Thursday 24th Au-
gust 2017:

11 Bleasdale Ave , Clitheroe BB7
2PF **or** hand in the form and fee at
the club hut any Sunday morning
10:00 - 12:00, **or** at the club hut
6:00pm-7:00pm Thursday 24th Au-
gust.

More schedules and entry forms
available so why not have a go?

Don't forget there are a number of
new classes this year including:

Eggs

3 large brown hen eggs, 3 large
white , 3 bantam eggs any colour,
contents of one hen egg, contents of
one bantam egg

Noel and Elaine Hodgson.

Notes from the Hut

I have enclosed a sheet of information about the classification of fertilisers. It has baffled some of us for a long time so I hope that the NPK (nitrogen phosphorus potassium) on sacks may mean little more and reminders of what these chemicals do.

Many members have asked for specialist clematis feed. I have finally found one called universal blue which is high in the constituents that greedy clematis like (18.11.18) NPK(see page 4 and 5 It is a very potent mix and so a small measuring spoon is provided with each 1 kg pack. One measurement which is about a quarter of a teaspoon should be dissolved in 1 gallon of water. Take care to avoid contact with skin and eyes and keep away from high temperatures and flames. The price of £2 per kilo bag compares well with the boxed Price of £5 per kilo. Do not overdose and if in doubt ask questions. Monty Don has said only feed before flowering but I use a little during the flowering period.

The period of transition management is now almost complete and I feel that the team and committee and the effective leadership of Sandra deserve our sincere thanks.

Ted continues his hard work sorry I can't mention everybody but they know who they are.

By popular request a special prices for goods will continue a little longer at least until the profit and loss account appears!

Trevor Mitchell and the Sales Hut Team.

A note from Ted...

When I was invited to take up the duties of her manager I expected it to be hard work and has been. However I have enjoyed every minute and I appreciate the help I have received from various quarters. I wish to thank these people for making my job much easier and helping to create a cheerful experience and create friendly and appreciative atmosphere every Sunday morning which was a great encouragement for me. I look forward to making more improvements before next season to match the work already carried out. It has been a great reward for me to hear so many members making friendly and appreciative comments.

Finally I wish to thank the support team for going along with the development and the committee for great support. Thanks to all members who brought along producing green plants without which we could not afford some of the work which has been needed. Thank you

Ted

Trevor's Guide to Fertiliser – Feeds.

Fertiliser Feeds

Based on N P K % by weight

	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Potassium
Fish Meal	10	6	2)
Blood	12	1	1) Fish, blood and bone
Bone Meal	3.5	18	0)
Bone Meal Alone	3.5	18	0 Slower (does not dissolve in water)

In General N P K

For ups	For Downs	For all round elements
(leaf)	(root)	(all health)

Clematis (greedy) likes 10 10 10

Or typical Rose feed 5 10 5

FBB good for most Inc. grass

VITAX Q4 5.3 7.5 10 + trace

Also generally good

% N + P + K not 100 – difference is filler Sand)

Limestone) Fine

Wood shavings)



Flowers and Fruit K

Leaves/stems N

Roots P

What's on at RHS Harlow Carr this summer?

Celebrate Yorkshire Day with a fun-filled day for the whole family from 10am – 3pm on 1st August. Take part in the 'Adventure Games' at 1pm with flat cap throwing, Yorkshire pudding & spoon race and a Yorkshire Tea relay race. Bring a picnic, take part in the races and maybe win a prize or two.

Normal admission applies

Enid Blyton 'Famous Five' Summer Holidays Adventure (22nd July—3rd Sept)

Visit Harlow Carr throughout the summer for events and activities celebrating the 75th anniversary of Enid Blyton's very first Famous Five book, 'Five on a Treasure Island'. Take part in outdoor 'have a go' workshops, see birds-of-prey demonstrations, listen to tall tales and make your own Famous Five explorer kit. Don't forget to visit the willow wigwam camp and take a nostalgic look at the Enid exhibition in the Bath House.

Normal admission applies

What to do in the garden in August from the RHS:

Flowers:

Sowing and planting

Towards the end of August sow hardy annuals directly into borders. They will overwinter and flower next summer.

Cutting back, pruning and dividing

Cutting back the foliage and stems of herbaceous plants that have already died back (e.g. Dicentra) is starting to be a priority.

Don't neglect hanging baskets - deadheading, watering and feeding will help them last through until autumn.

Deadhead plants such as Dahlia, roses and Penstemon and bedding to prolong the display colour well into early autumn.

Don't cut off the flowerheads of ornamental grasses. These will provide winter interest.

Hardy geraniums can be cut back a little to remove tired leaves and encourage a new flush of growth.



Prune climbing and rambling roses that do not repeat flower or produce attractive hips, once the flowers have finished.

Propagation

Pinks and carnations can be propagated by layering. Propagate irises by dividing the rhizomes if not done last month.

Take cuttings of tender perennials such as Pelargonium and Osteospermum, as soon as possible. A greenhouse, cool conservatory or a light windowsill are ideal to bring them on until they are established.

Rock garden plants, such as Helianthemum, Aubrieta and Dianthus can be propagated from cuttings at this time of year.

General maintenance

Feed containers, and even tired border perennials, with a liquid tomato food each week to encourage them to bloom into the early autumn.

Keep picking flowers from the cutting garden to encourage more flower buds to form and open.

Alpines that have developed bare patches of die-back, or have become weedy, can be tidied up by in-filling the patches with gritty compost. This will encourage new growth as well as improving their appearance.

Most perennial weeds are best dealt with when in active growth, if necessary applying a weedkiller.

Planning ahead

Collect and store seed of hardy annuals and perennials for sowing later in the autumn. Good plants to try include Calendula, Nigella, Cerinthe, Papaver, Aquilegia and hardy Geranium.

Buy or order spring-flowering bulbs. Some bulbs can be planted now, such as Colchicum, daffodils and Madonna lilies (*L. candidum*).

Pest and disease watch

Inspect chrysanthemums for the first signs of white rust and take immediate action.

Remove and destroy any *Nicotiana* showing signs of downy mildew. This shows up as yellowish blotches on the upper surface of the leaves.

Powdery mildew can be prevalent at this time of the year. Treat with an approved chemical at the manufacturer's rates.

Apply nematodes to control vine weevil grubs, in pots or the ground.

Earwigs can make Dahlia blooms ragged. Set traps to reduce damage.

Don't be worried by bright green, heavily-armoured looking insects on your plants - these are harmless shieldbugs which do not require control.

Distortion on Phlox could indicate the presence of phlox eelworm.

Discoloured leaves on herbaceous plants such as Chrysanthemum, Anemone and Penstemon may be leaf and bud eelworm

Arley Hall Garden Festival report

The weather was drizzly when 46 of us set out for the Arley Hall Garden festival on Sunday, 25 June. It hadn't improved very much when we got off the coach but the sounds of the Wabash Jazzmen playing as we walked along the pleached lime avenue set the tone for a very enjoyable day.

People went off in different directions some into the whole home of the Ashbrook family for over 500 years, others enjoy the tour of the herbaceous border and rose garden with the head Gardener Gordon Baille. This border is Arley's best known feature and is thought to be the first of its kind in England.

The question time tent hosted expert speakers and subjects as diverse as brownliads for the home to growing and propagating streptocarpus.

There were baking lectures and cookery demonstrations from the students of Leeds city college and ISS Academy of excellence most of which was available to sample and or buy.

The weather began to improve as we toured the gardens. Arley's gardens have been created over the past 250 years by successive generations of the same family.

They offer an unusual blend of long history and traditional design with modern additions for example around 40 works of art are display in the woodland garden.

The school children's flower beds were a special treat exhibiting imaginative planting and innovation. There was a series of beautiful displays in the floral marquee and many of us took advantage of the plant selloff at 3 PM.

The plant stalls were very inviting and well attended by our group.

Many of us were glad of an excuse to rest as we listened to the Lymm concert band before heading off to our coach after a very enjoyable day.

Mary Alty.

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