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Welcome to the winter 2017 and 100th edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

We hope that you enjoyed a productive and colourful season on your plots and in your gardens.

Inside this edition you can see some of the photos from this year's fabulous show that was organised by Noel, Elaine and Gordon. On behalf of all the club—thanks for a splendid job! It was a great day with lots of colourful entries and tasty looking entries! We are all looking forward to 2018 now...

At the show, Chris and Annette Wilcock had a stall selling Annette's jewellery to raise funds for Water Aid. Water Aid have written to thank them for the contribution raised. Money donated enables communities in Madagascar to have access to safe water and sanitation

We wish you all a warm and safe winter, and all the very best to you and those you hold dear over the festive period.

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

sophiejmiles@hotmail.co.uk.

A note from our Chairlady, Sandra.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

We are hoping for the same excellent turnout as last year, and are repeating the pie 'n peas supper. A vegetarian option will be available. The price is £2.50.

Tickets will be available at the December meeting and at the Annual Dinner on the 31st January. You can also book by telephone with Sandra on 01200-422818.

Clitheroe Garden Club - Indoor Meetings 2018

All dates are Wednesdays

7th February. - **AGM**, followed by pie and pea supper and quiz.

7th March. - **Ashley Cooper**, Images from a Warming Planet.

4th April – **Maureen Sawyer**, Hard-working Plants for a Small Garden.

2nd May – **Robert Barlow**, Hostas, the Versatile Herbaceous Perennial.

August – **Annual Show**, date t.b.a

On a Saturday in August .

5th September – **Judy Popley**, Flower Power Fairs.

3rd October – **Andrew & Pippa Chapman**, A Year on our Organic Small-holding.

7th November – **Steuart & Anita Kelington**, Beautiful British Gardens of the South.

5th December – **Peter Foley**, Winter Gardens.

A Garden with a Difference

In July this year we stayed for a few days at Ross on Wye in Herefordshire and naturally visited a number of gardens in the area. One of them stood out from all the others, and not for the reason you might think – **Shipley Gardens** at Holme Lacy, HR2 6LS.

On the B4399 just outside Holme Lacy village, we saw a narrow dirt track and thought "this cannot be it". Oh yes it was, but we only discovered that after carrying on to the bridge over the Wye and then turning round and finding a decrepit sign almost completely hidden in the hedge opposite the lane. The track down to the house and garden is quite rough and drops steeply at one point but is passable if you take it slowly.

We were met by Bob, the owner, who told us that he had bought the 30 acres in the 1950s. Since then he had built house, stables, outhouses and developed the garden, which must have been wonderful in its heyday. Before we even got to see the garden he invited us into a large ground floor room which was a virtual museum. One item there was a very long fur coat and alongside it a portrait of Bob wearing it. He told us that it, but not

he, had been to the south pole. Eventually, after showing us lots of other 'treasures' he led us into the garden.

Our first stop was at what looked like a giant greenhouse but what a surprise when we entered; it housed a large swimming pool – not that you would dare venture into it, the water was dark green with algae – but around the pool were numerous pots in which Bob was growing all sorts of exotic vegetables and flowering plants. He was a very knowledgeable plantsman indeed.

We were then left to explore. As you can see from the photograph, the grounds around it were hardly what you would describe as neat and tidy and many parts were frankly overgrown. There was a mixture of woods, secret gardens, pergolas, amazing plants, various decrepit items and lots of informative notices. Walking around you had to avoid the nettles and brambles. Maintaining such a large site is now obviously beyond him, so he has made a virtue out of a necessity; it is a wildlife haven. If you like your gardens all regimented with rows of flowers, this is not the place for you, but for those who appreciate the importance of wild places, we would thoroughly recommend it. Admission is just £3 per person. If you wanted to be spoiled and see some formal gardens you could always stay at the nearby Holme Lacy House Warner Hotel.

To see lots more photographs, visit <https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/>

[Attraction Review-g1861858-d4299769-Reviews-Shipley Gardens-Holme Lacy Herefordshire England.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g1861858-d4299769-Reviews-Shipley_Gardens-Holme_Lacy_Herefordshire_England.html)

Beverley and Tony Cooper



GARDEN CLUB SHOW 2017

Feedback suggests the show was well received, 50 entrants with over 300 entries suggests that the show maintained continuity despite a missing year, it was well publicised, most classes had a strong showing, though the art class usually has a stronger take-up, eggs were new this year – we hope they will gather a little momentum. There were no entries to childrens' classes apart from photography. There were however several younger competitors in the adult classes.

St James' still proves to be a good venue, the staff are helpful and we feel the rooms allocated for refreshments were at least as good as before.

Gordon's gathering of sponsorships and auction of produce reflects well in the cost analysis. The total cost was £280, which we believe compares well with previous shows.

Support across the board was flawless at all stages, many thanks to all who supported the show and gave their time and effort.

Further feedback related to the date of the show, with suggestions that an earlier date would bring a better entry from some classes, it may be swings and roundabouts but your show committee is willing to suggest bringing the show forward by two weeks. One outcome would be a "clash" with the food fair, this could well be a positive. Accrington Bonsai are otherwise engaged and although we mentioned a date change in our thanks to judges we have not yet had any response to this.

Your Show Organising Committee will be happy to run the show again in 2018. Another fine sunny day would be nice

Noel and Elaine Hodgson and Gordon Woodward

Advance notice for the show 2018 Photography any age

- A series of not more than 4 images titled "changes."
- Rainbows
- arden workers
- Bridges

Thank you !

On behalf of everyone who entered the show, the editor would like to say a huge thank you to Noel, Elaine, Gordon and their merry band of volunteers and judges for a truly splendid show!

Please see next page for a montage of photos from the show, kindly taken by Ian and Alex Berry.





Notes from the Hut

From our sales managers.

I hope that members are satisfied with the high-quality of our stock and will pass on their opinions to others. Trevor endeavours to get the best prices and best quality products as advised by our highly reliable and helpful suppliers. Our prices and quality cannot be beaten anywhere in Lancashire. Perhaps members will advertise this fact and not criticise any product without speaking to me or the team first please. Thank you for your amazing support this year. I look

forward to more of the same next growing season.

Seasons wishes Ted.

Trevor Mitchell and the Sales Hut Team.

I am sure that you have all seen the great improvements at the sales hut and that a great deal of physical effort has been put in by Ted. He has been given good support and encouragement and we all really appreciate the effort. However, apart from this, Ted heard that the children's allotment at Saint James's preschool section had been vandalised by selfish and individuals who to take pleasure in such an activity. He was upset by this so he went along to offer his labour and to replant spoil crops. To help him the garden club gave him support by providing small amounts of compost and other necessities for free. Very soon the damage was repaired at 'Ted speed' and renewed to be even better than before.

Ted has taken it upon himself to keep in touch with both the staff and children and formed a good relationship all round. The tiny children all refer to Ted as Ted just as we do. He of course enjoys this and an easy relationship has developed. This is typical of the kind hearted man who Ted is. Some photographs have been taken by Ian and Alex to give an idea of the successful bonds developed. I expect that the children may visit the sales hut and Ted's plot from time to time see what they may aspire to.





Ted has been in the news a great deal lately and quite the rightly so. However there is a strong support team at the sales hurt and at the club in general. I refer to those people as too numerous to mention by name but they know who they are. Perhaps it is time we all knew little of who they are and to this end with the committees permission, I intend to highlight one person each for newsletter perhaps even with a mugshot for the benefit of the members.

Seed Offer

Thompson and Morgan may be offering seeds at half price to our members again. Catalogues will be available from me or at the plant lectures at the cricket club. I must have requests on the supplied forms with cash before Christmas. Please drop them off at my address which is 212 Whalley Road, Clitheroe or telephone me on 425234.

I gave notice in the last newsletter that there will be no potatoes for sale this year because of the nuisance associated with frost free storage and poor take up by members. However it's been decided that I will obtain small amounts of a range of seed potatoes from a local supplier and sell them at cost as a service to members. I plan to choose first and second earlies and see what the sales go like. If you have any comments or suggestions for choices please contact me or any other committee member. This will be a one off trial. I propose Aaron pilot and Charlotte as starters. Maincrop are rarely chosen.

Since we are at the end of another season, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Sandra and all of the committee for all the help given to me making my contribution as a buyer much easier.

Seasons greetings to you all, Trevor.



Garden Club

Annual Meal

31st January at Waddow Hall, 1800 for 1830.

Please select your menu choices, (Either 2 courses for £18.75 per person, or 3 courses for £24.60 per person) and send them with your name and address and a cheque payable

to Clitheroe Garden Club to Ian Berry, or pay at the December meeting.

Please ask a committee member if you require any assistance with transport.

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Items for the Feb 2018 issue should be sent in by mid January to the above email.


