



Hon. President
George Cowgill

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Welcome to the spring 2018 edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

We hope that you are all enjoying the delights of the weather so far this year and that the storms and late snow haven't stopped your preparations for the coming growing season.

In this edition of the newsletter you will see that Mary Alty is arranging another of her super trips—to Newby Hall later this summer, it could be the perfect venue to take some photographs to enter into this year's show ...

We desperately need a treasurer to support the club as Ian Berry does need to stand down now after 5 years of excellent work—would you volunteer to take over?

The show has moved to slightly earlier in August this year, it will be held on Saturday 11th August, at St James' School. Entries and volunteers to get involved are both very welcome, the show brochure will be sent out with the next newsletter..

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.

I would like to wish all members of Clitheroe Garden Club successful and enjoyable gardening in 2018. Let's hope for lots of lovely sunshine!

There are several things in my 2017 Chairman's report which I thought I would mention in this newsletter for the benefit of members who were not able to attend the AGM.

All the usual things took place last year - the Annual Dinner, the Coffee Morning and the very successful trip to Arley Hall Garden Festival. We also had an excellent selection of speakers at our monthly meetings.

We were delighted to be able to have our Annual Show again after a year's break. It was well attended and there was very good support from competitors. The show will take place again this year on 11th August.

A great deal of work was carried out at the Sales Hut. The repairs and improvements will keep the site in good order for some considerable time. Much of the work was carried out by Sales manager, Ted Woodward and he has done a fantastic job. Trevor Mitchell organised and oversaw everything whilst still doing all the ordering and pricing of stock.

I want to say a very sincere thank you to every one of our volunteers. We could not manage without them. Many thanks are also due to all those who brought seedlings, plants and sundries to the Sales Hut. We are extremely grateful. Please keep them coming.

Another thank you must go to our

President, George Cowgill. Although he is taking things a little easier nowadays we are still very happy to see him at the Sales Hut on Sunday mornings.

As always we are still short of volunteers. We are now desperately in need of a treasurer. Ian Berry has been doing the job since 2012. He does the work brilliantly but really does need to hand over to some-one else. Please get in touch if you can help.

Very many thanks to all our members for continuing to support Clitheroe Garden Club.

Sandra

NWAA Coffee Morning 12 May 2018

This year's coffee morning in aid of North West Air Ambulance will be held at 23 Claremont Avenue (off Pendle Road) on Saturday 12th May.

It will be an informal "drop-in" morning from 10 a.m. to 12.30. Tea, coffee and cakes will be free. We shall just ask everyone to donate as much as they can afford to the charity. There will be a raffle. The event is for Garden Club members only, but if you would like to bring a friend or a relative they will be very welcome.

We shall also have a Plant Stall in aid of the NWAA at our Annual Show on Saturday 11th August.

Membership e-mails.

While we do our best to keep our membership details up to date there maybe some inaccuracies that need updating. If you are not receiving Garden Club e-mails and wish to do so please contact our membership secretary Brenda Fenton (01200 443960) to check if we have the correct e-mail address for you.

Annual Show—

Photography classes for 2018

The annual show has been confirmed at St James on

August 11th 2018

Photography subjects

A series of not more than four images entitled

- Changes
- Rainbows
- Garden workers
- Bridges

OPEN to ALL AGES

Art classes include " any medium 2D or 3D"

Textiles will have separate classes for knitting and needle craft

Please do take a look through the classes and have a go at entering a couple of them this year— let's make it a great show jam packed with fabulous exhibits!

Noel and Elaine Hodgson are once again running and organising this year's show so please do get involved.

Noel and Elaine are looking for volunteers to get involved in all aspects of the show, from helping to set up on the day before to assisting on the day itself. - Many hands make light work as the saying goes.

Please get in touch with them if you are able to offer help.

You will receive the show booklet, and entrance details with the May edition of the newsletter.



Newby Hall House and Gardens

Skelton—on Ure.

Ripon, H44 5BE.

Friday 29th June

Please include me in this outing.

I will requireplaces.

Cost is £18 for entrance and coach.

I'm enclosing a cheque for
Clitheroe Garden Club to cover the cost.

Payable to

My details are:

Full names

Address

Postcode

Tel no

Date

Please return to Mary Alty , 65 Riverside, Clitheroe, BB7
2NS, by 31st May.

Meet at Interchange at 0915

Or Whalley Bus Station at 0900

Our trip this year will be to Newby Hall and Gardens on 29th June. The history of the house and its contents are amazing and you get a great sense of family history.

The gardens themselves are magnificent and made up of a number of different areas. The herbaceous borders are most impressive, well laid out and very well-tended.

There is a café with an outside seating area plus a picnic area near the car park and there is a small train if you wish to view part of the gardens in comfort.

Cost for entry and the coach will be £18 and you may book a guided tour of the house for another £5 which is bookable on arrival.



Notes from the Hut

Grand First Day Sales Hut Bargains ...

Available on the first day of trading:

Potatoes

(Limited amount of the following)

Arran Pilot (early) £1.50 per kg.

Charlotte (second early) £1.50 per kg

Onions:

Brown Sturton £1.50 per 250 grams.

Red Karman £1.50 per 250 grams.

Shallots :

Golden Gourmet £1.50 per 250 grams.

Peas:

Hurst Green Shaft £1/ pack

Kelvedon Wonder £1/ pack

Beans

Runner Bean Firestorm £1/ pack

Climbing French Hunter £1/ pack

Climbing French Cobra £1/ pack

Broad Beans:

Bougards Exhibition £1/ pack

**Come early to avoid
disappointment!**

**Trevor Mitchell and the
Sales Hut Team.**



New Year – Good Green Intentions

At our AGM Sandra, our Chairlady, mentioned how important it is that we as gardeners are aware of issues such as climate change. It was also suggested that we as a club might wish to consider reducing our production of plastic waste. In a similar vein the subject of March Speaker's meeting is "Images of a Warming Planet" by Ashley Cooper.

On a practical level I thought I'd share some of the things I've decided to do to try to be a bit more eco-friendly. I'm sure I'm telling my grandmother to suck eggs – but here goes anyway.

1. Go back to doorstep milk in glass returnable bottles. Have just found a lovely milkman who doesn't mind that I only want 3 pints a week and can provide organic milk as well. Happy to pass on his contact details if anyone wants them.

2. Drink tap water and use refillable bottles when I need to carry water with me.

3. Keep a compost heap. Reduces methane in landfill, makes my waste bin a whole lot sweeter and produces brilliant compost.

4. Take a bag with me when I go shopping – and if I forget, buy a reusable Bag for Life or paper carrier.

5. Buy my veg on the market where paper bags are available or they'll let me just tip it all straight into my shopper.

6. Buy eggs in papier-mâché boxes rather than plastic .

7. Use peat-free compost.

8. Lobby my local councillors to provide recycling for more plastic waste – other authorities recycle far more than we do in the Ribble Valley.

9. Not sure I'll ever be brave enough for this one but I do know of some-one who did it. When buying over-packaged goods unwrap them at the check-out and leave the resulting waste in-store. If enough of us did it then retailers would soon get the message and lean on suppliers to cut down on over-packaging.

OK – these are all small things but it's a start and apart from number 9 isn't going to involve a lot of effort or inconvenience. I'm sure many members already do all or most of these and have even better ideas. If so I'd love to hear them.

And at the risk of sounding clichéd – "From tiny acorns....."

Chris Fawcett



Clitheroe Garden Club Membership 2018/19

You can join at any time of the year but membership runs from 1st March until 28th February. If you are renewing membership it would be a great help if you would do this before the end of March. Please complete this membership form and return it to the membership secretary at one of our meetings, at the club hut or by post enclosing a stamped addressed envelope measuring at least 4x6 inches to :-

Brenda Fenton , 31 Queen Street, Clitheroe, BB7 2LU

Are you applying for a single or joint membership? (One fee covers all members living in the same household including children)

Full Name(s)

Address

Post Code

Telephone number

Date

Mobile Phone

Email address

Please note information will not be disclosed to third parties and will be used only in case of cancellation of meetings / last minute events.

I am a **returning member/ new member/ life member** (please delete as appropriate) and I enclose my membership fee for 2018 -19 of £8.00

Would you be happy to receive your newsletter via email, bearing in mind that this would reduce costs for the club? YES/NO

Would you be interested in helping your club as a committee member? YES/NO

Would you be interested in helping your club at meetings? YES/NO

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Items for the May 2018 issue should be sent in by late March to the above email.

