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# The Newsletter

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Welcome to the nearly spring 2019 edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

There's lots in this edition including a run down of the **speakers** for the coming season—Beverley has booked some great ones for us!

Don't forget that our fabulous **Sales Hut re-opens** for purchasing of plants, seeds, sundries and compost on **Sunday 3rd March** and the dispensing of advice.... Do pop down and grab some bargains whilst supporting our club.

We have some great **volunteering opportunities** available that mean that you can get involved in the running of our club—please speak to Sandra if you would like to get involved.

Wishing you all a fantastic growing season— and that the rain may be soft and gentle.

Don't forget 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.**

It's 11th January and there are definitely signs of early spring in the garden. It won't be long before we all have to get out there and start digging.... No more sitting in the armchair and pondering over seed and plant catalogues! I would like to wish all members happy gardening in 2019—with easy weather conditions.

Looking back to 2018 the weather was certainly a major feature with the 'beast from the east' early in the year and then that long hot summer.

The outing to Newby Hall was blessed with wall to wall sunshine and a good time was had by all.

It was also a beautiful day for our Annual Show which was a great success and much enjoyed by exhibitors and visitors.

We had a coffee morning in May at 23 Claremont Avenue and raised £270 for North West Air Ambulance. More money was donated to the charity from the plant stall at the show and from the sale of compost at the Sales Hut. The final amount was £400.

Earlier in the year we had our usual annual dinner, and every month from March to December a varied and interesting selection of speakers.

The Sales Hut continues to flourish with many members calling on Sunday mornings for their gardening supplies - Please Keep Coming

Trevor and Ted are still in charge and keeping things running smoothly and many kind members donate lovely plants.

None of the club activities would be possible without the hard work of our brilliant volunteers. They soldier on and do a fantastic job. Many thanks to them and to all members for continuing to support Clitheroe Garden Club.

Volunteers needed.

I am afraid our volunteer situation will become serious in February 2020. Three people will be retiring from the committee—Firstly our Treasurer, Ian Berry, secondly Beverley Cooper—the Speaker Secretary and I shall also be standing down as Chairman.

We are very much hoping that some members will come forward during the year, to take over these jobs and help to keep our club going.

Please do get in touch if you are able to help,

**Sandra.**



## Gene Holmes

We were very sorry to hear that Gene Holmes passed away just before Christmas.

I believe Gene and her husband Derrick were amongst the founder members of the club and have been enthusiastic supporters ever since.

Gene was a keen exhibitor at our annual shows and entered a flower arrangement last year at the age of 93!

We would like to send our sympathy and good wishes to Derrick and his family.

## The Annual Show

**This year's Annual Show will take place on Saturday 10th August.**

Whilst the entire programme of classes is yet to be confirmed, show organisers, Noel and Elaine have confirmed the following photography classes:

Sky

Untidy corner

Nature

Rustic scene

You may enter a maximum of 4 prints sized either 6 x 4 or A5 size.

**Happy snapping !**

The organisers have confirmed that the full list of classes will be available and delivered with the next newsletter in May time—so plenty of time to plan the classes that you might wish to enter.

Last year's entrants included some fantastic tomatoes, along with a wide selection of cut flowers.





## The 2019/ 20 Speakers Programme

Beverley has arranged another fantastic season of speakers for this year's programme. If you haven't been before, you will receive a super welcome and enjoy a great evening learning more of fabulous gardens and gardening!

March 6th - Nick Wilson - An Accidental Rain Forest in Roundhay

April 3rd - Marguerite Hughes - Making the Most of Gardens in Spring

May 1st - Kevin Slade - Gardens of Japan

September 4th - Nikki Brown - Be a Garden Maker

October 2nd - Philip Cook - Autumn Hanging Baskets

November 6th - Steuart and Anita Kellington - Beautiful British Gardens of the South

December 4th - John Foley - A History of Holden Clough Nursery

No speaker in January 2020.

Feb 2020—AGM.



# Membership Form

You can join at any time of the year but membership runs from 1st March until 28th February. If you are renewing your 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 the following address:-

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

Under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018 all organisations which hold data on people must obtain their permission to do so. The only data which Clitheroe Garden Club holds on members is there to enable effective communication. It includes names, contact details and whether you have volunteered to help the club in any capacity. We would never hold data on sensitive matters nor would ever share information with a third party unless you specifically requested us to do so. It is visible only to officers of the club.

I/we give permission for Clitheroe Garden Club to hold data on me/us.

Name(s) (Please sign and print)

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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

I am a returning member / new member / life member (please delete as appropriate) I enclose my membership fee of £8.00.

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

Would you be interested in helping your club at meetings?  
YES / NO (please circle)

## Notes from the Hut

### **Our Sales Hut re-opens on Sunday 3rd March 2019.**

So far all is good news. The potatoes have arrived and are being kept frost free by Mary Alty, Frances Hocken and me. Likewise the onions and shallots are in my care.

Seeds have been packaged ready for sale—remember these seeds are top quality from 'Kings' and are a third of catalogue prices.

Regarding the matter of ordering potatoes, onions and seeds, I will be unable to continue this service.

**Therefor we need a volunteer to order, keep frost free, weigh out the seeds and take them to the Sales Hut for opening day .** I will still be pleased to do the main ordering and pricing of compost, fertiliser and other goods and also doing regular stock-taking with Ted to keep supplies up for the year. Next year this may have to change also.

Prices for all goods this year will remain at rock bottom cost so prices will be unbeatable, also top quality will be maintained

Finally, without someone to take over the jobs above, there will be no potatoes, onions or seeds. Please help to keep this service to members going. Remember all the work at our Sales Hut is undertaken by about 12 people on a rota. This applies whether members choose to support our Sales Hut or not.

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

**OUR HUT**

**"Rock bottom prices and down to earth advice"**





## Top 10 jobs this month from the RHS Team

Spring is in sight

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria as well as evergreen hedges.

So you could, if the spirit and weather takes you....

Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover

Chit potato tubers

Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches

Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off

Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering

Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'

Prune Wisteria

Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges

Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea

Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses



## 2019 Garden Club Trips.

Mary Alty has arranged 2 fabulous trips for the club this summer:

### Mountgrace Priory on 14th June

Tucked away at the foot of the Cleveland Hills in North Yorkshire, Mount Grace Priory, House and Gardens is the perfect place to get away from it all.

Discover the best preserved Carthusian priory in England. Roam the ruins of this unusual medieval monastery and find out what makes the priory so unique in the reconstructed monk's cell.

Explore the Arts and Crafts manor house, and don't forget to keep a look out for the famous priory stoats as you go.


Explore 13 acres of newly rejuvenated Arts and Crafts gardens. Roam the room-like spaces of the terraces and dell garden, with borders redesigned by award winning gardener Chris Beardshaw.

Discover year-round seasonal spectacles with bluebells in spring, the scent of eglantyne roses filling the air in summer, the bright red of the Japanese Acers in autumn, and snowdrops in winter. Pick up a seasonal leaflet from admissions for more highlights.

Venture further into the meadows and orchard, which is planted with traditional Yorkshire varieties of apple trees. Then follow mown paths across the pasture to spot birds on the lake.

The **second trip** is to Marlborough Allotments for their show day on Sunday 4th August



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