



Hon. President
George Cowgill

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Welcome to the late autumn 2019 edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

It is truly autumn now with the temperature outside below 3C now 3 days in row as the air becomes clear and crisp. Time for a bonfire!

It's a text book time to start thinking about new plants and seeds to grow for the coming season—particularly as Autumn turns to Winter and December will be on us only too soon. You might make discounted seed potatoes, onion sets, peas and beans seeds from the Sales Hut part of your plans and save the date the hut re-opens as these items are particularly popular sellers.

Don't forget the annual meal too—details can be found on the back page.

It would be very helpful if any members would kindly share articles for the newsletter (maybe a "top tip" or "hack" or a new plant or method you've tried that's worked out for you), photographs or recipes. If you can please get in touch with me at the address below. Any handwritten items via the Sales Hut please.:

Happy gardening!

Kevin

Items for the Newsletter should be emailed to

kmiles856@icloud.com.

A note from our Chairlady, Sandra.

We are delighted to report that the volunteer situation is much more promising. Two very kind members are stepping into the Chairman and Treasurer roles next year and we are extremely grateful to Kevin Miles for taking over the Newsletter.

We do still need a new volunteer to take over the role of Speaker Secretary (who contacts speakers for our meetings and arranges dates with them) to complete the team.

We now just need to secure this one final role so that we can make sure that the club can keep going.

Please contact myself on 01200 422 818 or any other committee member if you can help out.

Sandra.

Clitheroe Garden Club Show Report 2019

A change of venue to Edisford School for this year's show proved very popular. Parking and facilities were excellent.

The show this year was held on Saturday 10th August with . entries of flowers, fruit, paintings, sugarcraft and wood turning . cakes and preserves, photography and textiles.

There were 29 entrants and 100 entries. Mr Ken Geddes the photography judge was ill and unable to attend Trevor and Leslie Marklew kindly stepped into the breach and judged for us, and thanks . also to Marsha Poole one of our members who stepped in to . judge the textiles section

Trophies and awards were presented by Mr Peter Foley well known plantsman and gardener.

Mary Alty was this year's Banksian Medal winner.

Produce was later auctioned by organizer Gordon Woodward making £41.57 which was donated to the Edisford school fund.

The show was well supported by lots of visitors escaping the downpours, who then enjoyed homemade cakes and refreshments.

The plants stall raised £116.80 for the Northwest Air Ambulance

The organizing committee would like to thank everyone for their entries and support.

The committee proposes holding the show next year again at Edisford School on the 8th of August 2020.

Any comments or proposals would be very welcome.

Pictures from the Garden Club Show 2019



Pumpkin / Sweet Potato Muffins

I recently had the pleasure of watching my niece and nephew having a whale of a time at Billy Bob's Ice Cream Parlour where the Americana theme ensures that fall is enthusiastically celebrated with rows and rows of terrific looking pumpkins on display. My sister has kindly passed on this recipe to me which you may want to try. Who wouldn't enjoy a nice bit of cake with a cup of tea whilst standing next to their bonfire (having first ensured that no hedgehogs have chosen the wrong spot to hibernate of course)?

Ingredients (makes 24 small cakes)

4 oz butter

8oz caster sugar

10oz cooked pumpkin flesh

2 large eggs

12 oz plain flour

2 tsp baking powder

1.5 tsp cinnamon

0.25 tsp grated nutmeg

Pinch of salt

1/2 pint of milk

4 oz raisins

2 oz chopped nuts

Method

1. Preheat your oven to 200 degrees Celsius
2. Beat together the butter and sugar then add your mashed cooked pumpkin and mix it all together well.
3. Sift your dry ingredients into a different bowl: flour, baking powder, spices and salt.
4. Fold the pumpkin mixture and milk in gradually, alternating between them and making sure you do not over mix. You are aiming for lumpy!
5. Fold in the raisins and nuts gently.
6. Spoon the mixture into your muffin cases and bake for around 25 minutes.
7. Allow to cool slightly but try to enjoy them while they are still slightly warm as they will be super delicious!



Top 10 jobs this month from the RHS Team

Winter is coming.....

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

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.

2020 Garden Club Programme

Dates for your new Calendars and Diaries! All dates are on Wednesdays with the exception of course of the Annual Show which takes place on Saturday....

29 January 2020	Annual Dinner at Clitheroe Golf Club — Details and Booking Form for return by 4 December 2019 on the Back Page
5 February 2020	AGM with pea and pie supper
4 March 2020	Maureen Little - "Drawing a 'Beeline' -; design a bee-friendly border"
1 April 2020	"Jack Gott - A Rainbow of Dahlias"
6 May 2020	Anthony Norman - Growing Alpines
<i>No meetings in June, July or August but a club outing to be arranged (by Mary Alty)</i>	
8 August 2020	Annual Show (see Show Report—page 2)
2 September 2020	Brenda Leese - The Trees of Holehird
7 October 2020	Don Wittom - Once Seen, Never Forgotten
4 November 2020	Philip Cook - "The History of Oak Trees Nursery"
2 December 2020	Jacqueline Iddon - Christmas from the Garden (Practical Demonstration))

Beverley M Cooper
Speakers' Secretary

Sales Hut Open from 8 March 2020

Thank you to all members who have supported the hut this year whether our volunteers helping with sales, members exchanging plants through the plant sales or members making use of the discounted items as customers (and in some cases all 3)! The Sales Hut will re-open from Sunday 8th March 2020 at the usual time of 10.00 AM. with experienced volunteers available to serve, give advice and help loading purchases. The Hut will be selling compost (at cost price) along with other usual items such as fertilisers, garden canes, weed membrane etc. Main sale items for the year will be....

Potatoes (all with improved disease resistance)

First Early - "Casablanca" (new addition)

Early - "Foremost" (new addition)

Second Early - "Charlotte" (usual)

Main Crop - "Desiree"



Onion/Shallots Sets:

White Onions: "Sturon"

Red Onions: Red Baron

Shallots: Golden Gourmet



Beans seeds

Climbing French beans: Cobra (round)

Climbing French beans: Hunter (flat)

Runner beans: Polestar (& possibly "Lady Di")

Peas (both highly recommended)

"Hurst Greenshaft"

"Kelvedon Wonder"



Non members may join at the Garden Hut office to benefit from our services.

Trevor Mitchell and the Sales Hut Team.

OUR HUT

"Rock bottom prices and down to earth advice"

Clitheroe Garden Club New Year Meal

Wednesday 29th January 2020, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Clitheroe Golf Club

The full cost of the meal is £23.95 for 3 courses or £19.95 for 2 courses.

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 4th December to Mary Alty, 65 Riverside, Clitheroe, BB7 2NS or at the December club meeting also on 4th December .

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Name Tel

Address.....

Starters

Soup

Prawn Cocktail

Main courses

Braised Beef, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables

Salmon in Dill and Watercress Sauce, Potatoes and Vegetables

Vegetarian Option (if required)

Desserts

Apple crumble

Lemon Tort

Tea and Coffee included with all meals.

Club Website: www.clitheroegardenclub.co.uk

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Items for the February 2020 issue should be sent in by mid January to the above email.

