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George Cowgill

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Welcome to this spring/summer issue of your Garden Club Newsletter.

I've thanked myself for rushing around at the end of last year to plant some fresh pots and I've been rewarded with violas through winter and just as they began to look distinctly raggy the bulbs emerged with crocus followed by narcissi.

There has been a rush of colour as the skies get lighter although the air remains cold, this gives me excitement that the season is truly changing and sunny days are now close at hand.

The return of speaker's meetings and the re-opening of the Sales Hut are similar signs that the year is advancing towards summer.

If you have come to the Sales Hut it is probably front cover news to you that Trevor Mitchell is, after many years and hours of unpaid work at the Sales Hut is passing the baton on to Lesley Taylor.

I hope you enjoy a spring time with less restrictions and hopefully, of course, good weather.

Happy gardening,

Kevin

Please send items for the Newsletter to

clitheroegcnewsletter@gmail.com

Looking Forward

Members Meetings

Members meetings have resumed! A return to meeting as a group for tea, cake and a raffle to accompany an entertaining speaker. Owing to circumstances entirely beyond our control the dates for speakers meetings returned to Wednesdays at short notice before our first meeting that was to take place on Tuesday 1st March.

We have rebooked as many of the speakers as possible and an updated list appears later in this newsletter with all dates returning to Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Sales Hut

The Sales Hut resumed trading on Sunday 6th March and will be open on a weekly basis until further notice. Some of you may have noticed that we now have new flowerbeds where the rather sad patch of grass used to be and we are again appealing to members for donations of plants to fill them. So if you're splitting perennials and have any to spare then any contributions would be most welcome. If you can't manage to get them to the hut then feel free to ring me on 01200 426668 to arrange collection. We aim to have a glorious mixture of annuals and perennials by midsummer with an emphasis on insect-friendly plants.

Looking Forward

At last after two frustrating years when at times it seemed touch and go whether the Club would survive we're able to return to some sort of normality.

We've no idea how many of you are still out there and what our membership numbers will be like after such a long break but we hope that there's sufficient interest still to keep the club afloat. My personal thanks go to our awesome team of volunteers who've kept going and kept the faith over the last two challenging years and particularly to those members who stepped up when our committee had vacancies to fill and desperately needed them. Let's look forward to a year of fun, friendship and happy gardening.

Best Wishes
Chris Fawcett (Secretary)



Thank you Trevor!

The end of winter has seen the retirement of Trevor Mitchell our hard-working hut manager who has managed the club hut since 2014. He has been a regular fixture at the hut on Sunday mornings always happy to answer queries & ready to share his knowledge on matters horticultural. More importantly he has kept a canny eye on stock & ensured that there has been a steady supply of most of what a gardener might need although even he couldn't solve the covid induced shortages, something he found very frustrating! He has also willingly given his time to the unseen activities that ensure the smooth running of the hut, such as receiving deliveries, and, have you ever wondered who packed all those peas & beans? Trevor you will be sorely missed but enjoy your well earned second retirement
By Lesley Taylor

SOCIAL NEWS

The **Annual Dinner** was held on the 12th January at The Calf's Head Worston. An excellent meal was enjoyed by 23 members followed by a quiz.

See below, for anyone wanting to be mentally challenged. Many thanks go to staff at Calf's Head for their kind attention.

Proposed visit to Hazelwood Garden at Leyland.

We are suggesting a trip to the above on 17th June, Jacqueline Iddon Hardy Plants, Bretherton. PR26 9AY A nursery and gardens of unusual plants, 3 contrasting gardens spaced across 1 1/2 acres, folly, shrubs, herbaceous borders, stream-fed pond, woodland walk, Victorian fern house, sculpture gallery featuring Thompson Dagnall wood sculptor. Entry is £9.00 per head, with the coach approx £10,00 each. This would be leaving Clitheroe at lunchtime- departing Leyland 5.30pm ish.

Anyone interested should get in touch with Noel and Elaine Hodgson elaine.noelh@gmail.com tel 01200423154 or 07742081043 before 19th March.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

COFFEE & BISCUITS QUIZ

Previously enjoyed after this year's



Annual Dinner! All answers are plant based

1	Both parts go with the pudding	(7,5)
2	De Vito's show	(4)
3	Hot Bites	(6,5)
4	Italian Patriot	(9)
5	Digits possibly from Scotland	(10,7)
6	Its frothy man	(10)
7	Batman's enemy	(7)
8	Sieved Git's *	(10)
9	Not a poor man's meal	(4,3)
10	Not for afternoon tea then	(7,6)
11	Adam & Eve's favourites	(3,5)
12	*LT.Tea Drink	(5)
13	Fraternises	(3,4)
14	Will you find these in a caravan	(5,6)
15	Lucky escapers	(6,7)
16	Panic Mr Dee	(8)
17	Frozen Diamonds	(4,4)
18	Paddy's drink	(4,6)
19	Only three on this vehicle	(5,6)
20	Are they really biscuits from Israel	(5,5)
	*Anagram	

Speakers

***** UPDATED (again!) *****

Meetings

Clitheroe Rugby Club Littlemoor Rd,
Clitheroe BB7 1EW

2022

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title of Talk</u>
6 April	Jack Gott, JRG Dahlias, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.	A Rainbow of Dahlias
4 May	Anthony Norman - Conquest Plant Nursery, Macclesfield	Growing Alpines
7 September	AGM	
5 October	Don Witton - Sheffield, National Collection of Hardy Euphorbia	Euphorbias - Once Seen, Never Forgotten
2 November	Gordon Preston— Clitheroe Garden Club	Backyard Bonsai
7 December	Jacqueline Iddon Hazelwood Garden and Nursery	Xmas from the Garden

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COFFEE & BISCUITS QUIZ

ROUND 2.....

HUNGRY FOR MORE?



1	Remember	(6,2,3)
2	It might be tea	(4)
3	Vehicle for the country	(9)
4	Sounds to be after a rich hus-	(8)
5	Froggy sound with us	(6)
6	Its in the eye	(4)
7	Its shocking	(4)
8	A modest little thing	(6)
9	Animal in error	(7)
10	Sounds like a smart animal	(9)
11	A very demure lady	(8)
12	One of Wordsworth's hosts	(8)
13	The end of Silesia at liberty	(7)
14	A day, is in confusion	(5)
15	A fatty container	(9)
16	A prickly drink	(9)
17	It's a sad peal	(8)
18	Something in the old bed	(5)
19	White liquid measure	(8)
20	No one asked me to dance	(11)

Noel and Elaine Hodgson

Flower Power—A Fun Springtime Project

Annual seed of flowers stuck to planting tape are an ideal way for the youngest hands to handle successfully. This project might be in your garden with your grandchildren etc enjoying checking on it when they come or of course in the children's own garden area!

Writing simple texts in large letters is a great way to learn how to write their name or an uplifting message. It is also a great way to encourage deferred gratification- a much lacking skill in many children these days! HOPE HAPPY LOVE MUM DAD etc etc. Seed tape on the internet is about £2.50 for 5 metres

Cornflower (*Centraurea cyanus*) Polka dot mix are a good example but its time to experiment here!

Cornflowers are hardy annuals and so can safely be sown outside as soon as the soil starts to warm up in early spring.

Other suggestions include Candytuft (*Iberis umbrellata*), Love in a mist (*Nigella damascena*), poached egg plant, (*Limnanthes douglasii*) and of course pot marigolds (*Calendula officinalis*).



Prepare the site From early March through to May choose a sunny well drained location and clear the ground.

Make a channel in the soil make a channel about 13mm, half inch deep in the chosen shape and place the tape in the bottom of it!

Cover the tape lightly with soil and water well. Enjoy the deferred gratification and fascination of germination. If the children are only visiting your garden then doing a smaller project in a pot or trough could be a nice way to enjoy the day to day growth of the plants and then allowing them the amazement of when they revisit your garden.



Gordon Preston - (idea borrowed from Kim Wilde Gardening with children)

Clitheroe Garden Club Membership 2022/23

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 2022 –23 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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