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George Cowgill

Clitheroe Garden Club

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Spring 2023 edition of the Garden Club Newsletter.

Hope everyone is feeling fit and ready to start digging and planting for another bountiful year of flowers and crops.

The hut will open in March, more details inside. We are hoping to arrange a trip to a local garden in June.

The membership fees have increased from £8.00 per year to £10.00 per year, to reflect increased costs of venue for meetings and speakers expenses. It was felt that members would still be getting value for money.



Please send items for for the newsletter to

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No PDFs please

News from the hut

I returned from a holiday in Norway on 12th January thinking that spring was very much in the air but scraping ice off the car (inside & out) on St Valentines day I reconsidered my optimism. Nevertheless I was greeted by a lovely show of snowdrops on the plot along with the first of the crocus and plenty of green growth on the daffodils. The other sure sign that spring is on the way is preparing to open the club hut for the new season, this year the hut will re-open on 5th March at 10.00. One of my last jobs for the club last year was to order the seed potatoes, pea & bean seeds & onion sets. The bean & pea seeds arrived before Christmas and the seed potatoes & onions & shallots arrived just before I went on holiday and are all ready and waiting for the opening of the hut. There are 2 earlies (Arran Pilot & Maris Bard) 2 second earlies (Charlotte & Nicola) & 1 maincrop (Cara) seed potato available. The onion sets are Red Karmen & Sturon (yellow) the shallots are Yellow Moon & Biztro (red). I ordered a similar selection of beans & peas as last year plus a dwarf variety of French bean & a snap pea. It's quite a challenge to order varieties on behalf of a lot of other people but I have responded to the small amount of feedback I got last year and hope that everybody finds something that will suit them. In our continued attempts to reduce the amount of single use plastic at the hut please would members remember to bring suitable bags or other containers with them when coming to buy potatoes or onions. Looking forward to seeing lots of you on 5th .



We had this quiz at the annual dinner

Answers on p4

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And the winners were
Dorothy Jackson and
Marion Fox



Clitheroe Garden Club is affiliated to the RHS and has 2 x RHS discount cards giving 50% off from the cost of entry to any RHS Garden for up to 2 members of the club at any one time. Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley, with the exception of the RHS Flower Shows. Cards are kept at the Garden Hut, please see Lesley if you wish to use the cards.

We are hoping to organise a visit to **Giles Farm Thornley** Preston PR3 2TD, nestled on the side of Longridge Fell, with beautiful long reaching views.

The gardens include an acre of perennial wildflower meadows, wildlife pond, woodland and cottage gardens. Although some of it is quite difficult access there's lots of sitting areas, we are suggesting Wed June 28th doing car share. There will be tea and cakes available, they are part of the National Gardens Scheme all proceeds go to Charity.

Please give your names to Noel and Elaine if you are interested in going.

Answers to Quiz.

1 Maretail 2. Shepherds purse. 3. chickweed. 4. clover.
5. plantain. 6. yarrow. 7. dandelion 8. thistle.
9. knapweed. 10, creeping buttercup. 11. bindweed.
12 ground elder. 13. groundsel. 14 couchgrass,
15 speedwell.

On Saturday the 28th January 28 members met at the Calf's Head for a splendid lunch. As usual the Calf's Head provided excellent food and service and members enjoyed a couple of quizzes and lots of chat and good company. An enjoyable time was had by all.



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Welcome to the Clitheroe Garden Club

The Club was founded in 1976 by a group of enthusiastic gardeners and now has over 100 members.

Membership of Clitheroe Garden Club is open to all whether you are 9 or 90, whether you are a horticultural expert or a complete novice. You will be warmly welcomed at our monthly meetings. Membership entitles you to free entry to our **meetings** with varied and interesting talks, and the opportunity to buy plants and garden sundries at very competitive prices at our **sales hut**.

You will also receive our quarterly **newsletter**, and all for just £10.00 per year. You will find details of how to join on our **membership page**.

Why don't you...

- Come along to one of our meetings
- Introduce yourself
- Try before you decide to join us

About Clitheroe Garden Club

Meetings from 2022 onwards will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, February to May and September to December at Clitheroe Rugby Club, Littlemore Road, BB7 1EW starting at 7.30pm.

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Recent News

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www.clitheroegardenclub.co.uk

The Club has had a website for over 10 years. This picture above is part of the front screen of the Club's website. Those of you who are already comfortable with using the internet probably already know and use it but it is worth drawing it to the attention of all members.

It is probably most useful in attracting new members, for example, anyone who has recently moved to the area and is looking for like-minded gardeners. Many of you already get the most up-to-date information on the Club by receiving regular emails from the Club secretary, but this website is another way of keeping in touch with the latest information (see the News) section. Latest information on Meetings or Membership are available too. Also, it will give you access to historical information like copies of the old Newsletters or seasonal gardening hints and tips.

You can use the website without risk of damaging the website itself, your computer or the computer at the library. Why not give it a go?

Alex Berry

a brief history of daffodils

Sarah Raven

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Written by:

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The Greek myth

We get the word 'Narcissus' from Greek mythology. A nymph called Echo fell in love with a young Greek named Narcissus, but Narcissus told her to leave him alone. Heartbroken, she lived alone until nothing but an echo of her remained. Nemesis, the God of revenge, heard the story and lured Narcissus to a pool. Narcissus, who was very handsome and quite taken with himself, saw his reflection in the pool and, as he leaned over to see better, fell in and drowned. He turned into the flower.

European heritage

Narcissus species are found in a variety of habitats in Europe and North Africa, ranging from sea level to subalpine meadows, woodlands and rocky places. Spain hosts the greatest variety of species, but they can also be found in Morocco, Portugal, western France, Italy, and other countries.

Daffodils were introduced into gardens in about 300BC. The Greek botanist and philosopher Theophrastus listed and described many of the earliest known kinds of narcissus in his nine-volume '*Enquiry into Plants*'. Daffodils were brought to Britain by the Romans who thought that the sap from daffodils had healing powers. Actually the sap contains crystals that can irritate the skin.

Classification and breeding in the 19th century

It was not until the 19th century that classification of the many narcissus species was attempted. Although the name 'daffodil' is often applied only to the larger trumpet-flowered cultivars, with the short-cupped and multi-headed cultivars referred to as narcissi, breeders and other enthusiasts refer to all kinds as daffodils.

Due to their popularity as cultivated plants, thousands of cultivars have been bred. The perianths (petals) are mostly yellow or white, but can occasionally be orange, green, or red or a combination of these colours. Today, many cultivars have brightly coloured coronas (cups) which may be yellow, white, pink, orange, red, green or a combination of these.

Sent in by Gordon Preston (chairman)

Clitheroe Garden Club Membership 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 25th 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)

_____ 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 £10.00