

Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society

Dig This – April 2017



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April is one of the busiest months of the year, and for vegetable growers particularly so. We sow and plant in hope and expectation that later in the year the crop will be of good quality and plentiful.

So too, your Committee have planned a plentiful number of events and trips which we hope will be of interest to a wide range of members and provide food for thought and inspiration.

OKDHS Events

Talks etc

Postponed talk on Alpines – now: Friday 22nd September at 7.30

The power cut at the Village Hall on 3rd March led to the cancellation of the talk by David Morris. He has kindly agreed to give it on Friday 22nd September at 7.30. David is a member of the North Lancashire Alpine Garden Society. His talk should appeal to many members, especially those with small gardens or troughs, who would like ideas for getting lots of colour and texture in a small space. David is an experienced alpine gardener and may bring along

materials to demonstrate how to create a trough itself and plant up a small display.

No Ordinary Quiz Night!!

Do you know a bit about gardens and gardeners? Do you know your hardy perennials? Fancy yourself as a birder? Can you think of any flowers or fruit in literature? In song? In famous paintings? Possibly famous locations also.

The first OKDHS Quiz Night will be on Friday 27th October in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30. Teams of two to five will be entertained and challenged (a bit - we have to sort the daisies from the dandelions) by wide-ranging questions in what we hope will be a multi-media quizzing extravaganza. So - plan your team and put the date in your diary! The entrance fee of £1 per person will go towards the free refreshments – why not bring your own drinks and glasses and live the evening to the full! And there will be prizes! Here is a second question: Which variety of tree do you think of at this location?



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Further information will be published later. If you want any more details, please contact Phil Hegarty (733549).

OKDHS Trips

Coach trip to RHS Harlow Carr: Saturday 13th May

27 members will be going on the trip using Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches. Pick-up places and times are as follows;

Over Kellet Village Hall: 9.00am prompt

Nether Kellet, Limeburner's Arms: 9.05am

We hope to arrive at Harlow Carr at about 11.30am. 11 members have booked to go on a one-hour long, volunteer-led tour of the gardens. Either bring your own lunch or use Bettys Cafe (which can be rather expensive) – details of menus at

<<https://www.bettys.co.uk/cafe-tea-rooms/locations/bettys-harlow-carr>>

We hope to leave at 4.30pm and be back in the Kellets area by 6.30pm.

In case of emergencies on the day (such as not being able to attend at the last moment), please contact Peter Clinch on 0790 5026465.

Lake House, Capernwray: Wednesday 7th June

Tony and Edwina Collinson have very kindly agreed to open their extensive and beautiful garden to members of OKDHS on Wednesday 7th June. This will be an early evening visit by car. We are expected at Lake House at about 6.00pm; the plan is to meet at the Village Hall at 5.40pm to sort out car shares. We do need to have a clear view of how many members intend to come, so please tell either Phil Hegarty (733549) or Peter Clinch (734591) by 31st May. The Society will provide glasses of wine or soft drinks to make the stroll through the gardens more enjoyable. Apologies to Tony for using the wrong forename in the March issue.

ngs Gardens visit: Sunday 9th July

Special arrangements have been made for group access to two quite diverse gardens on days outside the limited dates they are open under the National Garden Scheme (ngs).

Grange Fell Allotments, opposite Grange Fell Golf Club, will be opened specially for us to visit at 11.30am on 9th July. The usual ngs admission charge of £3 per person will apply.

The allotments are managed by Grange Town Council and were opened in 2010. 30 plots are rented out, offering a wide range of gardening styles and planting.

Then around 2pm we will have special admission to Lakeside Hotel and Rocky Bank Gardens at Newby Bridge, with the Head Gardener, Roger Thresher, in attendance to lead the tour. The usual ngs admission charge of £5 per person will apply.

Here are two diverse gardens on the shores of Lake Windermere. The Lakeside Hotel Garden has herbaceous borders, shrubs and seasonal bedding. A roof garden features a lawn, espaliered local heritage apple varieties and culinary herbs. Rocky Bank is a traditional garden with rock outcrops, planted with alpines, herbaceous borders and trees. A woodland area has species rhododendrons. Finally, there are wild flower and cut flower gardens.

Between the two visits there is a choice of bringing your own lunch or using

the Hotel Brasserie and Bar – a selection of sandwiches and chips will be available at a cost of £10 per head, drinks extra. Booking for the Brasserie lunch is essential as the hotel is likely to be very busy on a summer Sunday lunchtime.

Please let Peter Clinch (734591) know by Friday 30th June if you intend coming on the trip, whether you will be requiring the Brasserie lunch, and give your address and phone number. Also, indicate if you will have spare places in your car for those without transport.

Closer to the 9th July full details of the locations and timings will be made available to those coming on the trip.

Other talks in the area which members are welcome to attend

Every Club or Society depends on the support of folk attending meetings. In co-operation with other local organisations, here are some events for your calendar:

Saturday 6th May at 10.00: Coffee Morning and plant sale at Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal (Westmorland & N Lancs District Assoc)

Saturday 13th May from 10.00 to 12.00: Coffee Morning and plant sale at Warton Church Hall (Warton Garden Club)

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter please contact the compiler: Peter Clinch (734591)