

# Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society

## Dig This – January 2017



**A Happy New Year to all members** – looking around the garden there are signs of bulbs (such as snowdrops) coming through, buds forming on some trees and shrubs, as well as flowers on such winter favourites as Cyclamen Coum. So, time to look ahead to the new gardening year.

### **Talks**

There are two talks planned over the next two months. The first is our annual coffee morning, the second an evening meeting in March. We know some members feel apprehensive about venturing out on a cold night but unfortunately it was not possible to arrange the March talk for day-time.

Your Committee hope there will be a good turnout for both events – we have selected topics and speakers which will appeal to a wide cross-section of members. As usual both events will be held in the Village Hall.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am 'Gardening for Wildlife' – Malcolm Alderton of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust.**

This talk should appeal not only to the seasoned gardener but also to those new to the hobby of all ages, interested in understanding and encouraging a profitable partnership between good horticulture and wildlife. Refreshments will be available.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm 'An Introduction to Alpines' – David Morris, a member of the North Lancashire Alpine Garden Society.**

Some folk in Over Kellet have only a small area in which to garden. The use of troughs and other containers to grow plants in miniature is one way of brightening up any corner of a small plot. Alpines can also be used on a larger scale on rockeries and scree slopes. 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.

**Warton Gardening Club**

The club across the valley have a programme of talks through 2017. Here are details up to the summer. OKDHS members are welcome to attend, in the same way that we provide details of our programme and an invitation to WGC members to come to our events.

All meetings at 7.30 in Warton Village Hall except for the coffee morning which is in the Church Hall, the start time yet to be fixed.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 'The Gardening Year' – my work as Head Gardener at Sizergh – Susan Rowley, Sizergh Castle

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 'Small trees of character and class for the home garden' – Glyn Sherratt, Head Gardener at Holker Hall

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 'Dig in North West horticultural therapy – Down to earth support for the military community' – Donna Rowe, Dig In NW

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee morning and plant sale – Warton Church Hall

**Annual General Meeting – November 2016**

Only 19 members attended the AGM when a number of important issues affecting the future of the Society were discussed. Your Committee will be considering the challenges and reporting to you over the next few months.

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