

Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society

Dig This – March 2017



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The alpine and miniature narcissi in my garden have been out for a couple of weeks already and the larger varieties soon followed. So it would have been timely if David Morris had been able to talk to us about alpines on 3rd March. Unfortunately the power cut to the Village Hall prevented the talk going ahead. David is a speaker who is very much in demand; we are discussing possible new dates with him and hope that, as well as giving the planned talk, he will demonstrate how to plant up a trough.

Society News

We are continuing to plan a number of events for the coming months – they are outlined below.

Membership Subscriptions

Some members have yet to renew their subs for the new Society year which began on 1st March. There is much to enjoy from belonging to the Society, and for just £2 a household per year it really is good value. Please contact Geoff Jackson on 736103 to renew.

Alty's GrowOrganic

All the Alty's orders are in now. The Society has ordered on its own behalf extra bags of GrowOrganic to make the order up to the number required to

claim a discount. If you would like an extra bag or forgot to place an order, contact Phil Hegarty (7335549). We plan to deliver orders around the village on the morning of Saturday 25th March. We do need a few helpers, to sort and/or deliver the orders; if you will be available, please contact either Geoff Jackson (736103) or Phil Hegarty. We will meet at 9.30 at Winder Garth.

OKDHS Events

Apart from re-scheduling the March talk, we are planning an innovation: a quiz night on garden themes, to be held in October ...

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 in literature? In song? In famous paintings?

The first OKDHS Quiz Night will be on Friday 27th October in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30. Teams of three, four or 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! There will be a modest entry fee, AND PRIZES! Here is your first answer for free, "Van Gogh". Can you guess the question?



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Further information will be published later. If you want any more details, please contact Phil Hegarty (7335549).

OKDHS Trips

RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate: 13 May

Bookings have slowed and the coach is just half full. The whole-day coach trip to the RHS Gardens at Harlow Carr, Harrogate on Saturday 13th May, coinciding with their special Rhododendron weekend of events, is exceptional

value. The deadline for booking is Monday 27th March. If you are a member of OKDHS or are a personal member of RHS then the only charge will be the £12 coach fare. Otherwise there will also be an admission charge to the gardens – but if you contact me before booking I can explain how the charge can be avoided perfectly legally!

Lake House, Capernwray: 7 June

Mike and Edwina Collinson have very kindly agreed to open their 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 6.00, so the plan is to meet at the Village Hall at 5.40 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 (7335549) or Peter Clinch (734591) by 31st May.

ngs Gardens visit: July

Plans are being made for a whole day visit in private cars to two National Garden Scheme locations within about 40 miles of Over Kellet, to include one which is only open to groups or by appointment.

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:

Tuesday 11th April at 7.30: 'Growing and breeding roses' – Tony Bracegirdle, Club Inn, Endmoor, nr Kendal (Westmorland & N Lancs District Assoc)

Thursday 14th April at 7.30: 'Dig in North West horticultural therapy – down to earth support for the military community' – Donna Rowe (Dig in North West), Warton Village Hall (Warton Garden Club)

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)