

Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society

Dig This – May 2018



Geoff Jackson, Arie Klijn & Phil Hegarty creating the planter display on The Green ... in their own different ways (see below). [Photo: Peter Clinch]

Phil Hegarty discovers how installing new planters on The Green has led to an advanced psychological profiling system

Tha'd nivver think it - but a threesome of chaps settin' out to put a pair of planters on t'Green 'as led to a whole new profilin' system for recruitng hinstallation hengineers. It were like this. We 'ad to put rubble int' bottom o' t'planters - fer drainage, tha knows - and we 'ad sacks o' stones an' suchlike fer t'purpose. But -

'ow ter put t'rubble in t'planters? We 'ad three reet brainy fellers - one retired mechanical hengineer, one retired university chap an' one not-retired nuclear hengineer. Well - it were hoberved that one feller just tipped it in, one arranged it reet neatly, stone by stone, and one chucked it in then stirred it about a bit. Reet different personality types were revealed - that were crystal - but which were which?? [The answer will be given in the next issue of Dig This, Ed]

Future Events

Visit by coach to Newby Hall Gardens, near Ripon, North Yorkshire, Tuesday 26th June, leaving OK Village Hall at 9.15am

There are still places available for the coach trip to enjoy a variety of different gardens in the grounds of Newby Hall, which will also be open at extra cost. There is also a miniature railway (£2.20 per trip) running along the banks of the River Ure. A special low-entry charge to the gardens has been negotiated and this promises to be a memorable day out at a very reasonable charge of £25pp including luxury coach travel. The booking form was distributed in February for return by 6th June. Contact Phil Hegarty on 733549 or philhegarty@outlook.com

Pimms and Plants, Friday 27th July at 6pm (or fall-back date if weather bad on Friday: Saturday 28th July)

Enjoy a refreshing drink in an attractive garden on a summer evening. Bring some plants along to sell, and buy some for your own garden. Admission will be by way of a donation and all proceeds from the 'bring and buy' plant swop will go to charity. The event will be held in Phil Hegarty's garden at Green Meadow, The Narrows. Early expressions of interest welcomed: contact Phil Hegarty on 733549 or philhegarty@outlook.com

Visit by coach to Hazel Cottage, Armathwaite, Eden Valley, Wednesday 15th August, leaving Over Kellet Village Hall at 10.45am

Details of this coach trip to a five-acre 'wilderness' garden were given in the previous Dig This and full details with a booking form will be distributed in early June. Contact Liz Brewster: <j.brewster973@btinternet.com>

Quiz Night 2018, Friday 9th November at 7.30pm

Planning for the event is well in hand and a fiendish word wall, in the style of those featured on BBC 2's popular quiz show Only Connect, will be a central feature of the fun evening. Bring you own wine and glasses – recruit your team and put the date in your diary ... now! More details will follow in the Autumn.

Our other talks and trips planned for 2018

The events team hope to organise a talk in September and another event to immediately follow the AGM in November. Planning is already in hand for events in 2019.

Membership matters

Our membership numbers for 2018 stand at 120 households, a fall from 138 in 2017. We know a few folk are disappointed that we are unable to run an Annual Show but it is not possible given the number of vacancies on the Committee. We are looking at other ways of making a contribution to the life of the community.

Help in the community

The Committee would like the Society to take a more active part within the community in less formal ways than running an Annual Show. The provision of planters on The Green has been a first step. Another initiative has been suggested: when a villager is temporarily unable to tend their garden through, for example, illness, members could be organised to keep the lawn cut and the weeds at bay. If you think this is a good idea and would like to be a member of the maintenance team, have a garden which needs attention for a short, temporary period or have any other ideas how the Society might contribute to the local community, please contact the Secretary, Verity Clinch, on 734591.

Other gardening and society events in the area

1 Bolton-le-Sands Horticultural Society

All events at the Community Centre, off Packet Lane.

Coffee Evening and bedding plant sale. Thursday 17th May 6pm to 8.30pm.

Gala. Saturday 9th June 1pm to 4pm.

Coffee morning with stalls. Thursday 21st June 10am to 12am.

Show Day. Saturday 11th August 2pm to 4.15pm.

2 Borwick & Priest Hutton Gardeners' Club

A Garden for All Seasons. Talk by Shelagh Todd, Head of Horticulture at Newton Rigg College, Penrith. Tuesday 25th September 7.30pm at Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall.

3 Warton Garden Club talks, etc

Next event 13th September – no details available at the time of publication.

The next Dig This will appear in the Autumn.

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