

ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

NOVEMBER 2018

Welcome to:

Lindsay Dyke of Orleton, with apologies for not welcoming her previously.

Thanks to:

Ghi and Brian Arundale for tonight's refreshments and for all of you who help setting up and clearing up the Hall.

Also thanks to Peter Furneaux for organising our lunch at the Riverside on the 18th November. The excellent meal, and the company, was enjoyed by all. The pre-lunch drinks seemed to go down well, too! Maybe this will become a regular part of the event, It was just a shame not more members were able to join us.

Whilst we don't need any volunteers for December, please see Chris Berry if you are able to help in 2019 – we will need plenty of help in September!! Please also remember too that we are trialling an earlier start to the meeting and refreshments after the talk in 2019.

Don't Forget:

This evening the speaker is Jonathon Briggs on "Mistletoe"

Seed Orders:

Don't forget, if you want to take advantage of the discounts being offered to the Club by Marshalls and T&M, then the orders must be placed through Monica. It is not too late to place your order as catalogues and order forms are still available tonight.

If you are not sure what is being offered or how to fill in the forms then talk to Monica before or after the meeting.

If you have already placed an order, please collect these at the AGM and remember, payment is due to Monica so if you are not attending please make arrangement for your order to be collected and to pay her!

AGM 18th December – Your Club needs you!!

Do you want your Club to continue into 2020?

The 2019 Programme has been completed for months and will be live on our new website after the AGM.

Work has already starting on formulating the 2020 programme but unless we get some new volunteers to come forward, there may not be a committee to organise the Club!

So that we can find out your thoughts about the Club, a questionnaire has been put together and will be emailed to you soon and we would be grateful if you could return these at the AGM. As few printed copies will be available for those not on email.

There are vacancies to help run YOUR club, whether it is on the Committee or helping out in other aspects of running the Club. Nomination forms are available from Monica, and should be sent to her by the 4th December or handed in this evening.

The Committee meets once a month over tea and biscuits, usually on a Monday afternoon the week preceding the club meetings.

Whilst we have a volunteer for Book Keeper, we still have a vacancy for a Membership Secretary. We would like this person to become a committee member but it would not be a problem if they could not attend every committee meeting but they must be able to use Excel and must be able to attend Club nights, especially January and February, these are must for membership renewals.

We could also do with one or two other people to join us as we sometimes have problems having a quorum at meetings!!

The Minutes of last year's AGM are on the notice board this month and on our new website

For new members and those with short memories, our procedure is thus: the AGM. is held promptly at **7.30 pm**, but normally lasts only about half an hour. The remainder of the evening is our Christmas get-together, one of socialising and enjoying a lovely meal to celebrate the season! It is a shared supper - we all bring food to share, something savoury and something sweet, plus whatever you would like to drink. Bring your own crockery, cutlery and glasses and remember to put your names on any plates, etc being put on the centre table. The Club supplies bread, butter and cheese and there are supplies available if you wish to make yourself a tea or coffee BUT don't forget to wash up after yourself!

And, following the success of the previous years:-

Win yourself a bottle of wine in our Christmas Table Decoration Competition!

In order to bring an extra bit of Christmas fun to our AGM and Club Supper Evening we will again be having a little competition for the best Christmas table centrepiece.

This doesn't have to be 'home-grown' although it could be using cuttings from your winter garden. It could be foraged from the local countryside or made from any materials crafted or decorated with candles or any other Christmas theme.

So, get your creative heads on, get out the glitter or ribbons perhaps, and put together any size, shape or form of table decoration to be judged by all members on the night"

New Website:

Hopefully by now, you have all had a chance to explore our new website and we are pleased to confirm that Sue Brown has now taken over control of this and is once again our Webmaster – thanks Sue.