

ODGC Newsletter February 2019

Thanks To:

Chris Berry and Peter Foster for the refreshments this month, and to those who help put out and tidy up the chairs and also donating plants to the plant stall

Welcome to new members:

Jules Avery and Judy Connolly, both from Bircher, Nick Green from Leominster and Kate Griffiths from Yarpole.

Apologies:

Your committee is aware that the heating in the hall is not working as it should. We are really sorry it was so cold for the January meeting. We, together with other Groups who use the hall regularly, have written to the Village Hall Management Committee and they are trying to rectify the problems with the heating and have given us permission to use additional heating on Club night.

Don't Forget:

- This month's speakers are Stephen and Melanie Lloyd on "Through the seasons at Hergest Croft Gardens. You will have noticed that we have arranged a visit to Hergest Croft in September and we are also planning another in Spring 2020.
- The speakers will begin at 7.30 pm and refreshments will be served afterwards.
- If you haven't already renewed, your Membership Subscription is due. We have been able to keep the membership costs at £12.50 per person per annum, and we are sure you will agree it is still good value and it includes your refreshments!! Please see Gill Macefield and Sue Brown to renew your membership.

Club Dinner 20 March:

The Annual dinner will be held **at The Stag Inn, Titley on Wednesday, 20th March**, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. The menu and application form is on our website. If you would like to attend, please print and complete the form and return it to Monica Todd. This should arrive by the 13th March at the latest.

Plant Sale – 19th May:

Following the success of the last two plant sales, we will be holding another this year. Now is the time to think about taking cuttings, planting seeds and splitting plants. Holding our plant sales helps us to book celebrity speakers (see below).

Diane Howell-Thomas will be going around with her rota this month looking for volunteers to bake cakes for the teas.

And new this year! We have been able to secure the services of *Dan, the tool sharpener*, for the afternoon of the plant sale – more details later in the year.

39th August Show – Saturday, 17th August:

The schedule is almost complete and will hopefully be on the web within the month with printed copies available next month.

Section E Cookery:

The recipes chosen this year are Courgette and Raisin tea loaf; Parkin; Potato and apple cake with a cream cheese and lime icing; Raspberry Bakewell Cake; Quiche Lorraine and Crispy Parmesan Biscuits.

There will also be an Open Cookery Class this year, replacing Craft. This will be two recipes from last years' show and will be judged by the public – for a small charge!

And finally, the new cup in the Floral Art section will be known as the Russell Cup and this will be for highest number of points in Floral Art.

SOS to Orleton Garden owners:

As members of the Orleton and District Garden Club, we like to think you are keen gardeners, so would any of you be willing to consider sharing your garden with club members for the Orleton Open Gardens and Supper night on 30th July. We had to cancel our open gardens last year as the Village Hall kitchen was being refurbished so you have had an extra year to get ready! You don't even have to be a member- if you have friends in Orleton who would be kind enough to open their garden, we would be delighted for them to be included.

Whether your garden is large or small, traditional or modern, filled with cottage garden plants or whispering grasses, we'd love to come and visit you.

So don't hide your horticultural lights under a bushel. If you feel like taking part, get in touch with Gill Macefield, Programme Secretary, via the club email orletongc@hotmail.co.uk or see Gill at one of the club meeting nights.

Nick Bailey tickets:

These will be available in March and April and at the Plant Sale at a cost of £6 per member and £12 per guest. Please make sure you have your membership card with you so that we can see you have renewed this year and just in case you can't remember your membership number!

After the Plant Sale on 19th May, tickets will only be available at Orleton Village Shop, or by post. The cost then will be £12 (guest price) to avoid the confusion of last year!

Looking for a bit of help:

We are looking for someone to help and take over running our outings. Gill – our Programme Secretary - will continue to book the outings so that we can complete the programme ready for the new membership cards printed at the end of the year. But, we would then like someone to co-ordinate the outing, whether it be by car or coach and, and liaise with the venue or eatery if we are having a pub lunch or afternoon tea. If you are interested, please speak to either Gill or Monica.

Next Generation of Gardeners:

If you know of anyone who is in full time education who is interested in joining the Club, your Committee is suggesting we give free membership to them. Obviously, if they are under 16, they would have to be accompanied by an adult. If you know of anyone who is interested, please see a Committee member.

Root trainers:

Over the last few months, several people have asked Monica if she has any root trainer replacement sets left. She has now found a new source but would have to buy 50 sets. If anyone is still interested please contact Monica.

Things to Do, Places to Visit:

Cheltenham and District Orchid Society Annual Show, Saturday 2nd March 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Please see notice Board at back of Hall for more information.

RHS Garden magazine. David Lee, an Orleton resident, has about 5 years of back copies of the RHS magazine that require a new home. If you are interested in all, or a few of them, please give David a call on 01568 780870 to arrange to collect them. If nobody has contacted him with a couple of weeks, they will be disposed of!

Next Meeting:

Our meeting on the 26th March will be Chrissy Ching talking about Potagers.