

ODGC Newsletter March 2019

Thanks To:

Caroline Seaman and Morwenna Lloyd for the refreshments this month and to those who help put out and tidied up the chairs and also donating plants to the plant stall.

Also to Peter Furneaux for choosing The Stag Inn for our March meal.

Welcome to new members:

Ann Barber, Kate Hart, Pat Foster, Chris Norman, Joanne Lovegrove, Tony Macefield, Jane and Osborne Vaughan, Alf Hawkins and Margaret Taylor.

Don't Forget:

- This month's speaker is Chrissy Ching, who is talking on Potagers.
- If you haven't already renewed, your Membership Subscription for 2019 is due now.

Plant sale – 19th May:

Now is the time to starting thinking about sowing seeds, splitting plants, taking cutting but definitely about growing for our plant sale. Holding our Plant Sales allows us to book a Celebrity speaker and we already have someone in mind for 2020 so all donations gratefully received.

This year we have decided to include gardening tools on our bric-a-brac stall so start thinking about clearing out your shed or garage.

We are also looking for old plant pots, preferably one litre or larger but any size welcome, so that we can start potting up! So please have a clear out and bring them along on Club night, if that isn't possible, collection can be arranged or deliver them to Christine Berry, Berrybrook, Millbrook Way, Orleton and leave them by the garage.

Also old plant labels – if they have only be written on in pencil – as these can be cleaned and reused, so think before using a permanent marker pen!

39th Annual Show:

You should now be starting to think of your entries for our annual show on the 17th August. We have reinstated the “Beginners only” in Floral Art and the title is “Country Lane”. This is aimed at anyone who hasn't won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any previous ODGC show.

The Schedule can be downloaded from our website www.orletongardeningclub.co.uk. Printed Schedules are available on club nights or from Orleton Village Shop.

Nick Bailey tickets:

Tickets, at the members' price of £6, will only be on sale at the March and April meeting and at the Plant Sale. At this time guest tickets will also be available at the cost of £12. From Monday, 21st May, the tickets will **only** be available, at the cost of £12 to everyone, from Orleton Village Shop.

Outing – 28th May:

The form for the outing to The Laskett Gardens is now available on our website, together with a map to show exactly where it is, just off the A49 between Hereford and Ross. We have also arranged lunch at the Cottage of Content, details nearer the time but you need to register your interest in lunch – see the form.

Please remember:

When paying for membership, outings, tickets, etc., cheques must be made payable to Orleton and District Gardening Club or ODGC. The Bank will only accept either of these titles.

Also, in order to avoid confusion, we do require a separate cheque for each event.

Things to do, places to visit:

Shropshire Group Hardy Plant Society: Spring plant sale, 14th April, 12.00 to 3.00 pm, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, see website <http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/meet-us-at/plant-fairs>

Plant Sale in aid of Cartshed, 1st May, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm Broxwood Court, nr Pembridge. See website http://www.thecartshed.co.uk/spring_plant_fair/ for details of Nurseries attending.

St Michael's Hospice plant sale in the ground of the Hospice 3rd and 4th May 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. See leaflets on sales table or visit the Hospice website <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/plant-fair> for more details.

Open garden at Field Farm. Visit the new garden of Kim Hurst at Field Farm. See leaflets on sales table or visit www.fieldfarmbarnandgarden.co.uk

Next meeting:

30th April, David Cropp on “Defensive Gardening at a Time of Climate Change