

ODGC Newsletter April 2019

Thanks To:

Lucy Pickard, Judy Connolly and Ann Barber 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.

Welcome to:

New members Maria Batty, Deanna Morris and Sue North

Don't Forget:

- 🕒 This month's speaker is David Cropp on Defensive Gardening at a time of climate change.
- 🕒 The form for the visit in May to the Laskett Gardens is now on our website and must be returned tonight. Please retain the top half of the form for instructions on how to get there.
- 🕒 Also on the website is the form for our visit to Hergest Croft on the 3rd September. This must be completed and returned by the 30th July.

Plant Sale – 19th May

A successful plant sale means the more we can spend on speakers so can we ask for more plants, flower and vegetable, cuttings and divided plants. It is also a good opportunity to advertise our skills and talents to the local community and entice others to join.

This year we would like to try including gardening tools on our brac table so if you have any redundant, but in good working condition, could you bring them along on club night or on the day.

Also this year we will be providing a tool sharpening service for garden tools, knives and scissors.

Secondly we need volunteers on the day to help set up the hall, put up and price the plants and sell during the afternoon. Crib sheets will be provided to help price plants up for sale.

Volunteers will be needed from 11.00 am on the 19th. Please see Monica on the sales table at the back of the hall if you are able to help.

Anyone needing help sending plants to the sale could they please contact a member of the committee or if you wish you can deliver them to the drive of Christine and John Berry's home at Berrybrook, Millbrook Way, Orleton.

Also Di Howell-Thomas is looking for volunteers help with the teas on the day. Unfortunately Di won't be in the Hall tonight so please let a committee members know if you are able to help.

38TH ANNUAL SHOW – Saturday 17th August 2019:

Last year's Show was one of the most successful shows we have had, but with all our new members we can surely improve on this.

The Schedule is on our website, with copies available in the Village Shop. In the Schedule there are full instructions on how to place your exhibits but, if in doubt, have a word with your Show sub-committee – Gill Macefield, Marjan Bartlett-Freriks, Mel Flory and Monica Todd.

We also need Stewards on the day, please let Monica know if you are able to help.

For Sale:

The club has been donated a compost bin to sell, which is unfortunately a little large to bring along to club night but please see the photo on the notice board and make an offer!

Things to do, places to visit:

- Nick Bailey tickets – available tonight and at the plant sale at a cost of £6 for members and £12 for visitors. Don't forget that after the plant sale, they will only be available from the Village Shop at a cost of £12 to everyone.
- Saturday, 1st June – Beardless Iris Day 2019 being held at Hopelands, Weobley. This is NOT an open visit, it is a day of talks and a visit to the Farm. Please see notice at back of hall for more details

Next meeting:

As mentioned above, our next meeting is a visit to Lasketts Gardens, south of Hereford, with lunch if you wish.

Our June meeting is Dr Wilson Wall on “The introduction to Native Orchids in lawns, meadows and flower beds”