

# ODGC Newsletter - May 2019

## **Welcome to new members:**

Tim Wain-Hobson from Richards Castle, Rebecca Stanners from Yarpole and Nancy Morgan from Bircher.

## **Don't Forget:**

- There is **NO** meeting in the Hall this month, there is an outing to The Lasketts Gardens instead. If you haven't already booked – it is now too late!
- You will find the form for our [visit to Hergest Croft](#) on the 3rd September on our website. This must be completed and returned by the 30th July.

## **Plant sale – 19th May:**

### ***A message from the Chairman:***

On Sunday the club held its now annual plant sale, this has grown over the last three years and there was a huge range of annuals, bedding plants, shrubs, perennial plants, vegetable and fruit plants together with planted tubs and gardening bric-a-brac.

This year we also had a tool sharpening service which saw brisk trade and what event would be complete without tea and cakes!!

The brisk trade showed both the quality and quantity of plants on offer.

As a result, this year we have raised over £1,200 for club funds. I would like to thank everyone who helped with growing plants, setting up the hall, selling plants and baking cakes and making the tea. Many of you did all of these.

This means the club can book celebrity speakers and organise trips without worrying about having to pay in advance.

With thanks to all of you

***Nick Russell***

## **39th Annual Show:**

The only comment we are making at the moment is that we all have the same growing conditions so don't pre-judge your produce. We have RHS standard judges to do that on the day. Just bring along what you have - it may well prove to be a winning entry on the day.

We are always looking for volunteers for Stewards on the day, we need two people for each section, so please let Monica know if you are willing to help .

Diane Howell-Thomas will also be looking for volunteers to make cakes and help with teas on the day!

We will also be having a plant stall and this year we are adding surplus home grown produce to this, so keep on growing!!

### **Nick Bailey tickets:**

Tickets, are now **only** available, at the cost of £12 for everyone. These can be purchased from Orleton Village Shop.

### **Things to do, places to go:**

*This Saturday*, 26th May, [Country Gardeners' Day](#) at Stockton Bury Gardens. Open 10 am - 4 pm.

28th May and 17th June, 11.00 - 3.00 pm [Hanley Swan Open Gardens](#). WR8 0DJ

1st June – Grand plant sale Kimbolton Village Hall - 10am – 2 pm

9th June – [Chelsea comes to Tinkers Hill](#) – Tinkers Hill, Ludlow, SY8 4BW from 3pm. A gardening experience with guest speaker Tammy Westhorpe. Fund raising event for Hope House charity. Tickets £10 from Marilyn 01584 831346

Charles Dowding is giving a [talk and demonstration](#) of 'no dig gardening' at Marbury Hall, Cheshire/Shropshire border. May 29 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm £95. Lovely gardens and a chance to see the house as well.

### **Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting in the Hall is on [June 25th when Dr Wilson Wall](#) will speak on “The introduction to Native Orchids in lawns, meadows and flower beds”