

ODGC Newsletter August 2019

July Open Gardens:

Many thanks to the brave souls who turned up at the Hall last month, prepared to go and visit gardens and, although they have already been thanked personally, we must say thank you to the garden owners for all the hard work they put in preparing for our visits. A few members did manage to visit the gardens on the Wednesday morning.

Also a thank you to members for the brilliant supper spreads and to Gill for preparing the quiz "just in case" and, as some of you will have seen the state Nick and Monica were in when they returned from David and Sally Small's garden, the "just in case" was definitely the right thing to do!!

AUGUST SHOW – SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 2019:

Only 4 days to go and the weather forecast is doing us no favour. Plus the wind and rain last weekend did a lot of damage, especially when you live in exposed situations – losing the top of your plum tree, losing your sweet peas and runner bean frames to name but a few comments already received. However we are all in the same situation!!

However, **PLEASE** don't pre-judge your entries; we have all had the same growing conditions over the last few weeks, but we need to give our Judges some work to do!

We will also be having our normal plant and produce sale, so if you have anything left after our very successful sale in May, or a glut of any produce (not too many courgettes please!!) all donations gratefully received.

As usual Diane Howell-Thomas and her band of merry helpers will be organising the afternoon tea. If you have some time to spare in the afternoon, Diane is always grateful for some extra pairs of hands.

STOP PRESS: We have been asked about the definition of Rhubarb as a member wanted to put some in Class 20 – A Collection of Fruit. According to the RHS Rhubarb is classed and judged as a vegetable and our Vegetable judge has confirmed that this is how he will judge it!

September meeting:

Our speaker on the 24th September is Nick Bailey and is a ticket only evening. As this evening is also open to non-members and we will have about 150 people in the Hall, we will need extra help such as stewards, first aid and fire officers to name but a few.

We will be looking for help setting up the Hall in the afternoon and with the jobs in the evening. If you are able to help with any of these jobs please let Monica know. Either contact her at the show, by phone or email.

Watch this space!

As a 'local' gardening club, we have been lucky enough to book a visit to The Colesbourne Estate to see their fabulous snowdrops. This will be a coach trip and will take place on

Thursday 13th February 2020. Put the date in your diaries now! Further information will be available very soon on the web site.

We will also let you know as soon as application forms and menus are available for the annual lunch taking place on Sunday November 17th at The Fountain Inn, Tenbury Wells.