

ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our meeting on the 27th July saw our return to the Hall for the first time since February 2020 and the many members who attended enjoyed a very varied and interesting talk and slide show by Kev Alviti on “unusual vegetables and fruits to grow”

For those who were unable to attend, a write up of the talk by Ghi Arundale is already on our website and well done to Ghi for remembering all those names!!

We also welcomed two new members to the Club – Stephanie and Carl Franklin from Leominster.

14th August – 40th Annual Show:

Although a year late, this will be our 40th Annual Show and, because of the current situation you will have seen from the Schedule that has been on our website for a few months, we have restricted the classes to those necessary to award the Banksian Medal plus the Floral Art class. We will not, though, be serving afternoon tea.

Floral Art will be in the small hall which allows plenty of space in both halls for social distancing.

Your committee is aware that some people may still have reservations about being in enclosed spaces and, we would ask all members and visitors to follow Government guidelines and are asking you to “Protect others”, the Club will be providing plenty of hand sanitisers in both halls to assist with this but people should provide their own face masks.

Please, let’s try and make this a very special events with lots of entries to mark our 40th Show.

Regrettably, we have also had to cancel the Plant and Produce sale so please don’t bring along any donations!!

Last but not least:

Following our appeal last month for committee members, our Programme Secretary – Gill Macefield – who does such a brilliant job, has agreed to be co-opted to the Committee – welcome Gill.

And don’t forget:

We will be back in the Hall on Tuesday, 28th September when our speaker will be Bob Brown, founder of Cotswold Garden Flowers. Those of us who have been around a long time will remember a coach outing or two to his nursery, combined with a visit to a local garden.

Hopefully see many of you on Saturday

Monica