

ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

NOVEMBER 2023

WELCOME:

New members – Mike Norris from Orleton and Rosie and Clive Sheridan and Joan and Eric Waters, all from Yarpole.

Our speaker this month is Meriet Duncan on “creating a buzz about the Honeybee”

IMPORTANT:

Don't forget that this is the last meeting of the year. Our AGM will now be held in July with a supper evening.

THANKS TO:

Val Gisborne and Linda Charleton for the refreshments this evening and to all those who help setting up the chairs before the meeting and clearing away at the end of the evening.

Because this is the last meeting of the year, there will be a rota for the 2024 refreshments circulating tonight.

2024 PROGRAMME AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The 2024 programme has been put together by our new programme secretary – Marleen de Kluizenaar, who was somewhat thrown in at the deep end having only been a member since November last year. She did have assistance from another member who wishes to remain anonymous and although Marleen has had to finish it a month earlier than normal, we have managed to complete it and the membership cards are printed, so if you wish to renew your membership for 2024 tonight then please see Gail and Monica. Don't forget that membership has been increased to £15 and that cheques can only be made payable to Orleton and District Gardening Club or ODGC.

Sue, our webmaster, is away, but she will try publish the 2024 programme online as soon as possible after the meeting, maybe even by the time you get home. failing that it will be live within a couple of days after the meeting.

Marleen has already made a very positive start on the 2025 programme!

2024 ANNUAL SHOW – 17TH AUGUST:

The new Show Organiser – Jane Cross is busy sorting out the schedule for the Show on the 17th August and her band of helpers are busy testing recipes.

In the September newsletter I mentioned that the Preserves Judge had said that pickles and chutneys must be over 3 months old to be judged, and that we would be adding this to the tips in the Schedule. Whilst entries are judged primarily on taste, presentation is also taken into account so please take a look at the notes on page 6 of the 2023 schedule which can be found on our

website

THINGS TO DO:

HEREFORD SEED SWAP

10am—2pm Saturday 3rd February, 2024

The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford

Bring: saved seed, bought seed, plants, bulbs, edibles and ornamentals—and swap for anything on the table, including heritage seed varieties

Come along even if you have nothing to swap.

Donations welcome, to help us run the swap.

11.00am: Our talk is by Tamsin Westhorpe:

“Plan for your best ever summer garden”.

Tamsin is a horticultural journalist, gardener, RHS judge, lecturer & author.

Several interesting stalls, including “Tools for Self Reliance”, tool sharpening, Hereford Wildlife Trust & Hardy Plant Society.

New faces are always welcome at this friendly event, and we look

Forward to seeing familiar faces, too. *More information:* email:

herefordseedswap@gmail.com Phone 07880 730880

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, **30th January 2024** – Laura Willgoss – Creating Beautiful Borders