

ODGC Newsletter February 2026

Welcome To:

- **New members:** Sue Perry from Yarpole
- **Thanks to:** Gill Macefield and Val Gisborne for this month's refreshments and those members who help set and tidy up the Hall on the evening.
- **Thanks to:** Helen Woolley and Martin Jordan for setting up this month's visual and audio requirements. Marjan Bartlett-Freriks is setting up a rota for training and set up for this equipment each month. Please see Marjan if you are able to help.

Thank you to all those who have put their names on the rota for refreshments for the rest of the year. Tea, coffee and sugar are provided by the Club – please let Monica know if supplies are running low – but we would ask that on the night you supply milk, biscuits and tea towels. Please see Gail for reimbursement.

Don't Forget:

- Your Membership Subscription was due in January. Cost £15 including refreshments.
- Please remember the preferred way of paying is BACS - Orleton and District Gardening Club, Lloyds Bank, 30-99-08, 22530268
 - Although we would prefer payment was not made by cash, we will obviously still accept this, especially for the raffle, club sales and plant stall.
 - Please make renewal payments by lunch time of the meeting day so that we can get your membership cards ready for collection.
- The write-ups of previous speakers can be found under "News and Views" on the Club Website
- This month's speaker is Richard Cave of Melcourt Peat Free Compost

August Show – 15th August:

A message from Jane:

Our 45th Annual Show will be taking place on Saturday 15th August. Do please put it in your calendar. August may seem like a long time away (hopefully it will have stopped raining by then) but the Show Group have already been busy making preparations and the Schedule has just been published on the website (click [here](#) to view). All these preparations will only culminate in a 'Show' if a critical mass of members bring entries on the day. It is very much your taking part that matters – definitely a case of 'the more the merrier'. So, please take a look at the Schedule and think about what you might be able to enter come August. Think... 'Join the Show, Give it a Go!'. Thank you.

Things to do, places to go:

West Mercia Police Property Marking event: to be held in the Village Hall car park on Saturday. 28th February from 2.00 pm and they will be there for about 2 hours.

Ivy Croft Gardens, Ivington: Open Thursdays 26th February and 5th March, 10 am to 4 pm for snowdrops and containers. Refreshments available.

Herefordshire Growing Point: Friday, 6th March, 7 pm at Stretton Sugwas Village Hall, HR4 7PT. Sue Mabberley of Nant-y-Bedd on wild life gardening. Tickets £20 to include a welcome drink plus cheese and biscuits from 7 pm with the talk to start at 7.30. To book 01432 805705 or amelia@growingpoint.org.uk

Stockton Bury Gardens: Re-opens for 2026 on the 1st April with, as usual, the first day of opening being in aid of the National Garden Scheme

Next meeting:

Our speaker on 31st March is Marion Stainton on “Raised bed vegetable growing”

Monica