

ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our speaker this month is Pip Smith, returning to speak to us about “In the bleak midwinter”

THANKS:

To Marleen de Kluizenaar and Andrea Crewe for organising the refreshments this month and to those who help setting up the chairs before the meeting and clearing away at the end of the evening.

The rota for refreshments for 2027 will be circulating tonight and please remember that following the change made at the AGM in the start time of the meetings, in 2027 meetings start at 7.30 pm and refreshments will be served from 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm so that the volunteers can clear up before the talk starts.

Thanks also to Jenny Horwood and Helen Woolley for providing the audio visual set up.

PLANT STALL:

Due to unforeseen circumstance, there will be **NO** plant stall this month. Please **DO NOT** bring anything for sale.

DECEMBER DINNER – The Riverside, Aymestrey – Tuesday, 8th December:

As already advised, we are returning to The Riverside in Aymestrey and the menu and booking form are now available on the website

<https://www.orletongardeningclub.co.uk/december-2026/>

This reservation is restriction to 4 tables of 8 - 32 members - on a first come basis and we already have 17 names on the list, even though they hadn't seen the menu

Please hand in your menu choices in on club night – 27th October or 24th November - and pay by BACS to the club account. Card payment can be made to Gail on club night.

MARSHALLS ORDERS:

Once again Marshalls are offering Gardening Clubs special prices for their seeds and plants.

The main difference is that this year, the discount on seeds has been reduced to 30% but every other discount has been increased.

The first order has to be £250 to obtain the discount but an order of over £100 has already been placed.

Discounts available are:

- 30% discount on Seeds
- 30% discount on Seed Potatoes
- 30% discount on Onion Sets, Shallots and Garlic
- 30% discount on Brassica Plants
- 30% discount on Herbs
- 30% discount on Vegetable Plants
- 30% discount on Strawberries

30% discount on Raspberries
30% discount on Currants
15% discount on Compost and Growing Media
Free delivery

Catalogues and order forms will be available on Club night but their full range of items can be viewed at www.marshallsgarden.com

2028 PROGRAMME:

Because Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (GFGS), of which we are a member, have updated their speaker list 3 times in the last 5/6 weeks, your committee has already started work on the 2028 programme.

GFGS have advised that it is mainly because speakers do not wish to travel so far to visit clubs, as well as not wanting to travel in the dark. Also, age and health problems, and the death of a couple of speakers has caused the need to keep updating the list.

If members have an interest in any particular subject, please let a member of the committee know and we will do our best to source a speaker.

GLOVES;

It would appear that the company that I have used for many a year to obtain gloves at reasonable prices has gone out of business.

I have been searching for a replacement company but so far, without luck. I am still reasonable well stocked on most sizes, there only being 2 – large thermal and medium green – that I am totally out of stock of at the moment.

THINGS TO DO, DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday, 14th November – Handmade and Gift Fair

Orleton Village Hall

Craft stalls, local produce, refreshments, free entry 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Saturday, 6th February, 2027 – Hereford Seed Swap

Please see poster on notice board for details of new venue

NEXT MONTH:

Our speaker on the 24th November is James Pearson on the History of Burford House and gardens.

A guided tour of the gardens followed by tea/coffee and cakes in the main house has been arranged for 18th June, 2027.

Monica