ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our speaker this month is James Pearson on "The History of Burford House and Gardens"

THANKS:
To Marjan Bartlett-Freriks and Helen Wooley for organising the refreshments this month and also to those members helping set up and clear away the hall.

The refreshment rota for 2027 will be circulating tonight and please remember that next year we will be starting to serve at 6.45 pm and finishing at 7.15 pm so that you will be tidied up and ready for the start of the talk at 7.30 pm. Please see Diane Russell if you are able to help.

Thanks also to Gill Macefield and Martin Jordan for the audio set-up.

8th DECEMBER - DINNER at The Riverside, Aymestrey:
Tonight is the last chance to book for the dinner. Please hand in your menu choice to Monica and pay by BACS in advance or card or cash tonight.

There are a few places still available.

The menu and booking form are available on the website.

THE FUTURE OF ODGC:
Jane and Marjan are happy to report that they have now received offers from enough volunteers to ensure the club will carry on beyond July 2027 when the current committee is standing down. They hope to get the core committee together as soon as is practicable and once they have agreed roles and responsibilities, they will of course share that information with you all. Thank you to all of those who have come forward, and if you haven't yet, but are still keen to help out then please do not hesitate to speak to either of them, because as the saying goes: many hands make light work.

SEED ORDERS:
There is still time to place seed orders for Marshalls. Order forms and catalogues available tonight, although there is a much greater selection on both Marshalls and Unwin's websites.

As detailed in the October newsletter, their discount amounts have changed but are still good value.

Please hand your order forms to Monica – do not send direct!!

PIP SMITH:
Pip Smith gave a very good description of "In the bleak midwinter" at our October meeting. For those who didn't manage to attend there is the usual write up on our website and for those who didn't take the plant list home – that is now attached to the write up!

2027 PROGRAMME:
The full programme is now available on our website and January starts with Tamsin Westhorpe on "Reinventing your garden"

REMEMBER MEETINGS WILL START AT 7.30 PM

January is also our membership renewal month. The membership fee remains at £15 and payment is preferable by BACS payment by the 25th January, and by card or cash payment on the night.

GOODS FOR SALE:
Gloves and vermiculite are for sale each month and gloves make a very good Christmas present!

Monica has found a new supplier for the thermal gloves and these are available at the same price of £6 per pair.

CLUB NIGHT RAFFLE:
There is always a good selection of prizes in our raffle – some of which are donated – and the proceeds of which goes toward our costs – speakers, village hall rent and of course, your free refreshments!

Monica