

Upcoming

AGM and Auction : 6th September : 7.30pm

The AGM papers will be issued to all members prior to the meeting. Please note that the annual subscription will be due at this meeting – the committee are proposing an increase to cover increased running costs and this proposal will be included in the AGM papers.

Following on from the AGM will be an auction of plants and garden related items. This is usually a lively affair and all donations of plants etc will be welcomed – just bring them along on the night.

Bob Flowerdew : 4th October 2022

Tickets for the event will be on sale at today's event from Peter Hoyle and the cost will be £5 for club members and £10 for guests.

There are still plenty of tickets available so why not bring a friend – it promises to be an interesting and entertaining event.



The Willow Garden Club of Meltham are pleased to invite Bluebell Garden Club members and friends to :

Pippa Greenwood : Thursday 14th July 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) : £12 per ticket

The venue is The Carlile Institute, Carlile Street, Meltham, HD9 4AG. Tickets are available at today's event from Mary Harrison on the plant stall or by phone on 07912 513236 or email mary@willowgardenclub.uk

Our trip to Burton Agnes Hall

Thanks go to Peter Hoyle for organising this club trip to Burton Agnes Hall. The gardens were beautiful and the walk round the walled garden with the head gardener was particularly informative. The Hall itself was a stunning building and the plant stalls were popular both for the quality of the plants and the competitive prices. The coaches' luggage compartment was full to bursting with plants and all manner of gardening objet d'art.



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Welcome to the Summer Social at Marry Carry

Sally and family have been at Marry Carry just over 10 years. Since then trees have been felled to open up the space, walls pulled down, a pond and elevated area altered and a new bed has been planted with evergreens, also a knot garden formed.

The two main borders are coloured with daffodils, tulips, scillas and muscari in spring followed by alliums, foxgloves and roses. They are looking forward to the summer flush.

The area by the gate was an enclosure for the previous owners' dogs and has been planted with a wildflower turf for bees and butterflies. The rope sculpture is an added feature.

In 2020 the greenhouse was set up in the field where fruit trees were planted 2 yrs previously. Sally grows a mixture of flowers fruit and vegetables in the allotment, mostly started off as seeds in the greenhouse.

There are no chickens or ducks at the moment as Mr Fox was around earlier in the year. Nellie, Gus and Riley, three very hungry pigs came to stay a year ago as did Milo the young spaniel and Walt the retired greyhound. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Upcoming Meetings: 2nd August : 7.30pm

Bee A Happy Gardener, A talk by Sean Downey

Sean will be talking about the importance of pollinators, especially our native solitary bees and Bumble bees.

Sean is a Bluebell Garden club Committee member and was born in Grays, Essex. He started growing plants over 50 years ago, which soon attracted bees and butterflies, developing a lifelong love of nature

In 1987 Sean moved up to Huddersfield and started to become interested in a more organic type of growing strategy, with the aim of encouraging more bees, butterflies, and other pollinators into his garden.

Around 2010 he decided to use the lawn mower less and allowed part of his lawn to become a wildflower area.

Since retiring in 2021, Sean has been a volunteer at his local school garden club, helping to encourage the next generation of plantaholics. Sean has been a member of the Huddersfield Bee Keeping Association since 2017 and is a member of Huddersfield Cactus and Succulent group.





How is your Sunflower growing?

We hope your sunflower is growing strong and tall. A couple of members have flowering specimens already!

To enter the competition, simply take a photo of your sunflower, preferably with you stood next to it.

Email the photo to me@thepigsty.me along with the height of it. If you are unable to do that, bring a copy of the photo to the September meeting, with your name and height of the sunflower written on the back. The winner will be announced at the October meeting.



Upcoming National Garden Scheme Open Gardens

The booklet for the Yorkshire open gardens is now available from the Admission Table.

The Circles Garden

8 Stocksmoor Road, Midgley, nr Wakefield, WF4 4JQ

An organic and self-sustaining garden on gently sloping site overlooking fields, woods and nature reserve opposite.

Visits by arrangements April to September for groups of 5 to 20. £4, children free. Home-made teas.

Honey Head

33 Wood Nook Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 4DU

Set high on a Pennine hillside with panoramic views. Formal gardens with interconnecting ponds lead to extensive kitchen gardens with greenhouses complemented by areas planted to encourage wildlife.

Dogs allowed. Plants for Sale. Refreshments. Card payments accepted.

Sunday, 10 July (10 – 4) Admission £4. Children free.

Lots more to come throughout the summer and if you fancy a trip further afield, checkout the NGS website

www.ngs.org.uk

249 Barnsley Road,

Flockton, Wakefield, WF4 4AL
(Parking on Manor House Road WF4 4AL)

An elevated garden with panoramic views. South facing garden with up to 60 hanging baskets and over 150 pots. Partial disabled access (drop off point at the bottom of the drive). A Ukulele group will be playing live.

Dogs allowed. Plants for sale. Refreshments.

Saturday & Sunday, 30th & 31st July (1-5) Admission £5. Children free.

Kirkwood Hospice

21 Albany Road, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 9UY

Large mature formal summer garden with seasonal interest. Level access with composite pathways draws the visitor around sweeping bed of prairie planting, Lawns leading to mixed beds, labyrinth and pond. Mature trees and shrubs enclose the garden boundaries. Disabled access. Dogs allowed. Plants for sale. Refreshments. Cake stall. Barbecue.

Saturday 30th July (10 – 3). Admission £4. Children free.

Other Open Gardens:

Emley Open Gardens 2022 July 9th & 10th, 12 noon - 5pm

There is something for everyone: formal bedding, spectacular herbaceous borders, wildlife friendly gardens, cottage garden planting schemes and much more. Plant stall with expert advice. Craft sales. Tea/coffee and home-made cakes

Entry fee:

£5 in advance from Emley village shop.

£6 on the day from St. Michael's church or any participating garden.

Accompanied under 16s free. Most gardens are wheelchair accessible.

Find them on www.opengardens.co.uk

Proceeds from the event go to St. Michael's church in Emley.



A good source for discovering open gardens is www.opengardens.co.uk which is run by a group of gardening enthusiasts and is financed by crowd funding.

Future Contributions

Please submit any comments or contributions for future newsletters to Mary Harrison at 73 Pavilion Way, Meltham, Huddersfield, HD9 5QN.

Alternatively by:

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