

Upcoming Meeting : Tuesday, 1st August : 7.30pm

Vibrant Summer Perennials : A talk & presentation by Don Witton



Don is a retired schoolteacher. He has been a gardener for over 40 years and an avid "Hardy Planter" (hardy herbaceous perennials) for 25 years. He is a member of the three national garden charities, the Hardy Plant Society (having been chairman of the local South Pennine Group), Plant Heritage, (formerly NCCPG, being Chairman of the local South Pennine Group), and the Royal Horticultural Society.

He holds the Plant Heritage National Collection of hardy Euphorbia which has been featured on BBC 2's Gardeners World in 1999 and again in 2012. It has also been featured on BBC TV's Tatton Park Show programme. He has staged exhibits (along with other National Collection Holders) at the Tatton Park Show for over 10 years and has received a collection of medals including 2 Gold.

Don runs a small nursery specialising in a large range of Euphorbias (including rare and desirable varieties), perennials and Euphorbia seed.

www.euphorbias.co.uk

Last month's meeting: Growing Kids : Lepton Primary School

A thoroughly enjoyable evening with the future gardeners from Lepton Primary School. They are a credit to their parents, their school teachers and to Sean and Mel.



Also at last month's meeting the competition was judged by our Chairman.

Jan found it challenging to pick the winners as there were 9 innovative and creative entries and the winning entries were:-



**First :
Ronwyn
Holden :**
Tomato
plant in
tomato tin



**Second :
Diane
Holroyd :**
Mop
bucket of
succulents



**Third :
Margaret
Haynes :**
A sink full
of edibles



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BLUEBELL GARDEN CLUB JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

This Month's Meeting : Summer Social : WEDNESDAY 5th July : 2pm to 4:30pm

3 Oakfield Grove, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, HD9 9DL



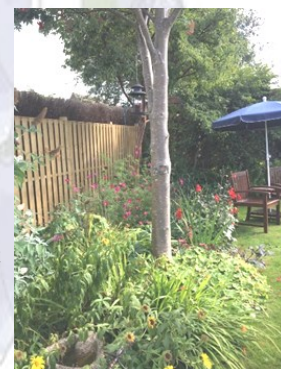
This is a residential cul-de-sac, please park with consideration for Ann's neighbours.

**Admission for Members is £1 /
non-Members £3 (this includes refreshments)**

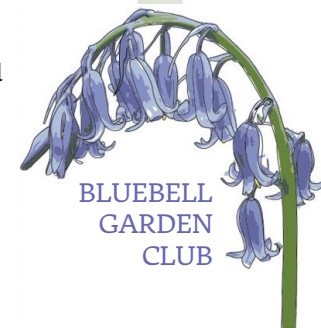
We moved here in Aug 2005. It's not a large garden and there wasn't a lot in it apart from some large conifers an old greenhouse, a pond and shed. The back garden is bordered on two sides with a conifer hedge and a fence on the back, a new addition as I couldn't get to the back of the border to weed as the hedge was growing out sideways.

We took all the conifers out and moved the greenhouse over the conifer hedge to our neighbours next door, the shed went down the side of the bungalow. We replaced the old greenhouse with a 12foot by 8foot greenhouse. We then started to rearrange the garden into larger flower beds and planted some lovely trees. Our son helped build a pergola in the corner of the garden. We have a large range of perennial plants from sunny to shady. We also have had raised beds to grow a few vegetables but now we are down to one.

The front garden was totally emptied as we wanted to put a drive in on the other side of the bungalow to put our caravan. We had a retaining wall built round the lawn. The front garden has mainly shrubs and a lovely Sorbus tree called Autumn Spire. Over the years we have changed things around and added more plants. Looking forward to seeing you all
- Anne.



There will be a plant stall at the Summer Social and if you have been busy splitting perennials or growing more seeds than you need, we would welcome donations on the day.



A Grand Day Out : Saturday, 17th June 2023

This year's trip was to RHS Bridgewater, the newest of the five RHS Gardens, located in Salford.



The weather on the day was warm and humid, fortunately the blue skies and hot sun of the previous few days had disappeared. We left our departure location in Lepton on time and traffic was very light through Huddersfield, so we soon made it up onto the M62. Whilst on the highest stretch of the M62, the sound of oohs and aahs were heard as we saw probably the first rain for months. However, this rain only lasted for a few minutes and as we drove down into the "other side" of the Pennines, we found that they were having the same cloudy but humid weather.



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On arrival at Bridgewater the coach was met by RHS staff. They told us we would be entering by the VIP entrance. This sounded very exciting until we found out the VIP entrance was just a gate they opened. Sadly, no red carpet for us.

We were given maps and told to explore ourselves but to come back at either 12.00 or

14.00 for a guided tour. This guided tour was the highlight of the trip, the feedback I heard from everyone was very positive and the guides were very knowledgeable and enthusiastic at sharing their enthusiasm for the Walled Garden area.



RHS Bridgewater has some very good cafes which serve seasonal food from locally sourced ingredients, including a lot of fruit and vegetables grown on site. The cakes were especially



inviting so most of the club spent some time with coffee and cake. It eventually came time to return to Huddersfield. The coach was able to leave ahead of time, though not quite as full of plant purchases as usual. This was probably

due to high prices in the RHS plant centre. It must have been a good day as quite a few nodded off on the way back.

It wouldn't be a grand day out if it wasn't for the hard work of Peter Hoyle in organising the yearly trip so it would be amiss of me to not thank publicly Peter for all his hard work. Thank you, Peter, it was a grand day out!

Sean Downey



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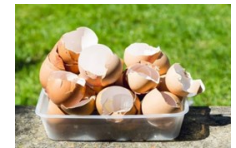
Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Mosaic Workshop due to low numbers.

If you have already paid, you will shortly receive a refund.

Handy Tip

Keep saving your eggshells – next month will feature an article "Ideas for using Eggshells in the Garden".

If you have any "handy tips" that you would like to share with your fellow members, just email them to me@thepigsty.me and we'll include them in the next newsletter.



**National Garden Scheme –
gardens open for charity 2023**

Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th July

249 Barnsley Road, Flockton, WF4 4AL (1pm to 5pm)

Admission £5. Children Free. Home-made teas. Disabled access

Dogs welcome. Plants for sale.

Parking available on Manor House Road & Hardcastle Lane – please park considerately in this residential area.

