

Collaboration with Willow Garden Club

Chris Bearshaw Talk: 17th October 2024

“Painting with Plants”

Tickets will be available at the June meeting from Mary Harrison (£20 each). Payment can be by cash, card (in person) or cheque.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like tickets, please contact Mary by email mary@willowgardenclub.uk, text or phone 07912 513236.



Burton Open Gardens

Sunday 30th June 2024 : 11am to 5pm

21 Gardens open across Kirkburton and Highburton. Live music throughout the day. Refreshments and plant sales available in some gardens. Programme tickets £5, available from The Smiths Arms, Thorncliffe Social Club, Joys Café, The Sweet Palace, Kirkburton Butchers & the gardens on the day.

Emley Open Gardens

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June : 12 noon to 5pm

Admission to all gardens will be by wristband - £5 in advance from Emley PREMIER shop, £6 on the day from St. Michael's church. Accompanied under16s free. Beautiful gardens to explore, Home made refreshments, Live music, Craft and book sale, Plant stall. For more information find details on www.opengardens.co.uk



National Garden Scheme

Copies of the Yorkshire booklet will be available from the Admissions Table. If you fancy travelling further afield, open gardens elsewhere in England full details can be found at www.ngs.org.uk

Upcoming Competitions - we are giving you plenty of notice to be thinking about the competitions later this year.

September meeting - Bring along an “Autumnal Arrangement” – no rules, be as inventive and quirky as you want. Prizes for the best 3.

November meeting - We have decided to keep the “Last Rose of Summer” as an annual event as a tribute to our former Chairman Edward Kilner. Prizes for the best 3.

Future Newsletter Contributions:

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

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BLUEBELL GARDEN CLUB

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

This Month's meeting : 1st Tuesday in the month
St John's Church Hall, Lepton : Tuesday 4th June 2024, 7.30pm

Gardening quiz (with prizes).

Unfortunately our planned Musical quiz host Howard has had to cancel his proposed visit to our June meeting but we will re-book him at some future date.

It has not been possible to find a replacement speaker at such short notice despite Jan's best efforts. So, the plan is to have a fun gardening quiz (with prizes). There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and plant stall.

Next Month's Meeting : 1st Tuesday in the month

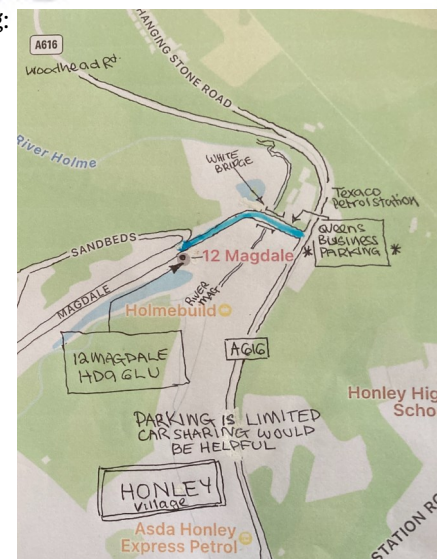
Summer Social : Tuesday, 2nd July 2024

12 Magdale, Honley, HD9 6LU : From 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Admission will be £2 for members / £4 for guests and will include refreshments.

Access and Parking:

There will be a plant stall and donations of plants would be greatly appreciated.



Here are a few more photos of their stunning garden.



Dandelions

Hello I'm a Dandelion

"Hello, I'm a dandelion.

A lot of people call me a weed but I'm a friend and come to help you!

My flowers are the first food for insects after hibernation and unlike most other plants, I have pollen AND nectar, not merely one OR the other! And I am generous with them!

When you see me, remember that I'm the ONLY one who wants and can grow in that particular spot. Because:

Either the soil is too compact / hard / stomped and I want to loosen it for you with my roots.

Or there is too little calcium in the soil - don't worry, I will replenish that for you with the dying of my leaves.

Or the soil is too acidic. But I will also improve that for you if you give me the chance.

Or a mixture of the above reasons, of course.

I'm here because your soil needs my help so best you let me grow without disturbing me! When everything is fixed, I will disappear again, I promise!

Are you trying to remove me prematurely with my root? However meticulous you are, I will return 2x as strong! Just until your soil is improved.

You can even tell by my growth at which stage my help is at. If my leaves are flat on the ground then I'm far from ready but if they all reach up then I'm already a long way on my way.

Something completely different is that I am 1 of the first bloomers in spring so I will announce spring / summer for you.

During the day when it's hot, I open my flowers but in the evening when it cools off I close them again quickly. In fact, if it's not hot enough during the day I won't open them at all!

My flowers are even delicious for you people by the way, did you know? I used to be called honey (or gold) of the poor because my flowers are so sweet in e.g. jam, sauce or salad! The internet is full of recipes - check them out.

But wait until the end of May or later before you start picking and even then, don't pick everything yet! The biodiversity and bees will be very grateful!"

Courtesy of "Addicted To Gardening", a Facebook public group

