

## Upcoming Meetings

**6<sup>th</sup> September : AGM and Auction : 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 : 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Tickets for the event will be on sale at tonight's meeting 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 :**

**Pippa Greenwood on Thursday**

**14th July 7.30pm**

The Willow Garden Club of Meltham are pleased to invite Bluebell Garden Club members and friends to a talk by Pippa Greenwood on 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 tonight's meeting from Mary Harrison or by phone on 07912 513236 or email [mary@willowgardenclub.uk](mailto:mary@willowgardenclub.uk)

## RHS Harlow Carr Plant Fair

**23 – 26 June, Thursday to Sunday (9am to 6pm)**

Tickets to the show must be pre-booked. Garden admission applies (free to RHS members).

A must for garden lovers, with specialist growers, expert advice and fabulous products, all in the lush surroundings of this Yorkshire Garden.

Browse and buy quality plants from specialist nurseries offering choice flowers, herbs and grasses, a whole host of hardy perennials, shrubs and even carnivorous plants.

There will also be talks and demonstrations where you will be able to pick up gardening tips and inspiring ideas. Renowned Yorkshire-based gardener, writer, broadcaster and RHS judge Martin Fish will be sharing his advice and insight from more than 30 years' experience.

Enjoy demonstrations by floral designer Jonathan Moseley who will offer the inspiration and knowledge needed to create stunning summer cut flower displays.

[www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)



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## JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

### July and August Meetings:

**5<sup>th</sup> July : 2 - 4:30pm : Summer Social at Marry Carry**

This year we are delighted that Sally Marshall is hosting the summer social event. Sally is the niece of our former Chairman Edward Kilner so she had a good mentor and it shows in her stunning garden. The garden at Marry Carry is approximately 2 acres, borders stocked with perennials and examples of prairie planting and wildflower meadows. All creating an infinity into the truly beautiful views of the Pennine Hills rolling out behind it. It includes an orchard of fruiting trees, greenhouse and allotment area.

The location is Marry Carry, off Hall Ing Road, Honley, HD9 6QY. Refreshments and plants for sale. Parking is limited (we recommend car sharing if possible).

**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.

Sean worked for 40.5 years in Telecommunications Engineering in various locations within the UK and Ireland.

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.



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# Upcoming National Garden Scheme Open Gardens

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



## 12 Brendon Drive, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DF – new this year

The inspiration for this garden is to create a practical family space with an atmosphere of relaxation with many sensory experiences. Architectural plants create colour, drama and interest.

Plants for sale. Refreshments. Saturday 2 July (11 -4) Admission £3, children free. Pre-booking is required, please visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) for further information and to book.

## The Circles Garden

8 Stockmoor 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.

## Land Farm

Edge Lane, Colden, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7PJ

An intriguing 6 acre upland garden within a sheltered valley. Thursday, 16 June (11-5) £5, children free.

Home-made teas Disabled access. Dogs allowed. Card payments accepted

## Scape Lodge

11 Grand Stand, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4NQ

Contemporary country garden 1000ft on a steeply sloping site with far-reaching views. Gravel paths lead between mixed borders on many levels.

Sunday, 26 June (1:30 - 4:30pm). £5, children free.

Home-made teas. Plants for sale. Card payments accepted.

Visits also by arrangement May to July.

## 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. Children free.

Plants for Sale. Refreshments. Card payments accepted.  
Sunday, 10 July (10 – 4) Admission £4.

Lots more to come throughout the summer and if you fancy a trip further afield, checkout the NGS website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

## Cawthorne Open Gardens (nr Barnsley, South Yorkshire)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June : 11am to 5pm

£5 in advance / £6 on the day, accompanied under 16's free.  
Approximately 16 gardens will be open but it may vary from day to day.

A range of gardens will be open to visitors, including some open for the first time in 2022. Quality refreshments include sandwiches, cakes, hot sausage baps, a barbeque and cream teas.

Live music in some gardens, and entertainment for our younger visitors will be provided, including treasure hunts to suit children of all ages and a chance to try Victorian games.

A courtesy minibus service will run regularly between gardens.

Dogs on short leads are welcome in most gardens.

Tickets in advance available from Cawthorne Village Store, Cawthorne Post Office, Gallery 2 or Cawthorne Victoria Museum or on the day from any open garden, the main car park and the village green.

To contact the organisers - Phone: 01226 792 067

Email: [cawthorneopengardens@gmail.com](mailto:cawthorneopengardens@gmail.com)

Web: <http://www.cawthorne.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/Map.jpg>

## Burton Open Gardens : 26 June 2022

11am to 5pm : £5 (accompanied children free)

A rare opportunity to visit the fantastic hidden gardens of Highburton and Kirkburton (HD8), live music and garden refreshments.

Raising funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Kirkwood Hospice, Humanitarian aid in Ukraine and the Community Association. Some of the gardens are also raising funds for their favoured charities.

Ticket programme from Smiths Arms Highburton, Russell Parkinson Butcher, Kirkwood Hospice Shop

Facebook - [@burtonopengarden](https://www.facebook.com/burtonopengarden)

Another good source for discovering open gardens is [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://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.

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