

WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our August meeting, and our speaker, florist Christine Ogle. Christine has worked as a commercial florist for many years, mainly in the Northumberland area.

PARKING If you don't have your own parking permit, we have a supply available for use - just return at the end of the evening. Thankyou

FINANCE Our bank balance as at 12th August is £3656.03.

Lucienne Bennett's talk on Tulips in June cost £230; and our garden visit to Ryton in July cost £256 for transport and £150 admission. The £256 includes an annual Hub membership fee of £20.

The Parish Council has confirmed that our hire charges for the hall are not increasing.

COFFEE MORNING We have received several additional donations towards our coffee morning fund raising event, bringing the total to a magnificent £754.84. Well done everyone, and thank you for your donations and attendance. The money goes into our funds and will be used towards speaker and transport costs for the rest of the year.

NORTHERN LITHIUM Northern Lithium is a privately owned UK mineral exploration and development company established in 2017. The focus is on delivering a domestic supply of lithium - a critical mineral essential for the production of lithium-ion batteries and electric vehicles in the UK. Their initial project is located across large areas of Weardale and is exploring known lithium in brine mineral reserves deep within the underlying granite. The company started drilling at Ludwell Farm, Eastgate, in 2022.

Over the past two years Northern Lithium have supported several local initiatives in the immediate vicinity of Eastgate and Westgate. Their Shared Prosperity Fund has been extended to support good causes and community groups within the parishes of Wolsingham and Stanhope and surrounding villages. The fund is administered by an independent assessment panel who assess all grant applications against set criteria.

As a leading community group in Weardale, we made application for funding to support

our ongoing activities and we are absolutely delighted that we have been awarded £800. We are most grateful to Northern Lithium, and well done, and thank you, to our own finance specialists - Christine - our Treasurer, and Alison.

MONTY DON Harrogate Convention Centre, Sunday 1 December, 7.30pm, tickets £33 to £53.

ADAM FROST Gala Theatre, Durham, 18 March 2025, 7.30pm, tickets £35 or £33 concession.

AUCKLAND CASTLE Pumpkin Forest Light Trail, on selected days between 4th to 31st October. www.aucklandproject.org

HARROGATE AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW 13-15 September, at Newby Hall, nr Ripon.

USHAW Flower Festival - 6, 7 and 8 September. Further details on costs and opening times - www.ushaw.org

RABY Botanical painting workshop, 8th September
Landscape Embroidery Workshop, 6th October
Autumn Wreath Workshop, 26th October
www.raby.co.uk

CHARITY LADIES LUNCH IN AID OF WEARDALE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Please get your ticket this evening from Susan, together with a car pass if you need it. We booked 36 tickets, and four tables. Your place will be named, and we have tried as far as is possible to seat people together who have requested this. Barbara and Susan invite everyone to meet for pre lunch drinks in Susan's garden, from 11.30 am, and we hope this time it isn't raining! The lunch is 12.30 for 1 pm in the Catering Marquee at the Showfield. The Club will be supplying flowering plants for the tables.

TENNANTS, 10TH DECEMBER We will start taking names for the December outing at the next Club meeting. We have booked a coach with Hodgsons, which will be paid for from Club funds. Tennants are charging £34 pp, and this will need to be paid by the November meeting. Please see our programme for full details of the day.

RHS HARLOW CARR 7-8 September, Festival of Flavours. A celebration of growing

and cooking with live cookery demos., edible garden tours, food markets and expert advice on growing your own.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2024 Glow Festival, 21 November to 28 December.

SARAH RAVEN'S AUTUMN RECIPE - QUICK RHUBARB CHUTNEY WITH CARDAMOM

200ml cider vinegar; 400g soft light brown sugar; 100g raisins; 2 chopped red onions; 2cm piece of ginger, chopped; seeds from 20 cardamom pods; 4 star anise; grated zest of 1 lemon; 1 teasp salt; 1kg rhubarb cut into 3 cm chunks.

Put all ingredients except rhubarb into preserving pan and bring to boil; boil for 5 mins. Add rhubarb and bring back to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 mins, stirring occasionally.

Cool slightly and spoon into prepared jars. Once opened best kept in the fridge; keeps for up to a month.