

WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 2025 MEETING

Wecome to our April meeting and our first flower demonstration of the year by Patti Dawson, a NAFAS area demonstrator.

FINANCE Our bank balance is £4220.75, and our last speaker, Davina Hopkinson's fee was £150. We currently have 75 paid up members.

RABY Walled garden - 10 am to 4 pm daily. Deer Park and Garden £15, conc £14.

Mon - Sunday Gardeners Walk and Talk at 12 pm

Spring Garden Fair - 3, 4 and 5 May

Guided Bluebell Walk - daily 8-11 May

Needle and Nature Landscape Embroidery Workshop - 10 May

Easter Food and Craft Fair - 18-21 April

Behind the Scenes Tour of Raby Castle - 26 April, 10 May

Planting for Pollinators Walk and Talk - 20 May

Further details from www.raby.co.uk

HARLOW CARR

Tulip Care Made Easy, 1 May

Intro to Propagation, 7 May

Climate Resilient Gardening, 23 May

Summer Garden Weekend, 20-22 June

Wildflowers Walk, 25 June

Further details from www.rhs.org.uk

JUNE OPEN GARDENS TEA

We are serving teas in St Annes to NGS Wolsingham Open Garden visitors from 2 to 5 pm, on Saturday 28th June. This will be our fund raising event for the year and all proceeds will be for club funds - towards costs of our speakers and outings.

The offer will be tea and cake for £3; children free. The hall is booked from 1 to 6pm. The Committee will set up between 1 and 2 pm, and clear away between 5 and 6 pm. Hopefully if it is a nice day we will also have tables and chairs outside.

Would members who would be willing to help either before, or on the day, please 'sign up' tonight, or at the latest at our next meeting in May. We would much appreciate donations of sandwich cakes or tray bakes - these can be left the day before or on the morning with Barbara at 68 West End; Susan at 58 West End, and Ruby at Front Street, or delivered to the hall on the day. Also help on the Saturday please - in one hour slots. A rota is being circulated, and very many thanks for offers of help.

OPEN GARDENS

The Manor, Birkby, Birkby Lane, Northallerton. DL7 0EJ. 10th June.

7 m NW of Northallerton, refreshments in aid of Dementia Forward. £6

Further details from www.ngs.org.uk

Thornton Hall - 2025 dates have been released starting on 26th May and finishing 16th July, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is £10. Details from www.thorntonhallgardens.co.uk

HARROGATE AND HARLOW CARR GARDENS VISIT

As an affiliate club, we have an annual group entry to an RHS garden, and this year we plan to visit Harlow Carr at Harrogate on Saturday 5th July (date tbc by RHS). We have free entry for up to 55 max (a saving of £16.80 pp). We will provide a bus (£10 contribution from members towards cost; non members will be full cost). We plan to arrive in Harrogate for around 11am for two hours; and then to visit Harlow Carr Gardens from 1.30/2pm until 5pm.

If you would be interested in going, please let Babara know asap, and by the latest at our next meeting on the 20th May.

RHS SHOWS

Malvern Spring Festival 8-11 May

Chelsea Flower Show 20-24 May

WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP

Victoria Conner of The Willow Barn, who gave us a demonstration in February, is willing to run a workshop for up to 10 people at St Annes Centre on a Saturday 1st November 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm. The cost will be £55 to include Coffee and Scones on arrival; and tea and cake in the afternoon. Please bring a packed lunch. All materials will be provided, and you just need to bring your secateurs. You can make one of the following: hen, duck, pheasant or hare.

Please let Susan know, by the next meeting on 20th May, if you would like a place. Msg 07814-498281; or email susan.harris126@btinternet.com. Thankyou.

NEXT MEETING May is our birthday night, celebrating 47 years. Sam from Cowells Garden Centre will be demonstrating how to plant up our spring containers, and we'll then raffle everything he makes. He is also bringing lots of plants for sale.