

WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB
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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our March meeting with master crafter Marion.

FINANCE Our current balance is £7698.92 which reflects income from subscriptions at the February meeting. We had 68 members joined in February.

CONSTITUTION, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, SAFEGUARDING. The Committee has updated our Constitution, and Diversity and Safeguarding statements - these will be available on the website. We are currently looking at our Health and Safety procedures.

RABY

Shrub Pruning Workshop, 22nd March; Hot Cross Buns Masterclass, 29th March and 9th April;

Easter Food and Craft Fair, 3-6th April; Gardening Through the Seasons - Spring - 18th April;

A Guided Bluebell Walk, 30th April to 10th May; Spring Garden Fair, 23rd to 25th May.

MIDDLETON LODGE, Middleton Tyas.

6th May Spring Forage, Pickle and Preserve Workshop. 9am-12, £55

13th April Spring Tour of Estate and Walled Garden, 10.15am-11.45am, £22

WYNYARD HALL. 19TH April, Spring Plant Fair, gardens, farmers market and cafe/restaurant. £6, 10 am to 5 pm.

DAVID AUSTIN ROSES 15% off all roses with code HERITAGE; offer ends 14th April. www.davidaustinroses.co.uk

NGS OPEN GARDEN Clifton Castle, Ripon. 29th March, 2-5pm. Entry £7. Refreshments. Details from ngs.org.uk

USHAW Open studios, 4th April. 150yrs of Wedding Dresses Exhibition, 28th

March to 31st August. *Plant and Garden Fair, 13th June.*

PINKS FLOWER FARM, Cotherstone. *Garden to Vase Spring Workshop with Heidi Varley, Saturday 25th April, 11 am to 3 pm. Intro to growing tulips, pull tulips from the field, and arrange in a vase to take home. Includes coffee and lunch. £80.*

SWINTON WALLED GARDEN SPRING OPEN DAY *28th March - four acre walled garden at Swinton Park Hotel, guided tour with Garden Manager Joe Lofthouse, followed by floral masterclass with florist Anne Harrison. Includes coffee on arrival at 10.30am, two course lunch in Samuel's Restaurant. Access to 200 acres of heritage parkland. £80.*

KIPLIN HALL, SCORTON *2026 Exhibition - Wood, from utility to beauty. Included in admission ticket. Closed on Thursdays.*

THE STATION, RICHMOND *Make a stained glass tulip. 12th April, 10 am to 1 pm. £60 to include all materials.*

RHS MEMBERSHIP *Currently 25% reduction in membership fees, giving unlimited visits to RHS gardens, reduced ticket price for events and shows, and monthly The Garden magazine.*

£59.99 individual membership (reduced from £79.99)

£89.99 joint membership (reduced from £119.99)

SOME GARDENING JOBS FOR MARCH

Split clumps of snowdrops and aconites

Plant summer flowering bulbs

Plant up dahlia tubers for cuttings and growing on inside

Lift and divide overgrown perennials

Top dress containers

Pinch out winter sown sweet peas

BRITISH ASPARAGUS SEASON *St George's Day, 23rd April, traditionally marks the start of the British Asparagus season.*

YORKSHIRE RHUBARB *Rhubarb is one of the spring's earliest vegetable treats,*

and the Yorkshire Rhubarb Triangle between Leeds, Wakefield and Bradford is world famous for its tender stalks of forced rhubarb grown in dark sheds and harvested by candlelight.

E Oldroyd and Sons Ltd have been producers and packers of high quality Yorkshire Rhubarb, over five generations, and are regarded as leaders in the field. The company is led by Janet Oldroyd-Hulme, and they produce over 1000 tons of rhubarb a year. Oldroyds farm (at Rothwell, Leeds) first became a tourist attraction in 1997, and tours can be arranged throughout the growing season.

FREE ENTRY TO HARLOW CARR GARDENS ON SATURDAY 9TH MAY *Could we please have names at the next meeting of those who wish to visit Harlow Carr on 9th May, with entry at 11 am so we can order entry passes. We are not providing transport.*

HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW *23-26 April. Weardale Travel are running a day excursion to the show on Saturday 25th April (£20, excl entry).*

NEXT MEETING *21st April - Zepherine Warde-Aldam, flower grower and florist.*