

WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

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JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Tonight, we welcome Anne Heard, who is a garden designer and flower farmer from Ingleby Greenhow where she runs Songbird Meadow Flower Farm. Anne will tell us about her growing methods and the flowers and foliage she grows for her business.

FINANCE. Our current bank balance is £7503.14. We have received a grant of £200 from Durham County Council towards our transport costs, and a personal donation of £250.00 towards funds. The cost of our visit to Raby Walled Garden was £594, with the club paying entry fees of £16.50pp. It was unfortunate that the start of our tour was delayed slightly but this was due to the garden designer, Luciano Giubbilei, visiting that day.

We have 77 members, and from 1st July, membership fees reduce to £12.50.

COFFEE MORNING. Thank you so much to everyone for your contributions and support for our annual coffee morning in June. The total income was £548.86 after expenses of £201.69 were paid.

AUGUST OUTING. Tonight, we need to finalise numbers for our outing to Littlethorpe Gardens at Ripon, and then Thirsk, on Tuesday 18th August. The coach (Hodgsons) leaves the Market Place at 9.30 am, to arrive at Littlethorpe for coffee at 11am before our guided tour. There is a contribution towards costs of £20pp. Susan will take any remaining payments tonight.

LADIES LUNCH. This is **Friday, 4th September** in the catering marquee at Wolsingham Showground. We are again supporting this charity event by taking tables and providing flowers. For those who have not been before, this is a really enjoyable event which raises money for the Friends of Weardale Community Hospital - last year £3000. There is a 3-course lunch followed by a speaker, usually a flower dem., musical entertainment and raffles, sales, bar etc. The event is at 12 o'clock, for lunch at 12.30, and the cost £26pp. Barbara and Susan invite us all to meet for pre-lunch drinks and canapes from 11am in Susan's garden at 58 West End. Please order your ticket with Susan tonight.

HARROGATE AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW. This is at Newby Hall 18-20 September. Weardale Travel are running a coach to the show on 19th September.

NGS OPEN GARDENS

St Cuthberts Hospice, Durham, 26th July
Larch Cottage Nursery, Penrith, 6 August
Tanfield Lodge, Tanfield, Ripon, 2 August

USHAW

25 July, 1pm, NE Gospel Choir
8 August, 7pm, Alba Nova, Classical Guitar Concert
16 August, 1.30-2.15pm and 2.30-3pm, NE Rock Choir

DOBBIES, BIRTLEY Autumn Terrarium Workshop, 9, 10, and 11 October at 2.30pm, £37.50.

Gardeners Afternoon Tea, two for £38 from 3rd September.

RABY. Gardeners Walk and Talk, Daily at 12pm
20% off Garden Trading furniture in the conservatory showroom, Tuesday to Sunday, 12pm to 3pm
Summer Floral Bowl Workshop, 1st August £60

15th SEPTEMBER - HALLS OF HEDDON. We will provide transport, or you can take your own car, to Halls of Heddon on 15th September, to arrive there for 1pm. The fields are a wonderful sight to see in late summer with over 15,000 chrysanthemums and dahlias in flower. The nursery is also excellent selling trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, annuals and garden sundries.

Please add your name to the list tonight, and by latest 18th August, if you would like to join this visit. There is no charge to members.

HARLOW CARR COURSES

Advanced Propagation workshop, 24 Sept
Intro to Dry Stone Walling, 26 Sept
History of Garden Design, 24 Oct
Create Bulb Displays, 30 Oct

USHAW. A reminder of the flower festival at Ushaw 10-13 September, 10 am to 4 pm. Entry is included with an annual membership, or standard day admission. On Saturday 12th, the event coincides with the Autumn Specialist Plant Fair. There is also a daily market where local crafts people will be selling their handmade floral themed gifts and fresh flowers.