WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

www.weardaleflowerandgardenclub.com

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We are most grateful to Sophie and team from Charlton's Florist in Crook, who have stepped in tonight to show us some Autumn flowers after Sophia Blooms had to cancel their talk.

Charlton's is a family run floristry business, established in 2004 and the retail shop is at 1 West Bridge Street, Crook, selling a large selection of fresh flowers, plants, and floral accessories. Owner Sophie Richardson took over the running of the business in 2019, and she employs a young, vibrant and dedicated team - Danielle and Charlie-Jae. They provide floral designs for all occasions, modern, vintage and traditional. Orders can be placed on line, by calling at the shop, or tel 01388 767000. UK deliveries are available.

FINANCE. Our bank balance as at 4th October is £4894.54. This shows a substantial reduction in the month, but we have had to pay £1050 upfront to Headlam to secure our places for Christmas afternoon tea, so this money will be replaced.

There are still some places available - please see Barbara. Its 8th December, 2.30 for 3pm tea at Headlam Hall Coach House, followed by carols sung by a local choir. The price is £37.50pp and you can view the afternoon tea menu on the Headlam website. If you have booked a place, you are able to do a bank transfer to Weardale Flower and Garden Club; sort code 20 09 44; account number 80939080; your name is the payment reference. Alternatively, you can pay cash or by cheque. We are not providing transport.

CAROLE ELLIOTT. We were very saddened to hear of the recent death of our member and friend Carole Elliott. Carole, who lived at Hamsterley, had been poorly for a little while and recently suffered a broken leg. She died in hospital on 7th October.

Carole was one of our earliest Club members, joining soon after we were established in 1978, and had been a Committee member for many, many years. She was always supportive of all we did, was involved in raising money through various and wide-ranging events over the years and, with Ann, sold thousands of raffle tickets! We will miss her at our meetings, events and dinners, and send sincere condolences to her family and friends in Hamsterley and beyond.

NOVEMBER. November brings our big Christmas demonstration 'Let Christmas Begin' on Tuesday the 17th here in St Annes with National Demonstrator and Judge, David Ryland. We have increased the flower allowance, so there should be some special festive arrangements for the raffle, which will be followed by Christmas refreshments.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - we will have Christmas cards for sale at the November meeting in aid of the Weardale Community Hospital, with new designs and new stock. Please support this fundraising sale.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS and EVENTS.

Emm Shaw Daisy Chain - Luxurious Door Wreath, St Thomas Hall, Wolsingham, on Thurs 3rd December, 6-7.30pm, £40. Wreath base, blue noble and trimmings inc., bring foraged foliages and secateurs.

Table Decorations - Thurs 17th December, St Thomas Hall, 6-7.30pm, £35. Design a stunning table arrangement or gift basket, please bring secateurs.
To book a workshop place - contact Emm on 01388 529188/07718709731, £20

St Cuthberts Community Centre, Crook. - wreath workshop, 21st November, 3-5pm, all materials provided, £40.

Raby, workshops with Periwinkle Barn -
Advent candle wreath - 22nd November
Festive Paperwhite Bulb Bowl, 4th December
Luxury Christmas Wreath - 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th December
Door swags, 11th and 18th December.
Garland 17th December
Tablescape and table arrangement, 19th December
Further Details from www.raby.co.uk

Sarah Meesom, Vintage Essence - Christmas Wreaths, Stainton Village Hall on 6th December, 10, 12.30 and 3 pm. Tel 01833 630077

CASTLE HOWARD. A Dickens of a Christmas, 12th November to 3rd January. Tickets from £24.

SOFIA BLOOMS. Fused glass workshop, make 2 Christmas decorations, £32; or 3 Christmas trees in bases, £42. 14th November, 1pm at Sofia Blooms Studio, 158 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland.
Wreath making at The Raby Arms, Barnard Castle, 4th December, 6-8pm, £40.

STANHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE. CHRISTMAS FAIR, 14th November, 10 am to 2 pm.

ROOKHOPE HALLOWEEN FUN DAY with Leanne Buck, 31 st October, Rookhope. Village Hall. 10 am to 1pm, £3 per child.
To book a place contact Hippylizard@gmail.com

TENNANTS, LEYBURN. WINTER WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS FAIR - 27th and 28th November, 10 am to 4pm.

RABY CHRISTMAS EMPORIUM. Christmas decorations, gifts etc in The Riding School, and Christmas Foods in the Coach House shop. Open every day 10 am to 4pm.

LIVING NORTH CHRISTMAS FAIR. Newcastle Racecourse, 22-25 October.