

WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Welcome to the April meeting. Pam Alexander will be speaking to us about the Flowers of Lindisfarne.

WEBSITE. The website is complete and can be viewed at www.weardaleflowerandgardenclub.org. Add to your favourites! As well as detailing our programme and events, the site has galleries of photographs of previous meetings and outings; minutes of committee meetings; blog site which will contain information for members; contact details for prospective members, newsletters and links to useful sites eg NGS, RHS, garden shopping sites etc. Let us know of any other useful links and these can be added. You can also access garden jobs for the month, videos of how to do various flower arrangements, gardening jobs, pruning etc. Barbara, Ann C and Susan have completed training, and will be regularly updating this.

OPEN GARDENS/EVENTS

23 April, The Old Vicarage, Hutton Magna, NYorks. 2-5pm, £4.

28 April, Cragside, Northumberland, £18.80.

Jersey Battle of Flowers 10-11 August

BBC Gardeners World Live 15-18 June, Birmingham

Castle Howard flower event 29 June to 2 July.

COFFEE MORNING. Please support our fund raising coffee morning on 6th May, 10-12 in the Town Hall. Cake stall and plant raffle. Monies raised will support the programme of visits over the summer. Table posies will be distributed at the end of the morning as part of the lonely bouquet initiative. If you would like to make and donate a posy please collect a NAFAS tag from Susan.

NAFAS AREA MEETING. 24th April. Margaret and Ruby will attend and report back at the next meeting.

FINANCE. Demonstrators to date (Feb and March meetings) have cost us £508.70. We currently have £2522.44 in our bank account.

16TH MAY MEETING. This will be our 39th birthday night, which we are dedicating to be in support of the British Heart Foundation's Red Appeal, as one of our charities this year. Please wear something red!, we will have a red tombola, and cake and wine. Kathryn Hume will be demonstrating flowers - using primarily red. Can tombola prizes please

be left at the coffee morning, with any committee member, or with Jean at the chapel on a Monday morning. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this most worthwhile charity.

GARDENING WORKSHOPS. Spring Planters, 26th April, 10.30-12.30 - work alongside a Wynyard Hall Gardener and learn which choices are best for visual impact and longevity. Then make a spring planter to bring home. £35, includes all materials and lunch at The Gardens. Organic Gardening Lecture, 4 May, 6.30 pm - £35, includes cocktail and buffet.

OUTINGS. Barbara needs to have your name confirmed, and deposits, if you wish to go on the outings in June and July please. This will enable us to make bookings with both the gardens and transport.

20 June, Ravensworth Nurseries, and
18 July, St Nicholas Garden, Richmond.

The bus will leave the Market Place at 6pm on both nights. Entry to St Nicholas is £7.50 pp including refreshments and talk, but this is being paid out of club funds.

OMEGA HOLIDAYS.

RHS Malvern Spring Show - 2 days by coach, leaving 13th May. £139 including dinner, hotel and breakfast, admission to the show, and visit to Stratford upon Avon.

Chatsworth Flower Show - 2 days by coach, leaving 10 June. £149 including dinner, hotel and breakfast, admission to the show and visit to Harrogate.

Blenheim Palace Flower Show - 2 days by coach, leaving 24 June. £139 including dinner, hotel and breakfast, admission to the show and visit to Stratford upon Avon.

Coach pick up available at Bishop Auckland or Durham.

More info from 01325 728050; www.omega-holidays.com

BRIGHTWATER HOLIDAYS.

Hlghgrove and The Cotswolds, with additional visits to Hidcote, Abbey House Gardens, Kiftsgate, Misarden Park and Westonbirt. 21 August, £485 including 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, coach travel and tour manager. Details Brightwater Holidays 01334 657155; www.brightwaterholidays.com

