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WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB
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OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

Welcome to a demonstration and talk from Heidi of Pinks Flowers, Teesdale. Heidi grows British flowers which she sells to the public and wholesale, and also dries flowers for use in bouquets, wreaths etc.

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FINANCE Our current bank balance is £4049.03. which has increased from last month due to the payment of our grant from Northern Lithium. Our demonstrator in August, Christine Ogle, cost £305.

TENNANTS We are starting to take names for the Christmas Talk and Tour/Festive Lunch at Tennants, Leyburn, on 10th December 2024. Full details re programme, times etc next month. We will require payment at the October meeting please, along with your choice of menu:-

MAINS

(All dishes served with a selection of seasonal vegetables.)

Roast turkey ballotine, smoked bacon, leek and sausage stuffing, honey glazed parsnip, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, turkey gravy.

Roast Rump of Beef, fondant potato, butternut squash, charred onion, pan gravy.

Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Bass, wild mushrooms, gnocci, wilted spinach, lemon butter sauce.

Portobello mushroom kiev, garlic bechamel, tender stem broccoli, roasted chicory, parsley and rapeseed oil.

DESSERTS

Christmas pudding cheesecake, brandy sauce ice cream.

Chocolate Delice, candied fruits, clementine compote.

Apple and cinnamon crumble tart, creme anglaise.

Spiced fruit and mascarpone ice cream sandwich, winter berries compote.

We are providing a coach for this outing. If there are spare seats, we will invite friends to join us. There is no limit on the number for the talk. tour and lunch.

LADIES LUNCH Thankyou to everyone who supported the Ladies Lunch on 6th September. 210 attended, and a total of £3000 was raised for the Weardale Community Hospital. The Club provided

flowers for 24 tables, at a cost of £216.50.

CHRISTMAS FAIR, LIVING NORTH Newcastle Racecourse, 24th to 27th October, and York Racecourse 14th to 17th November.

TENNANTS, LEYBURN Christmas Fair, 29th and 30th November, 10.30 - 4 pm.

AUCKLAND CASTLE Booking open for Christmas at the Palace - 12 rooms decorated for Christmas incl the State Room, Chapel, and Bishop's apartment. 15th November to 31st December, 10.30 to 4 pm, £20.

HARLOW CARR, HARROGATE

National alpine garden show, 12th October

Autumn garden weekend, 18-20th October

Late Fruit and Vegetable Competition, 18th October

Northern Fruit Group Apple Display, 18-20th October

CHRISTMAS CARDS Glenis Robinson will be at our xxxx meeting selling a selection of packs of Christmas cards in aid of Weardale Community Hospital.

COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 10th October, 7 pm, in the chapel.

NEXT MEETING Our planned speaker for October Richard Barnes, a landscape architect and photographer. Unfortunately he messaged a couple of weeks ago to say he is now going to be away on the 15th October. Faye of Palmers Earthly Creations of Stainton has kindly stepped in to demonstrate Autumn tubs and containers. She will also bring plants for sale.

ROWAN AND APPLE JELLY - MAKES 12 SMALL JARS

2kg rowan berries; 1.5kg apples; granulated sugar - 1 pint of juice to 1 pint of sugar

Pick berries from stalks and wash. Cut apples into chunks. Put both into pan and just cover with cold water. Simmer until pulpy (about 30 mins).

Strain through a jelly bag overnight - and dont be tempted to squeeze out juice!

Measure liquid, and add same amount of sugar.

Heat until sugar dissolved, and then boil briskly until setting point reached.

Remove any scum from top, and pour into warmed, sterilised jars and seal.

Keeps unopened for up to a year.