



# HENLEAZE GARDEN CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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Hello Members! Welcome to Garden Club! Well, what a year it has been since I wrote my first Newsletter as Chair! Whilst I might have expected there to be a few firsts for me, there have been a few firsts for the Club as well, not least our very first Meeting held by Zoom. Many thanks for your support.

### ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING 'AUTUMN COLOUR'



There were 83 participants so, with some watching together, more than 90 of you joined us for Alan Down's Zoom presentation on "Autumn Colour" so well done Members for rising to the challenge! Many thanks to the 31 who sent in feedback, which was very positive and helpful. Whilst it is accepted that Zoom is never going to replace the "buzz" of a real meeting, it seems to be a reasonable compromise at least during the cooler, darker months. I think that the following comment sums up the event.



*"Well done to HGC for hosting a Zoom meeting with such an excellent speaker. Some hiccups to start, but great visual clarity and good sound, except for a bit of feedback. A most interesting presentation".*

We did indeed have some hiccups early on. At 7.15, just as I joined Alan, my webcam decided not to work so Ian Sturland and I had to swap laptops, unmute him and rename him as me!! That may have been partially responsible for the initial "feedback". The host had muted everyone else, but we had not realised that attendees could then unmute individually. We will know next time!

The general consensus of your feedback is that until we can meet face to face again, it is worth trying more Zoom talks, although not every month. We will now research the possibility of other confident speakers, like Alan, who also have Zoom experience and can host a meeting. I hope that the feedback comment below will encourage more to join in next time.

*"I decided to take part with some trepidation, as I had used Zoom before and was not very comfortable with it. However, I was well impressed with the set up, and how well you had all organised it. It went much better than I expected"*

### 2021/Membership renewal

At this time of year we usually publish the following year's programme and invite applications for membership renewal. We have arranged a full programme for 2021 and this is set out on Page 2. Needless to say, this is provisional only as we may need to make changes. As we have only been able to hold three full Club meetings this year, we have decided to defer membership renewal until appropriate. At that stage, we will set the subscription level for renewing members to take account of the number of meetings held.

### Autumn Bulb Sale

starting 16 September

Fast forward to next Spring and imagine all those beautiful flowering bulbs.  
That image will sustain me through the Winter!

We had hoped that it would be possible to hold the Autumn bulb sale in the garden as this is large enough to socially distance. It would have given a much needed opportunity for a bit of a social. However, as it is a private garden, we are still restricted to six, including ourselves. I had the bright idea that the National Garden Scheme Great British Garden Party which is taking place 14-20 September might have given us an opportunity. However, further investigation revealed that we would still be subject to the Government rules relating to a private garden in England. So, Sue Knight has set up a 'Click & Collect' system to enable Members to choose and purchase the Club's bulbs. Please see the last 3 pages of this Newsletter which gives details of the bulbs available and prices. From 16 September onwards, please e-mail Sue [sue.knight.1@googlemail.com](mailto:sue.knight.1@googlemail.com) with your orders and arrange a time to collect. If you do not use e-mail, please call Sue on 0798 982 7165. Orders will be processed in the order they are received.

## 2021 Provisional Programme

6 January	<b>Mike Beeston</b>	<b>‘Behind the Scenes at National Trust Gardens’</b> Mike is the Garden Consultant for the NT in the South West and so knows all about the issues, successes, problems and pleasures of creating and maintaining the gardens we love to visit.
3 February	<b>Glyn Jones</b>	<b>‘The Gardens of the Shakespeare Family Homes’</b> Glyn has a wealth of experience including having been Head Gardener at Hidcote Manor. He is now Head Gardener at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. He will tell us about the five sites followed by a colourful on-screen tour.
3 March	<b>Andy McIndoe</b>	<b>‘The Creative Shrub Garden’</b> A welcome return for this entertaining and informative speaker who will show us how to use a combination of shrubs to create a colourful garden.
7 April	<b>Val Bourne</b>	<b>‘First Rate Perennials’</b> Val is an experienced organic gardener and writer. She will be telling us which are the best “doers” in the garden and why. She will feature 46 of her personal favourites.
5 May	<b>Janet Buist</b>	<b>‘The Wonderful World of Salvias’</b> Janet will be giving us a wealth of information about these wonderfully scented plants and hopefully bringing some for sale.
23 – 27 May	<b>Residential Tour</b>	<b>Gardens of the Isle of Wight</b>
2 June	<b>Sir Henry Elwes</b>	<b>‘My Great-Grandfather’s Travels and his Plant Collecting Life’</b> Sir Henry Elwes is the owner of the wonderful Colbourne Park, famous for its snowdrops. He will be giving us a talk about his plant hunting Great Grandfather.
16 June	<b>Day Visit</b>	<b>Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew</b> Visit the famous Palm and Alpine Houses and the Rock, Bamboo, Japanese, Grass, Kitchen, Queen’s and Rose Gardens. It’s the most biodiverse place on earth!
27 June	<b>Day Visit</b>	<b>Usk Open Gardens</b> We will visit the historic and picturesque market town of Usk where 20 or more private gardens will be open to visitors as well as the Rural Life Museum and ruined castle.
4-7 July	<b>Residential Tour</b>	<b>The Gardens of Yorkshire</b>
15 July	<b>Afternoon Visit</b>	<b>The Courts (NT)</b> Full of variety, this charming garden shows the English country style at its best. Water gardens, topiary and herbaceous borders demonstrate an imaginative use of colour and planting, creating unexpected vistas. Stroll through the arboretum with its wonderful species of trees.
1 September	<b>Christine Pritchard</b>	<b>‘In and Out of the Pond – my Wildlife Pond throughout the year’</b> We met Garden Designer and teacher, Christine, at GQT in 2020. She has been videoing her lovely wildlife pond this year and will share it with us.
6 October	<b>Sally Nex</b>	<b>‘Year Round Vegetable Growing’</b> Sally has been growing her own food for twenty years and writing about it for ten. She has enormous expertise and experience of vegetable growing and will pass on her tips.
3 November	<b>Katherine Crouch</b>	<b>‘Exotic Plants’</b> Former BBC Gardener of the Year, Katherine may be able to encourage you to try something a bit more exotic in your gardens. Could Henleaze stand the shock!
1 December	<b>Troy Scott-Smith</b>	<b>‘Iford Manor Garden Development’</b> When we heard that Troy had been lured away from Sissinghurst to transform the ‘hidden’ garden at Iford Manor, we had to book him to give us the full details of his plans and their possible fruition.

<p align="center"><b>July Competition Results</b></p> <p>The answers to last Newsletter's competition:</p> <p>Garden A: Longstock Water Gardens  Garden B: Coleton Fishacre  Garden C: The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum  Garden D: Yeo Valley Organic Garden</p> <p>Congratulations to June Bickell and Sophie Bindloss who each won a Garden Voucher.</p>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
		
	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
		

### Plants as Forensic Evidence

In 1992 near Phoenix, Arizona, the body of a murdered woman was found in grassland. A detective examining the scene noticed that a nearby tree had a fresh abrasion on a branch such as might be caused by a vehicle fleeing the scene. It was a Palo Verde tree, common in that part of the world. He decided to take some seed pods from the tree in case they might prove useful. After some investigation, the police had a suspect but could find no evidence to help them link him to the crime. However, after examining his truck which was otherwise totally clean. they found two seed pods which had fallen in the back. These seed pods were also from a Palo Verde tree but how did they know which of the many trees in the area they had come from? They turned to Dr Tim Helentjaris, a plant geneticist, who carried out extensive testing and proved conclusively that each tree has its own DNA, just like humans. His evidence was enough to convict the suspect and it made history as the first time this sort of plant evidence had been used in a court case.

**Pat Dury – from 'Forensic Files'**

<b>Residential Tours</b>		<b>WATCH THIS SPACE – NEW WEBSITE</b>	
<b>GARDENS OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT</b>	Rescheduled for 23 -27 May 2021.	<p>With the invaluable help of Club Member, Christeen Davis, during the summer, we have been working on a new Website for the Club which, with Christeen's help, we will be able to manage ourselves in the future.</p> <p>We will be finalising its publication shortly and will let you know as soon as you are able to browse!</p>	
<b>GARDENS OF YORKSHIRE</b>	Rescheduled for 4-7 July 2021		
<p>Some 2020 travellers have agreed to join the postponed tours whilst others have opted for a refund. We do not yet have an update on numbers from Brightwater but it is likely that there will be an opportunity for Members to join the rescheduled trips. Further information will be issued when available.</p>		<p><b>Botanic Gardens re-opening 18 September</b></p> <p><a href="https://botanic-garden.bristol.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/the-reopening-of-the-garden/">https://botanic-garden.bristol.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/the-reopening-of-the-garden/</a></p>	

## CLICK AND COLLECT BULB SALE

SEPTEMBER 2020

NAME and DESCRIPTION	PHOTOGRAPH	PRICE
<b>DAFFODILS</b>		
<b>Topolino</b> Height – 15cm. cream petals with yellow trumpet. Flowers Mar.		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Hawera (Triandus)</b> Height - 20cm. 2-3 drooping yellow flowers per stem. Flowers May		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>W. P. Milner</b> Height – 25cm. pale-yellow petals and cups. Flowers mid-Mar		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Surfside (Cyclamineus)</b> Height – 30cm. Opens creamy primrose and ages to white. Reflexed petals. Flowers Feb/Apr.		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Beautiful Eyes (Jonquilla)</b> Height 30cm, scented, creamy petals with orange cup. Flowers Mar/Apr.		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Blushing Lady (Jonquilla)</b> Height – 35cm, scented, 2-3 flowers per stem, butter-yellow petals with salmon-pink cups. Flowers Mar/Apr		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Kedron (Jonquilla)</b> Height – 30cm, scented, yellow petals with orange cups. Flowers Apr/May		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Jack Snipe (Cyclamineus)</b> Height – 25 cm. White petals with golden cup. Flowers early Mar.		£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Baby Boomer (Jonquilla)</b> Height – 20cm, scented, 6-8 golden-yellow flowers per stem. Flowers Apr.		£2 for 5 bulbs

<b>TULIPS</b>		
<p><b>Turkish Delight (Greigii)</b>            Height – 30 cm. Outside rose-red edged white. When open creamy-white inside with a dark centre. Variegated leaves. Flowers Mar/Apr</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Toronto (Greigii)</b>            Height – 30cm. Salmon/orange. 2-3 flowers per stem. Flowers – Apr.</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Orange Emperor (Fosteriana)</b>            Height – 40 cm. Orange with pale yellow base. Flowers - Apr</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Queen of the Night</b>            Height – 60 cm. Deep, velvet maroon. Flowers – May.</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Clusiana Annika (Species)</b>            Height – 20 cm. Salmon to dark fuchsia pink. Flowers - Apr</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Slawa (Triumph)</b>            Height – 40 cm. Deep red-purple with orange-pink edges. Flowers – Late Apr/May</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Humilis Violaacea (Species)</b>            Height 15 cm. Magenta flowers with black base. Flowers Mar/Apr.</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Hageri Splendens (Species)</b>            Height – 20 cm. Crimson-scarlet. 3-5 flowers per stem. Flowers Apr.</p>		£2 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Honky Tonk (Species)</b>            Height 20-25 cm. Cream-yellow with pink fluted. Lemon inside. Flowers Mar/Apr</p>		£1.50 for 5 bulbs
<p><b>Turkestanica (Species)</b>            Height – 20 cm. Cream-white with lemon base. Up to seven flowers per stem. Flowers Mar.</p>		£1.50 for 5 bulbs

<b>ALLIUMS</b>			
<b>Aflatunense 'Purple Sensation'</b> Height 75cm. Flowers May			£1.50 for 5 bulbs
<b>Atropurpureum</b> Height 60 cm. Flowers May/Jun.			£2 for 5 bulbs
<b>Multibulbosum Nigrum</b> Height – 60 cm. Flowers May/Jun			£1.50 for 5 bulbs
<b>Sphaerocephalon</b> Height – 60 cm. Flowers Jun.			£1 for 5 bulbs
<b>CROCUS</b>			
<b>Chrysanthus Ard Schenk (Species)</b> Pure White. Flowers Feb.			£1.50 for 10 bulbs
<b>Chrysanthus Cream Beauty (Species)</b> Cream flowers with orange stamens. Flowers Feb.			£1.50 for 10 bulbs
<b>Tommasinianus Ruby Giant (Species)</b> Ruby-purple. Flowers Feb/Mar.			£1.50 for 10 bulbs
<b>Chrysanthus Etruscus Rosalind (Species)</b> Blue-ish with orange stamens. Flowers Feb/Mar.			£1.50 for 10 bulbs
<b>FRITILLARIES</b>			
<b>Meleagris (Snakeshead)</b> Flowers Apr/May.			£1 for 5 bulbs
<b>Meleagris Alba</b> Flowers Apr/May.			£1.50 for 5 bulbs

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**HAPPY BULB PLANTING!**