



# HENLEAZE GARDEN CLUB

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"She turned to the sunlight,  
And shook her yellow head,  
And whispered to her neighbour,  
"Winter is dead"

AA Milne - When We Were Very Young



As we move towards Spring and daylight lengthens, the main growing season is beginning and there are so many exciting things to look forward to, not only in the garden, but also at Garden Club. Booking has now opened for our Day Trips, details of which are shown overleaf. Lists will be posted up at the April meeting advising Members which trips they are booked onto. The residential trip to Yorkshire is now full. There is still some availability for the Isle of Wight. Pat Dury, Jane Edwards and I are busy researching and booking speakers for the 2021 Programme.

## THE SALES TABLE

### April, May & June 2020

The next three months are usually the busiest ones for the Sales Table, certainly in terms of donations from club members. Once again, we ask you to remember HGC when you are sowing seeds, dividing perennials and generally wondering what to do with any surplus plants you may have. We would be delighted if you donated them to the Sales Table!

From 18.50 onwards, at the April, May and June meetings, please bring along any suitable plant matter you have for us to sell: be it seedlings or rooted cuttings or divisions; be it flower, fruit or vegetable; be it annual, biennial or perennial; be it in a small pot or a large pot. As long as it is in *good condition, disease, slug and weed-free and clearly labelled* we will be delighted to accept your donation. My only caveat is that you are a horticulturally discerning lot, hence the italics!

Even if you have nothing to donate, you can always help the Club by buying from the Sales Table. Please do come and browse. There is no such thing as a gardener with no room for a new plant: we always manage to find a space somewhere. Last year we raised just over £1150 for which, thank you all very much. The money helps the Speakers' sub-committee by enabling them to book some high-profile speakers (and therefore more expensive) to the Club. So, we all enjoy the benefits of the Sales Table, one way or another.  
**Sue Knight**

## Residential Trips

A big Thank You to everyone who completed the questionnaire about the Residential trips. We think it is important that the Club is providing activities that you value and your feedback has given us a better understanding about what you think about these trips. 124 of you completed the questionnaire (54% of the membership) and of these, 89 stated they would consider going on a future trip.

You will be pleased to know that we shall be continuing to offer Residential Trips and will be considering the gardens of Cornwall for 2021. Members who have been on previous trips liked the format e.g. having a horticultural expert as the guide, inclusive BBD and setting off from Henleaze, and we shall aim to keep these features.

Also, many of you commented about how much you enjoy the Day Trips. These will remain a key feature of our summer calendar  
**Sophie Bindloss**

## THE NEW MEMBERS' COFFEE MORNING

in January was a resounding success and will become an annual event!

## By the way!

We have discovered that the father-in-law of our February speaker, Margie Hoffnung was the 1950's musician, humourist and cartoonist, Gerard Hoffnung. You can find several of his hilarious monologues on U-tube.

## Coming up soon

**1 April**

**The Wonderful World of Salvias**

**Janet Buist**

**6 May**

**Succession Planting**

**Fergus Garrett**

**3 June**

**Year Round Veg Growing**

**Sally Nex**

## Day Trips 2020

### Day Visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

**Wednesday 17 June Depart 8.30 am Return 6.30 pm Cost: £32 for coach and admission to gardens.**

From Victorian glasshouses to an Alpine rock garden, there is so much to see at Kew. Stroll along the fabulous broadwalks to the Palm House, through the Japanese landscape or take the Kew Explorer train tour (£5) for a more leisurely introduction. Don't miss the amazing Temperate House and perhaps try the tree walk. Visit the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Kew Palace, the Marianne North Gallery or the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art. There are a number of cafes/restaurants to choose from including the Victoria Gate Café and the Orangery (best for lunch – self service) or bring a picnic if you prefer. [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org)

### Day Visit to Usk Open Gardens

**Sunday 28 June Depart 9.30 am Return 5 pm. Cost £18 for coach and Garden Passport.**

Usk is an historic market town on the banks of the river Usk, 10 miles north of Newport. It has won the Britain in Bloom Large Village Award. On the last weekend in June around 20 of its private gardens are open to the public. These gardens are beautiful, varied and of a very high standard. Some have won awards from ITV's Britain's Best Gardens, RHS Wales' best front garden and Wales in Bloom's best front garden and school garden. In addition, Usk Castle, the Rural Life Museum and the Victorian Courthouse will be open. Refreshments and meals will be available at numerous cafés and pubs. There is a Gardeners' Market and a free minibus service around the town. [www.uskopengardens.com](http://www.uskopengardens.com)

### Afternoon visit to The Courts (NT), near Bradford-on-Avon

**Thursday 16 July Depart 13.30pm Return 6pm**

**Cost £18 for coach and admission  
(NT Members £12)**

The Courts is a Grade II listed English country garden designed by past owners and gardeners and contains rooms of different styles: herbaceous borders, topiary, a water garden, an arboretum, a kitchen garden, an apple tunnel and a sunken garden. Stroll through this hidden gem before treating yourself at the Rose Garden Tea Room. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-courts-garden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-courts-garden)

**See you next time!**

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