



DISLEY & LYME *Horticultural Society*



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MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES:

Please come along to support the society's events and help raise both your horticultural knowledge and help raise funds for the Society's annual show.

RECENT EVENTS

19th March & 23rd April

Plant, cake and book sales along with raffles at well attended Coffee mornings at High Lane and Disley help swell the society coffers, many thanks for those who attended and helped out.

16th April Society Coach Outing

The Harrogate Spring Show and the RHS Harlow Carr Gardens never fails to live up to expectations and a good time was had by all who took this trip.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18th and 19th June Wells Dressing

Disley and Newtown are hosting their first Wells Dressing during the week end of the 18th & 19th June. The Society is committed to providing a two foot square dressings board and our Ram logo has been chosen as our theme for this board. We have set the date for the dressing preparation works from Saturday 11th June to potentially the 14th but the committee needs your help. If any members would like to be involved with the societies efforts please contact Mavis on 01663 762347. We will also need an array of seeds, cones, shells and the like to form the collage, can you help?

19th June Society Coach Outing

Gardeners World Live at the NEC in Birmingham is usually a very popular trip but for some reason this trip has not reached its reserved numbers and regrettably we have had to cancel. Sincere apologies to those adversely affected by this turn of events.

2nd July 10am to Noon

Coffee morning, plant sales and raffle at Disley Community Centre.

10th July Gardens Open Day & Cream teas.



This year we are returning to a favourite garden at 22 Lyme Road, Disley where with the support of Anne Duncker we are hosting a garden picnic of scones and tea.

Supported by hopefully a number of other local gardens including that of Chris & Jenny Baker at 1 Lyme Road plus plant sales this promises to be a fine afternoon. Maps and details will be available at 22 Lyme Road on the day which runs from 2pm to 5pm.

104th Disley Show - from noon on Saturday 20th August

The Disley Show is again being held at Disley Amalgamated Sports Club. Planning is well advanced and we would advise that this year's show opener will be Councillor Harold Davenport. We have already advised on photography and Flower arranging classes and over the page you will find details of the new recipe for the cookery section and an interesting new addition to the show, an allotments challenge! As ever we need volunteers to help in the run up to the show and on actual Show Day. Mavis Whitehead would be happy to discuss how you could help us out, even an hour or two would be helpful and you don't need any specialist knowledge just lots of enthusiasm!

10th September 10am to Noon

Coffee Morning, and raffle at **High Lane Library.**

24th September Society Coach Outing.

The Malvern Show is a new venue for the society but one we hope will prove a great success. The show promises a mix of harvest festival and country show. Peter Thomas would be happy to receive your booking.

8th October 10am to Noon.

Coffee Morning, Bulb sales and raffle at High Lane Village Hall

3rd December- Friday 8:15pm

Society AGM, Disley Community Centre. We will have the usual mulled wine and mince pies, so come along and have your say. We are starting slightly later at 8:15pm to ensure you don't miss the traditional tree lighting and carol singing on Ram Green.

GENERAL TASKS THIS MONTH

1. Beware of late frosts and keep vulnerable plants and new shoots protected at night if air frost is forecast.
2. Deadhead daffodils and narcissi, give them a liquid feed or sprinkling of bone meal and then let them die down. Don't cut off or fold back the leaves as their die back is necessary to replenish the bulb. Also keep deadheading spring bedding to keep it looking neat and to encourage a final flush of new flowers.
3. Now is the time to WAGE WAR on slugs and snails. They love delicious young shoots so use pet-friendly slug pellets (sparingly) and drench the ground around hosts with liquid slug killer to exterminate slugs hiding below the surface of the ground.

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Special offers for Society Members.

1. Are you a Society member if so do you want 2012 Society membership for nothing? Read on. We are offering members' free subscription for 2012; all you have to do is introduce three new members within this year. To claim your reward please ensure that your new member highlights their introduction to Mary Milburn when they pay their subscriptions that you are their sponsor, Mary will do the rest.

2. Strikes / Brookside. Your current membership entitles you to a 10% discount at Brookside when you purchase plants*. However we are advised that this discount provision is to be withdrawn on 30th June 2011. However don't despair, Brookside Garden Centre is offering Society members a special introductory offer of half price membership to their Garden Club. Membership of this club is usually £10 but this year society members will only pay £5 and in doing so will maintain the opportunity to keep their 10% discount on plant purchases*. The benefits however don't stop there; Society members joining the Brookside club will also be rewarded with a £5 garden centre voucher and 24 free coffee or tea vouchers, worth over £33! In effect this is better than free membership! The society will have Brookside club membership forms available for members in May, please contact Mary Milburn to take up this opportunity. Not a current Horticultural Society member? Well don't lose out, here is the application form!

(*excludes any special offers, seeds, bulbs, turf, artificial plants and flowers, free Christmas trees or plants already reduced)

Membership Application / Renewal


Name:

Address

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Email

Cheques payable to Disley & Lyme Horticultural Society

Adults £3 Children 50p

Post to: Mary Milburn, 74 Cromley Road, High Lane, Stockport, Cheshire.

Please note, new business card style membership cards are now available.

2011 SHOW CLASS NEWS

Regulars will know that within the Cookery section of the August show we have a special bakery class using a set recipe. This year we are setting the challenge of producing four decorated cupcakes to the following recipe.

3¹/₂ oz butter, softened, 3¹/₂ oz caster sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

2 eggs, 3¹/₂ oz plain flour, Pinch salt, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp milk.

Preheat the oven to 160° C, Gas Mark 2-3. Line the muffin tin with 6 paper cases. Cream the butter and sugar; add the vanilla, then the eggs one at a time, beating well between each one.

Add the flour, salt and baking powder until just combined, Add tsp of milk if mixture is a bit stiff. Put the mixture into the paper cases and bake for 25-

30 minutes, or until the cakes spring back slightly when pressed. Decorate as you wish when cold. Note the recipe should produce 6 decent sized cakes, so perhaps you could consider donating your spares to the Society cake stall. With plenty of notice for practice we hope that this class will be well supported.

ALLOTMENTS SHOW CHALLENGE

This year local allotments will be competing at the Show for a new trophy to be awarded to the best displayed collection of named vegetables produced by an allotment. Pride & reputations are at stake and this promises to be an interesting team challenge. Paul Green of High Lane Allotments has taken up the challenge of co-ordinating the event.

FRIENDS of DISLEY SHOW

Last year we re-introduced the 'Friends of Disley' show for those wishing to offer a small donation to support our annual Show and its aims and ambitions. Do you want to be our Friend, if so then please contact our new Show Secretary, Dean Stafford – details can be found below.

Members Corner

Small electric lawn mower £5 contact Brian on 01663765130

If you have any more horticultural related items you wish to sell, or donate contact Chris on 01663 763530 and she will advertise for free in the next newsletter.

"Good Gardening"
Hope to see you at our forthcoming events.

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