

## GARDEN GROUP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021

In order to keep you fully informed of our garden related activities, it is my intention to produce our own e-newsletter every month which will come out around the beginning of the month as a gentle reminder of that month's activities.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR NOTING IN YOUR DIARY

- 10<sup>th</sup> September: Open garden visit to Mere Cottage, Stourton by Stow. Entrance charge £6. 2 p.m./4 p.m.  
**Pre-booking with Jane is essential.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> September: Monthly meeting with ~~Pam Tatam "Starting from Scratch"~~. Gail and John Summerfield  
 "Spring Bulbs" with wide variety for sale. See below.
- 21<sup>st</sup> September: Coach excursion to the new RHS garden Bridgewater near Salford. £40 to include entrance.  
**Pre-booking with Jane is essential.** See below.
- 20<sup>th</sup> October: Monthly meeting with ~~Gail and John Summerfield "Spring bulbs" with wide variety for sale.~~  
 Pam Tatam "Starting from Scratch".
- 17<sup>th</sup> November: Monthly meeting. Christmas wreath-making workshop. **Pre-booking essential and likely charge of £20 to include all materials.**
- 7<sup>th</sup> December: **CHANGE OF REGULAR DATE.** Christmas afternoon tea party.
- 19<sup>th</sup> January: Ben Preston from Perennial the Gardener's charity "York Gate through a Head Gardener's Eye".



**15<sup>th</sup> September.** Many of you will know Pam Tatam who is our speaker on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. Pam lives at Hall Farm, Harpswell on the Gainsborough Road. If you have lived in the area for some time you will remember her nursery which was always a real gem for gardeners. Her 3 acre garden encompasses formal and informal areas, a sunken garden, a courtyard garden with rill, a walled Mediterranean garden, giant chess set, and a flower and grass meadow. It is a short walk to the medieval moat, which surrounds over an acre of wild

semi-woodland garden with picnic table, benches and 'beach'.

Pam is opening her garden soon (see below). At our meeting she will help with lots of advice about how to create a garden and some of the mistakes to avoid.

### **OTHER GARDEN ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Want to identify a plant?** <https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/publications/plant-finder>

It would be good if you could **recommend any nearby nurseries** so we can share the details with our garden group members. Do you have a favourite?

#### **NGS Open Gardens this month:**

29<sup>th</sup> August at Dunholme Lodge, Welton Road, Dunholme, LN2 3QA from 11 a.m./5 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> September at Hall Farm, Gainsborough, DN21 5UU from 1 p.m./5 p.m.

26<sup>th</sup> September at Goltho House, Wragby, LN8 5NF. Open from 12/4 p.m.

**Facebook.** If you are on Facebook you might like to visit The Gardening Bubble which gives lots of gardening tips.

**Zoom garden lectures.** Lincolnshire Hardy Plant Society invites anyone to join them for zoom lectures. 18<sup>th</sup> September 2 p.m. "Seeds – Time Capsules of Life". Currently curator of the Botanic Garden at Ruhr-University in Bochum, Germany, Dr. Wolfgang Stuppy spent 18 years as a botanist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Starting out as Threatened Plants Officer in 1999, he soon took on the role of Kew's Seed Morphologist to support Kew's Millennium Seed Bank Partnership. In a pioneering SciArt collaboration, scientist Dr. Wolfgang Stuppy and artist Prof. Rob Kessler used the scanning electron microscope (SEM) to explore the astonishing microcosm of seeds and fruits. Whilst Wolfgang Stuppy provided the scientific expertise to manoeuvre their way through the bewildering diversity of plants, Kessler turned the black-and-white images obtained with the SEM into sumptuously coloured works of art. In this talk, Dr. Stuppy will take you on a hitherto unseen journey into the world of seeds and fruits, revealing their intricate and often bafflingly unlikely structures and how they enable plants to survive in their different environments. £5 p.p.

To make a booking contact Jane below.

### THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN

September is a wonderful time in the garden. The kitchen garden is an abundance of produce and the flower borders are bursting with red cannas and crocosmias, bronze and yellow heleniums, ginger, sunflowers, grasses and rudbeckias, and sometimes the very bright colours of hydrangeas, cosmos, verbenas, salvias, asters and dahlias. Keep deadheading, particularly the dahlias and cosmos, to get lots more flowers.

When working in your garden you could pot up little seedlings or take and plant cuttings and when established bring to our monthly meetings for sale or to swap.

### REPORT OF RECENT EVENTS



In July we opened our first member's garden in Middle Rasen. The garden looked wonderful and Jackie and Derek were pleased to share their garden knowledge and helped us identify their plants. There were many pathways for you to explore with summer colourful beds, a pond, a shaded woodland area, a Japanese reflective area and lots of pots full of glorious dahlias and agapanths. We were treated to tea and cake and very much enjoyed meeting each other again after such a long break.

In August we visited the second garden in Claxby, the home of Pat and David, another of our members. Wold Haven garden is around three quarters of an acre consisting of various areas of interest. At the front there is a steep bank with a selection of spring flowers and shrubs planted under two mature ash trees. Bordering the drive there are two gravel gardens with various grasses, heathers and conifers. By the wall in summer is a collection of aeoniums. At the rear of the house there are herbaceous borders and beds, a rose garden, fruit and vegetable plots and a tropical garden. They can all be viewed from lawns or paths.



There are three greenhouses with the largest containing the summer tender fruits and vegetables. Pat and David made everyone very welcome.

It has been lovely to get out again and our thanks to the garden hosts for opening up for us.

### **EXCURSION TO RHS BRIDGEWATER, NEAR SALFORD, GREATER MANCHESTER**

We still have a couple of places left on this coach excursion on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you still wish to make a booking please contact Jane urgently.

For all those who have made a booking please note Jane will be sending you an e-mail a few days before the excursion with all the details you need, so please check your e-mails. If you don't have an e-mail address and can't give an alternative Jane will phone you over the previous weekend.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We meet every third Wednesday (unless otherwise stated) from 2 p.m./4 p.m. at the New Life Church in Serpentine Street, Market Rasen, LN8 3AR. Entrance fee is £3.00

To pay for one of our excursions you can pay by cheque and make payable to West Wolds u3a and send your cheque to Jane Guy at 14 Jubilee Ave., Faldingworth, Nr. Market Rasen, LN8 3FF or pay by BACS and quote 'garden' to Lloyds Bank; a/c West Wolds U3A, Sort code 30-96-09, account No 71220968.

If you no longer wish to belong to the Garden Group or receive this newsletter please let Jane know.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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