



WEST WOLDS u3a GARDEN GROUP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR NOTING IN

YOUR DIARY

2022

- 16th September Summer cream tea at Jane's. **NEW DATE.** Booking essential.
- 21st September Monthly meeting. Don Whitton "**Late Herbaceous Perennials**".
- 29th September Coach excursion to Renishaw Hall, Derbys. Booking essential.
- 19th October: Monthly meeting. Peter Williams "**People, Plants, Places**".
- 16th November: Monthly meeting. Geoff Hodges "**Life and Times of a Garden Editor**". Geoff is a Garden writer, broadcaster & horticultural consultant.
- 20th December: Monthly meeting. Janette Merillion, garden designer "**The sensual garden**".

2023

- 18th January TBC
- 1st February 10 a.m./1 p.m. Workshop on apple grafting to be held at Snitterby Carr Farm run by Patty Phillips. All materials provided and you get to take your own rootstock home with you too. £25.00. Pre-booking is essential with Jane.
- 15th February Alan Mason "Life of a Gardener".
- 15th March Monthly meeting. Steffie Shields "**Impressions of Lincs**" sharing aspects and stories of Lincolnshire gardens both historic or contemporary, and places you might like to visit.
- 19th April: Monthly meeting. Linda Clark from the Spotted Dog Flower Company will make up a bouquet of flowers and then donate them as one of our raffle prizes.

OTHER GARDEN ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Bring a flower/plant to any of our meetings which we can try to identify for you.

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

[Rhs.org.uk/sustainabilitytips](https://www.rhs.org.uk/sustainabilitytips)

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN

August – what can I say? For most of the month I could not get a fork into the ground and then it rained hard but I got Covid and had no energy! Let's move on to September and energy nearly restored.



Some colour is appearing in my garden again, asters, rubekias, dahlias, roses giving a second show (See picture), penstemens and salvias.

Now is the perfect time to mulch in the garden. All those leaves you saved last Autumn should now be making good compost, or you may have been shredding small woody twigs, both can be added to the soil now to improve it ready for next year but also to give some added protection from the winter frosts.

Did you dig up any of your bulbs after they had flowered? I had forgotten about them but found them in my shed and ready for removing the dead foliage and preparing ready for planting again. Some bulbs such as early daffodils and crocuses can now be planted.

With the heavy rain we have had, the weeds are popping up everywhere. I am trying to stay on top of it. My driveway has them springing up everywhere between the pavers so a bit of a challenge, as I find the only real way to tackle this is to get down on my hands and knees.

Finally, it is a great time to dig up some self-seeders and put them somewhere else where there is a bare patch, or better still pot them up and bring them to the Garden Group for others to enjoy.

WHAT'S COMING?

Cream tea at Jane's home in Faldingworth on Friday, 16th September, 2/4 p.m.

Our garden group was re-set after Covid and has now been operating continuously for just over a year and during the pandemic some of us thought we might never get back to normal. Whilst we still have to be careful of course it is great to be able to meet together again and enjoy gardening, listening to garden type lectures, visiting other people's gardens, go on occasional day excursions and take a wonderful holiday

together as well. So it is time to celebrate! If you would like to come to mine on Friday 16th September, please contact me to let me know or I may not have enough cups to go round!

Monthly meeting on Wednesday, 21st September 2/4 p.m.

We're off again for another season of meeting monthly at The New Life Church and I am very much looking forward to welcoming you back. We have a new list of speakers to give us gardening tips and share their knowledge. We start with Don Whitton who is talking about "Late Herbaceous Perennials" so very topical for this time of the year.

Don is a retired schoolteacher. He has been a gardener for over 40 years and an avid 'Hardy Planter' (hardy herbaceous perennials) for 30 years. Don has a passion for hardy perennials in general and Euphorbias in particular. He holds a Plant Heritage National Collection of hardy Euphorbia which has been featured on B.B.C. television (twice) and in numerous gardening magazines including the R.H.S. journal The Garden, and Gardens Illustrated. Don is a nurseryman, running a small nursery specialising in hardy perennials and a large range of Euphorbias, and an author, having written books and articles about Euphorbias. For over 20 years Don has lectured extensively to a variety of groups all over the country.

Coach excursion to Renishaw Hall, Derbyshire on Thursday, 29th September



We have an early Autumn excursion to Renishaw Hall, just outside Sheffield, which has a lovely garden as well as a beautiful Hall. We have organised a guided tour of the Hall and coach to take us there. Booking forms available from Jane. Cost £35 to include coach, driver's tip, entrance to the gardens and a

guided tour of the Hall. There are just a couple of seats left now. If you have booked a place Jane will contact you a few days before departure to give you the final joining instructions.

CALLING ALL GROUP MEMBERS - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

I am now looking to get up a rota again to organise the refreshments for the meetings starting again in September. If you would like to put your name down I would be very grateful. If everyone does this then it will probably only be necessary once a year!

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 from September to April. Entrance fee is £3.00 which includes a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. There will also be a raffle. In the summer months we arrange visits to local beautiful gardens, some private visits and some open under the National Garden Scheme.

To **pay** for one of our events you can pay by cheque and make it 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. Jane is also available at the u3a general meeting on the second Thursday of every month as well as at the Garden Group meetings.

It is crucial that you make an early booking for any **coach excursion** as we will be offering these to other u3a members in Market Rasen and we now have an arrangement with our neighbouring u3a in Welton and Horncastle to offer them unsold seats on our day excursions. You of course have first refusal for a short window.

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

DISCLAIMER

All our garden events, except the annual holiday, are NOT covered by any insurance. For the holiday we are covered by ABTA, e.g. if the holiday is cancelled because of Covid, any payments made will be recoverable, and individuals are offered personal cover, e.g. if cancelling the holiday because of ill-health or if you have an accident on the holiday. This personal insurance is optional.

CONTACT DETAILS

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