

# National Garden Scheme Open Gardens

The booklet for the Yorkshire open gardens is now available from the Admission Table.

We are pleased to see that we have quite a few locally to visit such as Flockton, Honley, Scapegoat Hill and Dalton.

There are quite a few new ones as well if you want to venture further afield.

For more information visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

Another good source for discovering open gardens is [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk) which is run by a group of gardening enthusiasts and is financed by crowd funding.



Harrogate Spring Flower Show will be held 21 – 24 April 2022 at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8NZ.

Tickets purchased online in advance will save you £3 (more cash to spend on plants!!)

[www.flowershow.org.uk](http://www.flowershow.org.uk)

## Growing Newsome

They are getting started sowing lots of seeds so that they have plenty of plants to share with you at their next Big Plant Swap. If you don't have the date in your diary already, it's on Saturday 21st May, from 10am to 1pm at Newsome Scout Hall.

### Sow something, share something

It would be great if you can sow a few extra seeds this Spring to share with other growers. And if there are any varieties of plants that you'd really like to be able to find at their Plant Swap event, please let them know by emailing

[growingnewsome@gmail.com](mailto:growingnewsome@gmail.com)

and they'll do their best to get them ready for you.

[www.growingnewsome.org](http://www.growingnewsome.org)

A large, stylized word "Spring" in a flowing, handwritten font.



# BLUEBELL GARDEN CLUB

[www.bluebellgardenclub.co.uk](http://www.bluebellgardenclub.co.uk)

## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Next Month's Meeting :

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30pm**

A talk by John Cullen

### A healthy obsession with Achilleas

John Cullen Gardens rose from the ashes of redundancy. The business initially offered garden design and maintenance in North London, but then quickly moved into commercial growing.

They grow strong healthy plants which are tended to by hand at their nursery in beautiful rural Lincolnshire. They specialise in plants for pollinators, and fine scented and edible plants.

Holders of the National Collection of Achillea millefolium. Exhibitors at RHS Flowers shows since 2015, with over 30 RHS medals and have been featured on BBC Gardeners World.



Tatton Park Flower Show 2018

### Bob Flowerdew

We are pleased to confirm that the talk by Bob Flowerdew will now go ahead on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Tickets for the event will be on sale at the May meeting.



The cost will be £5 for club members and £10 for guests.



# A Few Jobs for April

Extracts from the "RHS Gardening through the Year" book

## Pests are on the move now with the warmer weather.

Get on top of any problems as soon as you spot them and nine times out of ten you can stop them getting a hold.

## Give borders a tidy up.

Set aside a morning or afternoon to go round the garden doing those small jobs that make all the difference to its appearance. Lightly fork over the soil, pulling out any weeds.

Any plants taking up too much space and growing across other plants can be lightly pruned into shape to keep them looking tidy. Don't be too hard with the pruning or you may cut off all this year's flowers. Put in plant supports as you go.

## Watch out for self-sown seedlings in the borders.

It is amazing just how many plants seed themselves freely around the garden. A lot of hardy annuals seed quite prolifically and many shrubs and herbaceous perennials can, at times, almost become weeds.

## Remove frost-damaged shoots

Remove from any slightly tender evergreen shrubs like Choisya ternata (Mexican orange blossom).

## Check roses for aphids.

Rub or hose greenfly off to avoid using sprays.

## Cut back Lavender

It is a good idea to prune them every spring to keep them bushy and compact.

## Trim winter-flowering heathers

Use shears if you didn't do it earlier in the year.

## Prune shrubs grown for their colourful foliage

This applies to plants such as elder (*Sambucus*) and cotinus (smoke bush). The best-coloured foliage is produced by new stems, hence the reason for pruning hard now.

## Planting trees and shrubs

Plant container-grown trees and shrubs (not bare rooted)

## Bedding plants are appearing in the shops.

Most of these are tender so don't be tempted to buy and plant out even though the weather is improving.

They need to be hardened off and covered at night. If they get too cold they will check or even worse with frost they will die.

Only buy if you have frames or a greenhouse to put them in.

# Bluebell Garden

## Club Coach Trip

**Saturday : 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Burton Agnes Hall & Gardens

"Gardeners' Fair"



**Depart 9.30am and back by approx 6.00pm**

**(Lepton Methodist Church, Highgate Lane, Lepton)**

40+ stalls, talks and advice, walled garden tours, specialist talks and floral displays, miniature gardens, garden inspired art, chainsaw sculpture and alpacas to admire!

Access to the gardens is included. There is a café for food, pizzas with garden ingredients and ice creams also available.

Leaving about 4.000pm

There are 33 places available at a cost of £23 per person.

Pay in full to secure your place (to be paid by the beginning of May 2022)

To book please see Peter Hoyle

## Future Contributions

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