

November Competition :

The Last Rose of Summer

To participate, bring along a single rose, displayed in any type of container to the November meeting (any colour and any type of rose).

September's Auction :

Thanks to all those who contributed plants and items for the auction and to everyone who purchased them. It was a very lively evening hosted by Peter and ably assisted by Edward and we raised a splendid £158.

Twitter :

The Garden Club can now be found on Twitter

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Upcoming Events :

Growing Newsome Autumn Event

Saturday 12th October 2019, From 10am to 12 noon

Venue: Newsome Scout Hall, Newsome Road South HD4 6JJ

Further Information at www.growingnewsome.org.uk

RHS Harlow Carr

12 October : Meet the Alpine Experts : National Alpine Garden Society Show.

13 October : A smaller local Alpine Show.

30 October – 3 November : Northern Fruit Group Apple Display. Bring along your own home grown apples for identification.

Normal garden admission applies on all event days (RHS members go free). Please check before travelling.

RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 1QB

Further Information from <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr>

Future Contributions

Please submit any comments or contributions for future newsletters to Mary Harrison at 73 Pavilion Way, Meltham, Huddersfield, HD9 5QN. Or by

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Next Month's Meeting : 5th November 2019, 7:30pm

Seasonal Wreaths and Swags : A talk and demonstration by Margaret Christian

Margaret grew up in beautiful gardens, they were always part of her life, gardens, plants and flora became a river meandering through every facet of her working life.

Although life is not as hectic as it used be, she still demonstrates and arranges flowers for weddings and other events on a small scale which she finds less stressful!!!



Annual Subscriptions :

There are still some annual subscriptions outstanding. The subscription remains excellent value at £15 for the year. Jan has booked an interesting and varied range of speakers/demonstrators for the coming year. And as this is our 25th year there will be a little surprise each month for members. So, if you haven't renewed yet, a prompt payment would be appreciated.

Advance Notice :

Christmas Party, 3rd December

Just a reminder that the December meeting is our Christmas Party. Alison will be circulating a form for savoury and sweet donations. Previous years have been lively affairs with a bulging buffet table and some fun games.



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Winner of the Osteospermum competition : Ronwyn Holden

Congratulations to Marjorie Balmforth on receiving a Life Membership

in recognition of her length of service to the Garden Club (and for her sterling efforts selling raffle tickets to you all every month).



RHS Garden Bridgewater



Last month we visited the newest RHS garden which is currently under construction – RHS Garden Bridgewater in Manchester (Worsley/Salford). It was interesting to hear the history of the site and to hear the plans for the future.



Currently Phase 1 includes the Walled Garden, a Welcome Centre (including café), an Orchard Garden, a Learning Garden, a Childrens' Play area and a renovated Lake. Within the Walled Garden is a Paradise Garden, a Kitchen Garden and a Wellbeing Garden.

As they transform Bridgewater into a world-class garden, their Community Engagement Team are working with local communities to help them transform their own green spaces and get involved in creating the garden.



The impact of RHS Garden Bridgewater includes:

- Creation of over 140 jobs in the Garden.
- Opportunities for hundreds of volunteers.
- An apprenticeship scheme, bringing new employment opportunities.
- Training the horticulturists of tomorrow through the RHS School of Horticulture.
- Free school visits for up to 7,000 school children per year.
- Community gardening projects across the region.
- Partnerships with local health and social care providers, promoting the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening and nature.

The weather wasn't great when we visited, a bit grey and drizzly but we are looking forward to going back next summer, in better weather, to see the progress that has been made. As it is a construction site it was very muddy underfoot but it was well worth tramping through it, in particular to see the Berkshire Black pigs who have been doing a splendid job of clearing various parts of the site. We were assured that the pigs were residents for the long term and would not become bacon sandwiches in the café!



The site visiting dates are released in batches depending on site accessibility and if you are interested in going, sign up for the newsletter at www.rhs.org.uk/bridgewater and you will receive updates about availability.

We were told that an opening date would be announced imminently (expected to be late Summer 2020)

Mary and Jonathan Harrison



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