

# Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

August 2022

Dear Members,

We have done it. We have all survived the driest July since 1911. I bet that like me your arms ache from watering the garden. Despite this, the allotments are looking amazing.

## Summer Afternoon Cream Tea

I do hope that you are all looking forward to this event. Last year it was a great success. It will be held at Walberton Pavilion on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm**. As a thank you to our members, this event will be FREE for members and guests at £5.00 If you would like to attend **please register with Brenda Bailey on 01243 551481 or 07881552980 or [Bbailey93@btinternet.com](mailto:Bbailey93@btinternet.com). By Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. This is purely to help with the catering. During the afternoon Brian Bailey will be giving us some hints and tips on what to look for when choosing our exhibits and also how to stage them. I think that we could all learn a little something from his wealth of knowledge and experience.

## Autumn Flower Show

Before long, it will be time to turn our attention to our next and final flower Show of the year. The Autumn Show will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. Let's try to make it just as super as our previous shows. I hope that you agree with me that our previous two shows have really exceeded all expectations.

## Jobs to do in your garden in August

- Flowers are starting to produce seeds now, so take advantage of Nature's bounty and start collecting them. Label them carefully, including the date, and store them somewhere cool and dry.
- Deadhead perennials, especially dahlias, to keep them blooming through into September.
- Keep a lookout for blight on potatoes and tomato plants. Immediately remove and destroy any infected leaves to stop it spreading.

## **The Flower Borders**

- It's time to start planting autumn bulbs like nerines and colchicums for a last splash of colour. It's also time to start choosing and ordering next year's spring bulbs.

- Lavender can now be trimmed back to give it a good shape, but don't cut into the old wood.
- Water camellias and rhododendrons well this month while they develop next year's flower buds.
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs like Philadelphus (mock orange) and Cistus (rock rose) once the flowers have finished.
- Prune rambling roses, but keep as much as possible of this year's growth, as it will bear next year's flowers. Leave some faded flowers to turn into hips.

### **In the veg plot**

- Keep harvesting beans, carrots, courgettes, potatoes, onions and fruit. It is still not too late to sow another crop of French Beans & Water well for a good crop.
- Prune summer-fruiting raspberries and blackcurrants after harvesting.
- Plant out kale and winter cabbage seedlings, and sow chard and winter-hardy spring onions. Best cabbage to plant now is January King.
- Prune espalier and fan-trained fruit trees lightly, big prune in the Autumn.
- Remove strawberry runner to conserve the plants' energy, or peg them down to make new plants.
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6 <sup>th</sup> August	Lavant Flower Show, Village Hall, 2pm (One of my favourites)
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Open Garden – Fittleworth House, Nr Pulborough – NGS
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Felpham & Middleton Flower Show, St. Mary's Centre Felpham 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Bosham Flower Show, Village Hall 2pm (One of my favourites)
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Yapton Cottage Gardeners Annual Show & Summer Fayre.
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Arundel Farmers Market – Festival Special
20-29 <sup>th</sup> August	Arundel Festival. We have two local venues taking part of the Gallery Trail. 1. The Forge Gallery, Blacksmiths Corner. 2. Cat & Kiwi Studio, Southdown Cottage, Yapton Lane, Walberton.

Happy Gardening and looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Your Committee, Liz Hewson, Brenda Bailey, Ann Cannings, Doug Callander & Sue Atkins