

# Leyland Gardening Society. February 2015



The AGM last month was a very entertaining evening. After the committee delivered their reports we had a interesting talk and some food. The food on the Jacob's Join was superb and I am sure everyone enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all the members who supplied the food.

Donna Rowe-Green founder of **Dig In North West** gave a very interesting and heart-warming talk from the conception of the idea in 2012 to the present day.

She had an idea to create a Therapeutic Garden for Military Veterans, Preston City Council said she could use an overgrown and neglected hidden walled garden in Ashton Park Preston, which has developed over the past few years. It is not a talking therapy nor a commercially driven market garden. It is merely a place to meet people who have a shared experience, to come together and support each other.



The service is free, and exclusively available to the military community. They welcome Veterans of any age and from any service, those still serving but are maybe wounded, injured or sick. They can join for some gardening, carpentry, photography, a chat, and even a brew or two.

The talk was concluded by Jim (one of the Veterans) giving an account of his experience being involved with the project. Although the Gardens are not open to the public it may be possible to arrange our evening visit and have a look round. More information nearer the time.

If you would like more information contact Donna, on 07810128019 or [info@diginnorthwest.org](mailto:info@diginnorthwest.org).

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**The meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February is on the subject of the talk is Photography in the Garden with Peter Cordall.**

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*You are born with 300 bones, by the time you are an adult you will have 206.*

## Events at the National Vegetable Society Lancashire District Association

Thursday 12th February	<b>Onions</b> with David Metcalfe FNVS (new digital presentation)
Thursday 12th March	<b>Growing Better Veg This Season</b> with David Thornton FNVS
Thursday 9th April	<b>Growing in a Small Garden</b> with Keith Abel FNVS

Meetings start at 7.30PM ... EVERYONE WELCOME ... ENTRY BY DONATION ... RAFFLE

MEETINGS HELD AT THE RIBCHESTER SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB .RIBCHESTER, PRESTON, LANCS, PR3 3YE

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT PAUL HENSHAW FNVS ... PHONE 01254 878145

*When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.*

**Gardening with Phil  
At Ribblesdale Nurseries  
A Series of talk's  
Designed to encourage and inspire**

All talks on Tuesday's at 7 for 7.30pm  
March 3rd ... Summer Bulbs  
March 17th ... Seed Sowing Workshop with edible  
flowers (£5)  
April 7th ... Pest & Disease Control  
April 21st ... Low maintenance gardening  
May 5th ... Roses  
May 19th ... Basket Workshop (£15)  
June 2nd ... Ponds & Aquatic Plants  
June 16th ... Climbers  
July 7th ... Plants for Shade  
July 21st ... Herbs  
Aug. 4th ... Fun with Foliage  
Sept. 8th ... Spring Bulbs - a different take  
Sept. 22nd ... Late Season Perennial  
Oct. 6th ... Winter Container  
Oct. 20th ... Gardeners Questions Q&A  
Dec 1st ... Wreath Workshop (£10)

Places limited to 30 due to space.  
Admission £2 (except workshops),  
(Incl. refreshments) by ticket only  
Tickets available via web site,  
Telephone or from the nursery  
[www.ribblesdalenurseries.co.uk](http://www.ribblesdalenurseries.co.uk)



*Please keep saving the stamps  
for Chris Costigan. Could you  
please bring them to any  
meeting. Thank You...*

**Why are many coin collection jar  
banks shaped like pigs?**

*Long ago, dishes and cookware in  
Europe were made of dense orange  
clay called 'pygg'. When people saved  
coins in jars made of this clay, the  
jars became known as 'pygg banks.'  
When an English potter misunderstood  
the word, he made a container that  
resembled a pig. And it caught on.*

**Ribblesdale Nurseries,  
Newsham Hall Lane,  
Woodplumpton, PR4 0AS  
and**

**Newgate Nurseries,  
75 Newgate Lane,  
Whitestake, PR4 4JU**

**Members can still get 10% discount  
on production of your membership card**

*As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.*



**British Lung Foundation Chorley & South Ribble Breathe Easy Support Group.**

Meets at Wrights Fold Community Centre Off Bent Lane, Leyland.

Meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

From 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm - refreshments served

If you can't stop for the whole meeting just pop in and have a cuppa

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is Exercise and Chat and the 4th Thursday is Speaker  
and Chat.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact... who will be delighted  
to help ...

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Michael and Susan Swarbrick 01772 451818

Peggy Allison 01772 421317

*I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her*

**Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day** is the 17<sup>th</sup> February preceding Ash Wednesday, The word shrove is the past tense of the English verb shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season

The children of the hamlet of Whitechapel, Lancashire keep alive a local tradition by visiting local households and asking "please a pancake", to be rewarded with oranges or sweets. It is thought the tradition arose when farm workers visited the wealthier farm and manor owners to ask for pancakes.

In England, as part of community celebration, many towns held traditional Shrove Tuesday "mob football" games, some dating as far back as the 12th century. The practice mostly died out in the 19th century after the passing of the Highway Act 1835 which banned playing football on public highways. A number of towns have maintained the tradition from Northumberland to Cornwall.

Shrove Tuesday was once known as a "half-holiday" in Britain. It started at 11 am with the ringing of a church bell. On Pancake Day, "pancake races" are held in villages and towns across the United Kingdom.

The tradition is said to have originated when a housewife from Olney, Buckinghamshire, was so busy making pancakes that she forgot the time until she heard the church bells ringing for the service. She raced out of the house to church while still carrying her frying pan and pancake. The pancake race remains a relatively common festive tradition in the UK, especially England, even today. Participants with frying pans race through the streets tossing pancakes into the air and catching them.

The most famous pancake race at Olney in Buckinghamshire, has been held since 1445. The contestants, traditionally women, carry a frying pan and race to over a 415 yard course to the finishing line. The rules are strict: contestants have to toss their pancake at both the start and the finish, as well as wear an apron and a scarf. Traditionally, when men want to participate, they must dress up as a housewife. The race is followed by a church service.

***A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.***

***A successful woman is one who can find such a man.***

### **Some jobs for this month**

- 1 Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- 2 Chit potato tubers
- 3 Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- 4 Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- 5 Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- 6 Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
- 7 Prune Wisteria
- 8 Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- 9 Prune conservatory climbers
- 10 Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

***A colony of 500 bats can eat approximately 250,000 insects in an hour.***

## Answers to the January "LATE CHRISTMAS QUIZ "

1	Merry Christmas, war is over	John Lennon
2	Merry Christmas everyone	Shakin' Stevens
3	Mistletoe and Wine	Cliff Richard
4	A Fairytale of New York	Rogues ft. Kirsty McCall
5	A Spaceman Came Travelling	Chris De Burgh
6	I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas	Bing Crosby
7	Rocking around the Christmas Tree	Brenda Lee/Kim Wilde
8	Stay Another Day	East 17
9	Mary's Boy Child	Boney M
10	When a Child is Born	Johnny Mathis
11	Do They Know it's Christmas?	Live Aid
12	I Wish it could be Christmas	Wizard
13	So Here it is Merry Christmas	Slade
14	All I want for Christmas	Mariah Carey
15	Merry Christmas to You	Des O'Connor
16	Last Christmas	Wham
17	It'll Be Lonely this Christmas	Mud
18	Can You Stop the Cavalry	Jonah Lewis
19	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Bruce Springsteen/ The Crystals
20	Walking in a Winter Wonderland	Several Artists
21	Little Drummer Boy	David Bowie/Bing Crosby Terry Wogan/Aled Jones
22	Run, Run Rudolph	Chuck Berry
23	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	Various Artists
24	Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow	Dean Martin
25	Frosty the Snowman	The Ronettes
26	Santa Baby	Eartha Kitt
27	It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas	Perry Como & The Fontaine Sisters
28	I believe in Father Christmas	Greg Lake
29	Driving Home for Christmas	Chris Rea
30	Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire	Val Doonican

## Shrove Tuesday Word Search

M F S X R W B I F T V R C F R  
 D R N T U A W J R F V U V K U  
 M Y F N O V G A Y R T H M P O  
 I I J A Z S D U J A M E M L L  
 X N H Y P I S F S C L R M H F  
 B G M X T M L I R E I U E M O  
 A P D I U S S Y N W O T Y A D  
 T A O Z H H Y B R G K X H N L  
 T N S A R G I D R A M I O H E  
 E R Y O G E M T U N U M K K U  
 R K V E G G S L J K E R A G M  
 U E F F B Z X K E L X C B I G  
 T U E S D A Y W O N N U L E Y  
 C I F W D C O B Y A T K R Y F  
 P J K B U R G J P K J O P P H

Batter	Eggs
Fryingpan	Lent
Mixture	Pancake
Shrove	Tradition
Sugar	Day
Flour	Lemon
Race	Milk
Tuesday	February
Nutmeg	Tossing
Mardigras	

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