

Leyland Gardening Society

July and August Newsletter 2017

July and August newsletters have been combined into one...



The June meeting was **Views from the Lytham Coastal Path**. The Friends of the Estuary believe that the coastal area should provide a clean, safe and welcoming environment for birds, marine life, animals, residents and visitors. The group meet at every Monday morning at the Lytham Lifeboat station. They pick litter from Lytham Quays up to and including Granny's Bay.

Plastic litter is killing a million sea birds each year worldwide. They showed a selection of some of the things cleared from the beach which included yellow plastic duck that had escaped from charity duck races.

In the past week a whale has just died off Britain's coast, with 45 plastic bags in its stomach. Plastic bag look like jellyfish to some sea animals.

The Estuary is one of the largest area of grazed saltmarsh in Britain and is of international importance for the passage and wintering wildfowl and waders it supports. It is the most important single estuary in Britain and is legally protected.

Thirty species of shark, including the Basking Shark, and many species of whales, dolphins and porpoises can be found round Britain, the most common being the harbour porpoise, bottle nose dolphins which pass through the Irish Sea. Leather backed turtles visit the Irish Sea each summer for their staple diet of jellyfish. Seals and Otters can also be seen in the Ribble Estuary.

Margaret Tyrell won the Les Fowler for June Challenge with an unusual and very pretty arrangement in a cup and saucer.



I think I can say without any contradiction this year's trip to the National Memorial Arboretum was one of the best trips we have had. The site covers 150 acres with more than 30,000 trees including all the British native species as well as many foreign varieties. With more than 300 memorials some may think it is a sad and depressing visit, but this is far from the truth. You can walk through woodlands and gardens, and the wild flower meadow with thousands of poppies are beautiful.

After Lunch in the restaurant we all had a tour of the site on the land train with a recorded commentary which gave an insight into the memorials and gardens. We spent the remainder of the day exploring. I could have spent more time looking round but we had to be back on the coach in time for the trip home. I would highly recommend a visit but give yourself a full day, it is a beautiful landscape and not depressing but makes you think. Thanks must go to Chris for organising a very memorable day out.



I neglected to tell you in last month newsletter that it was Derek Coatigan's 75th birthday on 26th June, Sorry about that Derek, but I am sure you will not object to receiving some late gifts

On the 14th July we have an evening visit to Ribblesdale Nurseries, Newsham Hall Lane, Woodplumpton, PR4 0AS... 7.00 for 7.30 pm... Remember you can get 10% Discount

Leyland Band... Brass Attack VI, Mass Band Concert at Lostock Hall Academy
Tickets £5 on the door... July 10th from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.



Open Garden Day for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation

Julia Harwood-Geall is having the Open Day on Saturday & Sunday, 22 & 23 July 2017 - 10 Forestway, Leyland, PR25 1HL

The event takes place between 1-5 p.m. Admission is £3, children free when accompanied with adults, refreshments and plants available. All proceeds to the £1.5 million DaVinci Xi Robotic Surgical System.

The Gardening Society have donated £100 to appeal for the eight-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos from Leyland who was killed in the Manchester bomb attack. We offer our deepest condolences to all of her family and friends



The Grand Show

Saturday 26th August 2017 Open to the Public 1 to 4 pm

St Ambrose Church Hall Moss Lane, Leyland PR25 4QL

It is still not too late to enter and you do not have to be a member so ask your friends.

The classes cover a wide range which includes Roses, Dahlias, Fuchsias, Floral Art, Horticulture, Chrysanthemums, Cacti and Succulents, Fruit and Vegetables. Also **Photography and Handicrafts**. We have a Children's section covering a range of ages and subjects. Have a go at entering, it's easy

For information about the show or entry form ring Ione on 01772 433210 or Email ione.westall@tiscali.co.uk



If you are not exhibiting anything in the show please come and support the Society, Admission is by donation on the Saturday afternoon. You can have a go on the tombola and win a prize every time, buy raffle tickets and plants, get something from the craft stalls. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake, which must be the cheapest afternoon out in town. Come and see the Show and it might inspire you to enter next year, because the more entries we have the better the show becomes.



Wanted.... Prizes for the tombola and raffle and cakes for the afternoon tea at the Grand Show, Also plants for the plant stall. If you can donate anything please contact Brenda to arrange to drop them off or she will be happy to pick them up from you.

Visit the Gardens in Cornwall...Preston Gardening Society are organising a 5 day (4 nights) trip to Cornwall. The trip starts on Wednesday 23rd May 2018, it includes half board (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast) at the Eliot Hotel, Newquay. Also included in the price is full day visits to Heligan, Trebah Gardens and the R.H.S Rosemoor. The cost of the Trip is £287 per person + £25 single supplement. Holiday Insurance £18 pp. For more information please contact Steve Halliwell on 01772 768637.

Open Gardens in July



Croston Open Gardens... Sunday 9th July 2017 ...11.00am to 4.00pm Croston Old School will be a hub of activity on the day with a plant sale, planting demonstration, and a raffle. Refreshments will be served in the form of tea and delicious homemade cakes, and entertainment will be provided by Leyland Morris Dancers.

£5.00 adults, accompanied under 16s free....Email: crostonopengardens@gmail.com

Longton Open Gardens...Sunday 16th July 2017...1.00pm to 5.30pm Gardens of all shapes and sizes feature in Longton's 17th charity Open Gardens. Many gardens have stalls and refreshments. One features lovely ice cream, another has ukelele players.

Art exhibition in St Andrew's Church Hall 12.00noon to 5.30pm? Light lunches at the WI Hall, School Lane 12.00noon to 1.30pm.

Proceeds this year to: FOMO (Friends of Mulanje Orphans); Nyumbani Hospice for orphans in Kenya; Tabor Indian Fund, supporting slum dwellers in Bangalore, a Christian Aid food project in Burkina Faso, and Jireh Women.

£5.00 adults, accompanied children free... Plants sales at various gardens. 01772 612 951...Email: lizziehen155@hotmail.co.uk

Eccleston Open Gardens...Sunday 23rd July 2017...1.00pm to 6.00pm All proceeds to the Friends of St. Mary's Church Fund.

We have gardens open of various sizes and designs. All the gardens are interesting with plant sales and preserves to buy. Enjoy afternoon tea on the way...£4.00 adults, accompanied children free.

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

Newgate Nurseries,
75 Newgate Lane,
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Members can still get 10% discount
on production of your membership card

If you would like to volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day of the Show please contact Brenda on 01772 434599 OR b.m.marsden@btopenworld.com

Ione would like to remind members to deliver the flyers they were given at the last meeting.

Just a Few Jobs over summer

July and August can often be the hottest months of the year (but the rain will be warmer) and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. But here are a few job you may need to do. Over the two months

July

- 1...Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2... Care for houseplant while on holiday
- 3... Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4... Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- 5... Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6... Treat apple scab
- 7... Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8... Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9... Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed

August

- 1...Prune Wisteria
- 2...Don't delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms
- 3...Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4...Watering! - Particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
- 5...Collect seed from garden plants
- 6...Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- 7...Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- 8...Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- 9...Keep ponds and water features topped up

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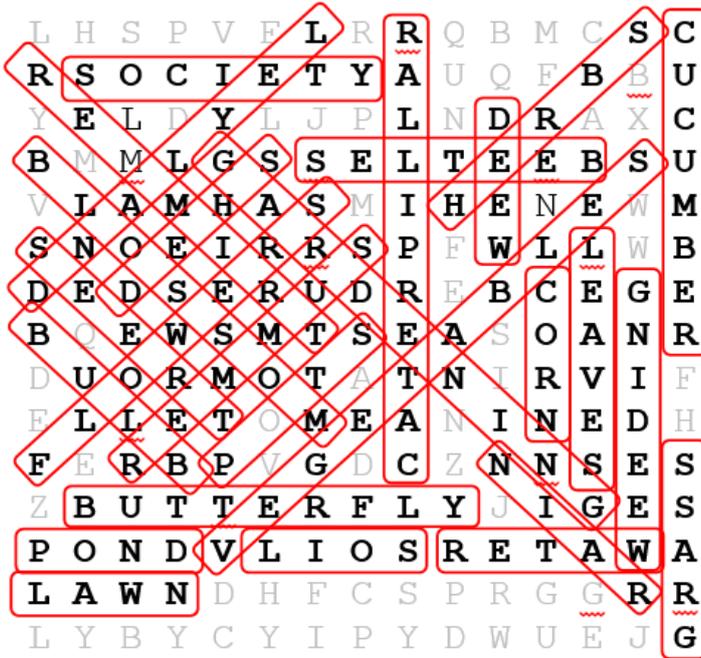
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Answers to last month's word



A food Quiz to do over summer.

1. What type of fish is smoked to make a kipper?
2. What vegetable is often referred to as "Ladies Fingers"?
3. What name is given to the green horseradish sauce widely used in Japanese cooking?
4. From which animal does the meat Venison come?
5. What is the principal ingredient of Guacamole?
6. What was the first frozen vegetable to be available in the UK?
7. If a dish is served Florentine, what would it contain?
8. What part of the Mint plant is used to make Mint Sauce?
9. What name is given to a person who will eat no food of animal origin?
10. Which famous cook was born Isabella Mary Mayson?
11. What herb is used to flavour Lincolnshire Sausages?
12. What name is given to pasta shaped like wagon wheels?
13. In which country did the dish Goulash originate?
14. What is traditionally eaten for dessert on Thanksgiving Day in the USA?
15. What is the Welsh dish of Laver bread?
16. Which fruit has the alternative name of Chinese gooseberry?
17. From which fruit is Grenadine made?
18. What are dried plums called?
19. From which country does Pilsner beer originate?
20. What type of pastry is used to make the Greek dessert Baclava?