

Leyland Gardening Society

May Newsletter 2017



Despite it being Good Friday and bad weather we had a good attendance at the April Meeting. The meeting was a talk with videos with Gary Archer on the subject of "BREAD".



Gary told the history of how Allied Bakeries came to be part of the amazing empire founded in 1864 by George Weston. When he started he baked 250 loaves on his first day and then delivered them.

The Stockport site now produces in excess of two million loaves every week and has a new sandwich thins line which produces 35,000 thins every hour. It was interesting to see the videos on how they make the bread. At the end of his presentation he answered a lot of questions from the members, and we could take some samples and a few goodies. I think everyone enjoyed the evening and it made a pleasant change to have a Non Gardening topic.



The subject at the next Meeting on the 12th May will be **Bonsai and Bits** with Keith Middleton. **The Les Fowler challenge for the May meeting is a plant in a pot.**

What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back with a hinge on it

I am sure you will join me in giving a warm welcome to new member Mrs Babs Johnston

Summer is just round the corner (*in we do not get the frost and snow*)



It is now clear that summer is approaching? Sowing and planting out bedding can begin,. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will love the warmer temperatures this month brings
Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants

Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining

Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)

Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible

Regularly hoe off weeds

Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days

Mow lawns weekly

Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges

Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs

Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

Seedsman reckon that their stock in trade is not seeds at all its optimism.

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The birds keep a low profile this month as they settle down to the challenge of raising young.

Although winter feeding benefits birds most, food shortages can occur at any time of the year. By feeding the birds year round, you'll give them a better chance to survive the periods of food shortage whenever they may occur



Sunflower seeds, although rich in proteins and unsaturated fats, require effort to remove the husks; energy that your garden birds would prefer not to waste. Sunflower hearts are better and they also attract a

variety of bird like green finches and gold finches.

Chop up apples; pears etc. and either hang in wire feeders or on flat feeders or you can buy a special spike - feeders to hold the fruit while the birds feed off them. Dried fruit is a favourite especially with blackbirds and robins. Seeds from melon are a favourite as well and don't forget nice clean water.

It's difficult to see Why God, who made the rose, made Greenfly

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Don't forget to enter the Grand Show in August

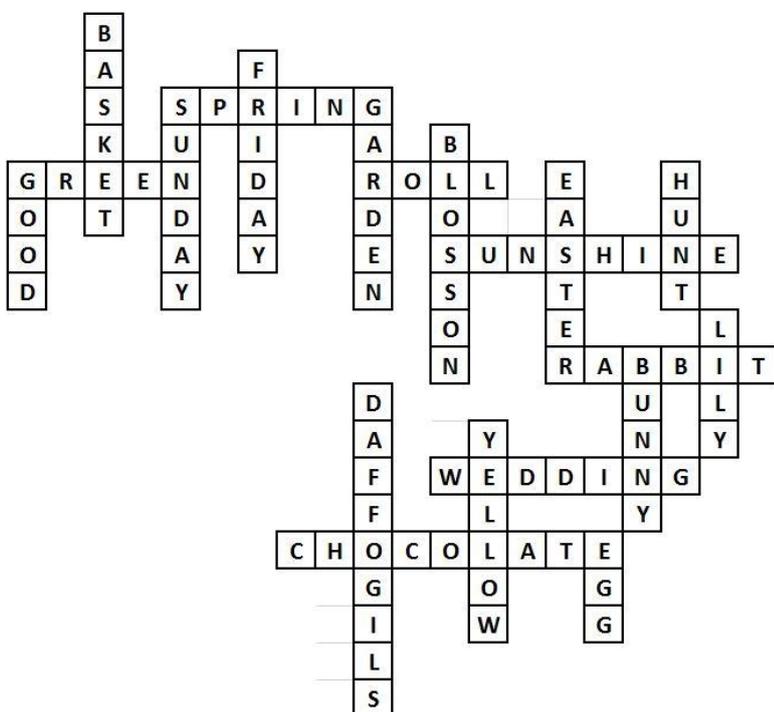
If you would like a copy of the Schedule for the Show

Please contact Ione on 01772 433210 or Email ione.westall@tiscali.co.uk

Wanted.... Prizes to the tombola and raffle at the Grand Show. 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.

Flower Arranging demonstrations at Hutton village Hall Wednesday 17th May at 7.30 pm Admission £6

Answers to Easter Puzzle



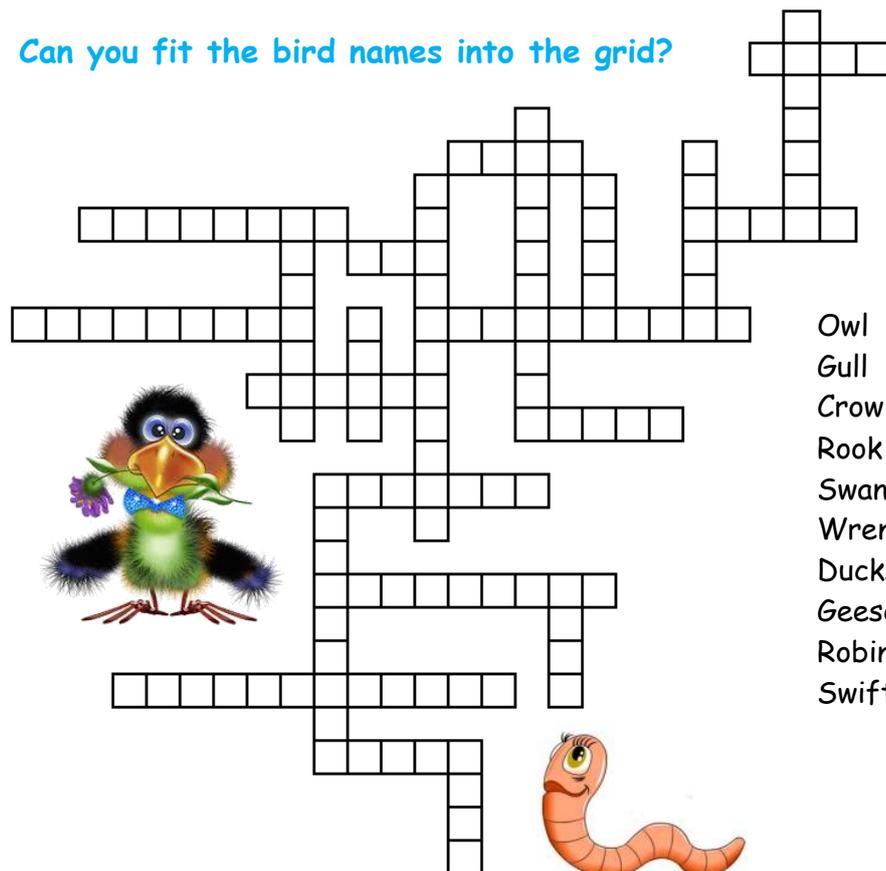
Answers

Bakers Quiz

- 1... Walnut Slice
- 2... Cucumber Sandwich
- 3... Ginger
- 4... Parkin
- 5... Eccles
- 6... Flapjack
- 7... Croissant
- 8... Seed
- 9... Carrot
- 10.. Vanilla Slice
- 11.. French Bread
- 12.. Butterfly Bun
- 13.. Egg Custard
- 14.. Swiss Roll
- 15.. Viennese Fingers
- 16.. Tea Bread
- 17.. Brownies
- 18.. Banana
- 19.. Naan
- 20.. Germans

The soil is rather like a bran-tub, you only get out of it what you put in

Can you fit the bird names into the grid?



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| Owl | Pigeon |
| Gull | Magpie |
| Crow | Bluetit |
| Rook | Cuckoos |
| Swan | Wagtail |
| Wren | Sparrows |
| Ducks | Blackbird |
| Geese | Goldcrest |
| Robin | Chaffinch |
| Swift | Flycatcher |
| | Woodpecker |
| | Bullfinches |
| | Greenfinches |

British Commercial Vehicle Museum is now open for the summer and the next big event is the North West Transport Show on Sunday 7th May.

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Anyone interested or would like information about the trip to the National Arboretum War Memorial at Alrewas on Sunday 11th June.. Please contact Chris as soon as possible because seats may become limited. Anyone wishing to participate on this trip please contact Chris on **01772 936072**

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