

Hello to all our flowery friends!

A very warm welcome to our June newsletter.

My thanks to Jean Hawkins our Vice Chairman for organising a rota of committee members to make phone calls to our members to check that everyone is well and just to have a nice chat.

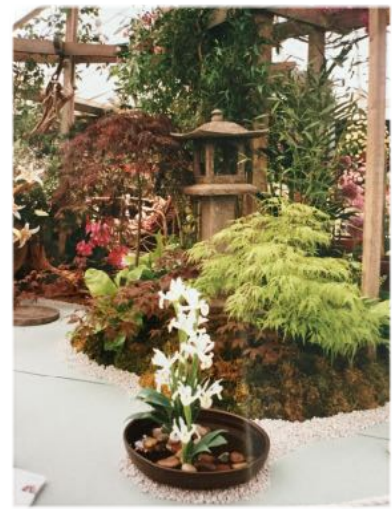
My gardening project continues. I am in the front garden with lots of passers by on their way to Hob Moor. Many stop and ask what I am doing and we get talking. They all say they look forward to seeing the finished result and I reply 'so am I!'.

Thank you for the feedback I have received regarding the content of the newsletter. I know many of you really enjoyed the Spot the Difference, Word Scramble all provided by Julia Weston who also sets out the newsletter for us all to enjoy. Thanks to Ann, Ish and Emi who have all contributed articles to this edition. We look forward to more news from you to be included in the next newsletter.

Virtual Chelsea Flower Show

I hope you managed to see the footage of the Virtual Chelsea Flower Show. It brought back very happy memories of Chelsea 1994 when The North East Area was invited to stage the Nafas stand.

Janet Hayton was the team leader and she asked ME to be part of a great team. John was the treasurer and we had the time of our lives. Our title was Garden of Earthly Delights and we won GOLD! The photos here show the mediterranean, oriental and English gardens that were represented in our design.



National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme are delighted to announce that its gardens in England are opening from this week. All gardens will be opening with a system of pre- booked tickets for a time slot at the visitors garden of their choice.

There will be no refreshments or toilets available.

Tickets available via the website ngs.org.uk

Floral Tributes by Emi

Emi sent this message along with photos of the beautiful tributes she created. "Sadly we lost my husband's Mum in April. We had to wait nearly one month for her funeral because of the Coronavirus situation (although she didn't have the virus). Luckily I was able to cut some nice seasonal flowers in May from her garden and our's, such as lilac, viburnum, forget me not etc to make the flower arrangements for her funeral. Here are some photos of the arrangements I made."



My Life in Lockdown by Ish Herd

I moved to Acomb Wood Close two years ago and am so thankful to be where I am. I thank my lucky stars on a daily basis as I have a garden which keeps me busy, although I'm a total novice and have never had a garden before.

My dog Hamish has been christened "The Close Dog" as I now seem to be sharing him with the neighbours. He pops next door whenever he feels like it in the hope of being given a treat or two and he also visits my neighbours across the road who welcome him with open

arms. These 2 sets of neighbours take it in turns to walk him at night. He is having a ball.

After the Clap for Carers on a Thursday night, I took my keyboard out and distributed song sheets to all the neighbours. We only have about 20 houses in the Close and everyone has plenty of room to gather at a safe distance for a good sing. A few people have lived here for over 30 years and never really spoken to their neighbours at all. It's one of the few really positive things to come out of this strange time and I'm sure many of you will feel the same.

I've managed to kill off a few of the plants in my garden but am really enjoying pottering. I was given a great tip to cut 3 slices of a cherry tomato and plant them with about 1cm of compost over the top. I'm happy to report that they seem to be growing nicely. I'm also very pleased at the herbs I have grown from seed. I know many of you are wonderful and knowledgeable gardeners but for us novices even a small shoot or a new flower appearing is a triumph!

It has been nice to have a chat with some of you and I do hope everyone is managing ok during this very odd time.

My Life in Lockdown **by Ann Ryder**

Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping well. All the house jobs are in order with clothes all sorted, the charity shops will be inundated when they are allowed to open up! We, like many, have been very busy in the garden and can relax and enjoy our hard work with maybe a wee drink or two. We have only now to keep everything well watered, which is a job on its own.

I am pleased to say I have been in touch with quite a few members, especially if they are alone and enjoyed a lovely chat. The shopping has gone quite smoothly, as long as I get the timing right. I'm shopping once a week for four households who've not been allowed out. Delivering the shopping has been a good opportunity for a nice socially distanced chat.

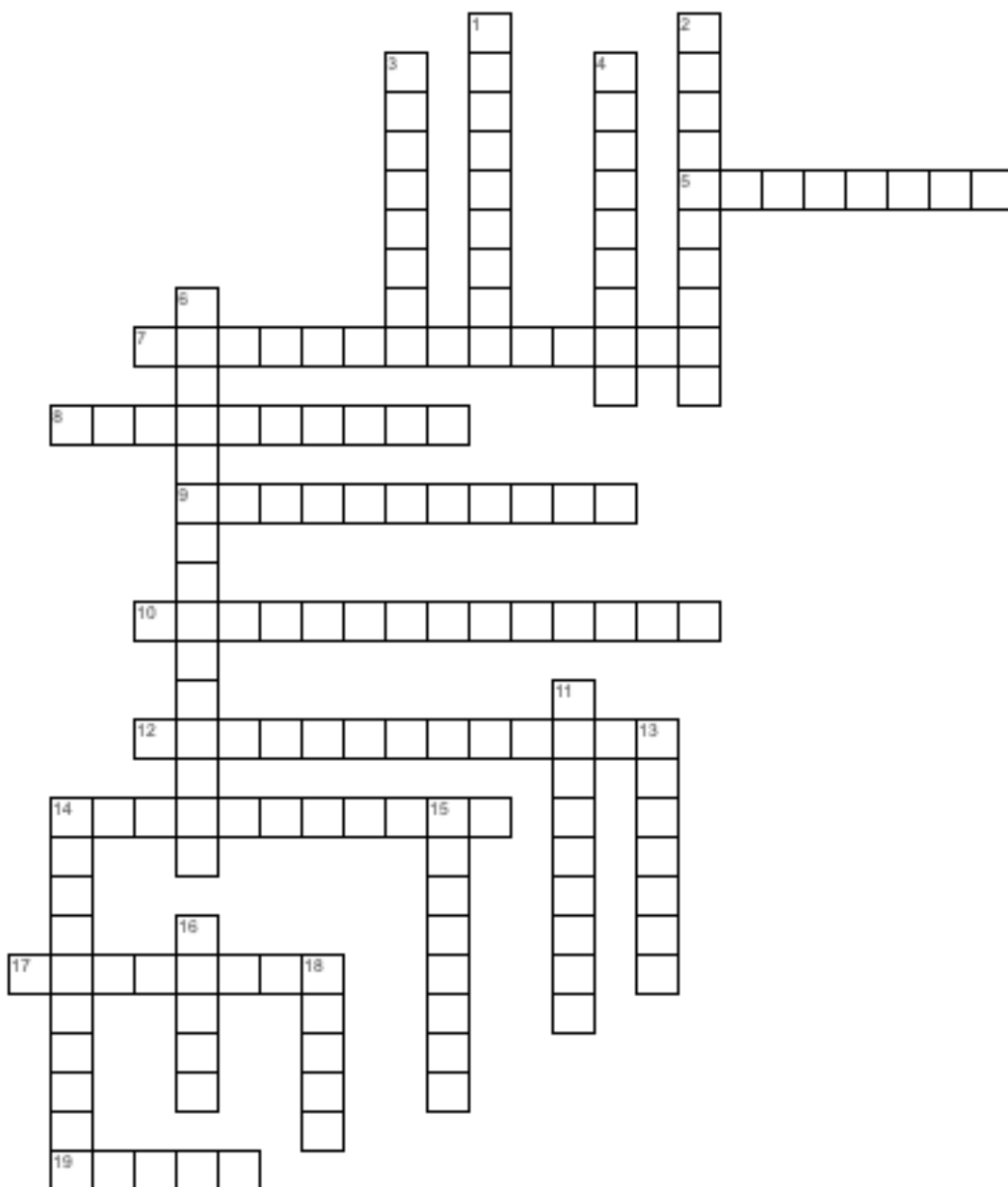
I am allowed to go to my caravan for the day only at the moment but with it being too warm it is too much for our dogs in the car to go there and back in one day. We are told the caravan site may open on the 4th of July, all being well. Our dogs enjoy their early morning walks, as do we.

I don't know if anyone else thinks their clothes have shrunk?! Say no more, I am on a diet now! I would like to send everyone my very best wishes. Keep safe and keep smiling. See you soon.



Just for Fun

Use the latin clues below to find the common flower names to solve the crossword.



Across:

- 5 Digitalis
- 7 Strelizia
- 8 Impatiens
- 9 Mysotis
- 10 Moluccella
- 12 Dicentra spectabilis
- 14 Nigella
- 17 Narcissus
- 19 Matthiola

Down:

- 1 Helianthus
- 2 Centaurea
- 3 Galanthus
- 4 Hippeastrum
- 6 Convellaria majalis
- 11 Dianthus
- 13 Eryngium
- 14 Eustoma
- 15 Lathyrus
- 16 Papaver
- 18 Syringa

Spot the Difference Solution

How many differences did you manage to spot last month? We counted 13, highlighted here with a yellow star.



COVID-19 Helpline for York

Don't forget, if you're on your own and struggling to manage, or you don't have any support, but need it because of COVID-19, the council may be able to help you through this difficult time. Contact: covid19help@york.gov.uk or telephone 01904 551550.

Very Best Wishes to you all.
Take care and stay safe.

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