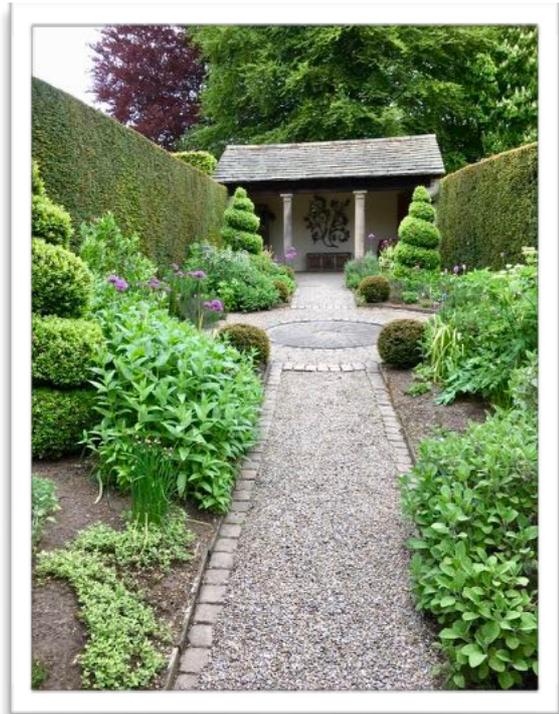


Hello Everyone,

Welcome everybody to our June Newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying your gardens.

York Gate Visit

23 members visited York Gate garden on Sunday 19 May. On arrival we were offered a free conducted tour. Our volunteer guide was excellent, giving us a great insight into the creation and development of York Gate from 1951 to the present day. Our afternoon tea was set out in the newly built field classroom and was delicious. We then wandered around at leisure, enjoying a little retail therapy in the shop and plant sale. Following a group photograph, our excellent coach driver brought us home the scenic route, rounding off a great afternoon. The Perennial Charity who now own York Gate won Best In Show and a Premier Gold Medal with their Perennial Legacy Garden at the Harrogate Show.



Alzheimers Research Sponsorship

Margaret Best and family would like to thank all members for their generous sponsorship for Alzheimer's Research at last month's meeting. The collection raised £116 and showed on their Just Giving page as a donation from AFG. At the moment, Margaret's daughter and granddaughter have raised over £800 and the total is still rising. Well done!

Workshop with Ann Simpson

Thank you to everyone who took part in the workshop at our last meeting. Ann created an interesting design to inspire our members and the results were lovely. Thank you to Margaret Best who collected the phormium leaves from the wholesalers in Leeds. The leaves cost 50p each and a few members forgot to pay on the night. Please see me after the meeting tonight to enable us to balance the books.



Large Scale Designs

The two day schools planned for June have been postponed. There were not enough members available to attend both days, mostly due to the short notice and the time of year. A number of people contacted me to say they were disappointed not to be able to attend. As the Guild is funding the hire of the hall we need to have at least 20 participants. Janet and I have therefore decided to re-schedule both days to 15 and 29 February 2020. I'm sure more people will

be available in February than in June. A sign-up sheet is on the information table at the back of the hall.

Bloom! York Flower and Produce Festival, 22 - 23 June

Bloom! York is back in the city this summer with a mini Bloom! Flower and Produce Festival taking place on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June from 12 - 4pm in a central location.

Saturday 22 12-4pm: Show classes for all ages, workshops, demonstrations, stalls and music. Register online to enter.

Sunday 23 12-4pm: Plant and Flower Market, workshops, events and stalls.

The mini Bloom! Celebrates York's Producers and Growers and they are calling on Yorkshire's green fingered growers and producers to take part. Can you grow Yorkshire's longest broadbean? Create a vegetable self-portrait? Bake the most delicious Fat Rascal?

The inaugural Bloom Festival, the brainchild of Make It York, attracted thousands of visitors last summer and saw the city come alive with floral creations. This year, a mini Bloom! Will celebrate York's rich tradition of horticulture and celebrate the individuals and communities involved today.

Organisers hope the celebration, 22-23 June in York Minster's Dean's Park, will encourage more people to get involved and ultimately encourage more planting across the city. A Flower and Produce Show will test 6 judges who will reveal the winning entries in 60 different categories. Anyone can enter the categories, chosen with a Yorkshire twist, including everything from the best parkin to best small potted lupin. There is a full list of categories for both children and adults, resulting in a village fete right in the heart of York. There will be a 'no plastic' message throughout. Full details can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/events/473569866508148/>

Name Badges

We are going to place the name badges on the Information Table at the back of the hall and hope that you will all wear them at our meetings. We thought that they were tucked away in a corner and members may not have noticed them. It is a really useful way of getting to know each other. Enid looks after the badges for us, so just place them back on the table at the end of the meeting. Many thanks.

Trophies

If you won a trophy at the 2018 AGM will you please return it at the July meeting so that trophies can be engraved for the next winner, ready for the presentation at the AGM in September.

Committee

We are looking for nominations for the committee. Next year, a number of officers will be stepping down. We are looking for members to join the committee and 'shadow' existing officers to become familiar with their roles. We meet monthly at Acomb Methodist Church on Mondays from 1-3.30pm.

North East Area Members Day, Saturday 7 September

Please add your name to the list on the Information Table at the back of the hall. The cost of the day is £30, payable on or before our July meeting as we do not meet in August. There will be a talk in the morning followed by lunch and a demonstration in the afternoon.

Chairman's Charity Concert, Friday 27 September

One of our members, Ish Herd, has kindly agreed to organise a concert 'Ish Herd and Friends' on behalf of the Chairman's charity, SASH (Safe and Sound Homes). It is a small but excellent local charity which prevents young people aged 16-25 from becoming homeless in York and North Yorkshire. The concert, entitled 'Showtunes, Songs and Surprises' will feature Ish and 2 friends and will be held in the beautiful chapel in York Cemetery. Ish, Andrea and Molly are seasoned performers and it would be good to have a full house to support one of our members and a very worthwhile cause. Tickets: £10 (including refreshments). Please come along and bring all your friends. You are assured of a really great night out!

Next Meeting

Our demonstrator for the June meeting is Wendy Graveston. The title of her demonstration is 'Seasons To Be Cheerful'.

Thanks to everybody who helped in any way at the May workshop evening.

Happy flower arranging!

Hazel

Diary Dates

5-9 June	RHS Chatsworth Flower Show
21-23 June	RHS Harlow Carr. Harrogate Flower Show
1-7 July	RHS Hampton Court Flower Show
9-11 July	Great Yorkshire Show
17-21 July	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show
20 July	North East Area Council Meeting
31 July-4 Aug	RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show
7 Sept	Members Day. Details to follow.
13-15 Sept	Harrogate Autumn Show.
9 Oct	National AGM Woking. Surrey
16 Nov	NAFAS NE Area AGM, venue TBA