

DISLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Newsletter – April 2009

Welcome to any new members and visitors, the ladies who welcomed you in at the door tonight will be pleased to introduce you to some of our members.

Tonight we have Don Billington, an Area Demonstrator from *Liverpool* and his demonstration is called "*World in One City*".

April

24th Club trip to Harrogate Spring Show £24 inc entry to show. Leaving Disley at 9am, High Lane at 9.05am, Hazel Grove at 9.15am (at the High Lane side of the Rising Sun traffic lights). Leaving Harrogate at 5pm.

May

8th-10th Club trip to visit the NAFAS 50th Anniversary Flower Festival in Westminster Abbey, price £155.95. Don't forget to take your club membership card. You need it in order to get a discounted entrance fee if you are going independently. HOWEVER Area also recommend that coach parties take them just in case.

13th Club night. Jean Eggleston is an Area Demonstrator from *Melton Mowbray* and her demonstration is called "*The Darling Buds of May*".

June **Garden Trail**

3rd Club Practical Night. See information below

10th Club night. Janet Scofield is an Area Demonstrator from *Cheshire* and her demonstration is called "*Pieces of Glass*".

17th Club Practical Night. See information below

19th Club trip to Floral Fantasy at Cannon Hall, Barnsley. Demonstration by Alison Bradley International Floral Artist. Price £29 includes demonstration.

24th Club Practical Night. See information below

July

2nd Area Social Day. The day starts at 10am for coffee followed at 11am by the speaker Beryl Cotton with her "A Bizarre Affair" presentation. Bring own lunch/picnic although beverages are available. In the afternoon Carola Wilson will demonstrate "Just for a Change". There will also be stalls, which include Flower Arrangers' goods, Jewellery and the Crazy Wire Company etc, all available for browsing during the day. It promises to be a super day, all for £10. Please put your names on the board tonight.

8th Club night. Linda Hardman is an Area Demonstrator from *Preston* and her demonstration is called "*Flowers Talk*".

16th - 18th

National (NAFAS) Competitions in Coventry. Schedules and Raffle tickets are available tonight.

16th Club Trip with Prestbury Flower Club to the Nationals in Coventry. Price £24 includes coach and entry fee. There is a demonstration by Bill Dixon at an extra cost of £15. The coach leaves at 9am from the large car park, behind the shops and restaurants, at the station end of the village. The return trip will start at 5pm from Coventry. There will be a board coming round tonight and Chris Middleton will need the money paid either tonight or very soon as there is an end of April deadline if we wish to join the Prestbury trip.

August

15th Disley and Lyme Horticultural Society Show

September

16th Club Practical Night. See information below

20th-27th Club holiday to Northumberland

30th Club Practical Night. See information below

Information

Club Practical Nights

Fun, Friendship and Flowers Evenings “playing” with flowers. Experiment with friends, have a cuppa and ENJOY – nothing onerous! Venue Windlehurst Methodist Church at 7.30pm, price £10 a session.

Qualified First Aiders

The club has recently received a Health & Safety missive which requires the club to have a Qualified First Aider, amongst other things, present at club nights etc. If you are already a Qualified First Aider or would like to train as such then please see Mavis for details.

Almoner

Please notify the almoner, Chris Lee, of any illness, matters of celebration or sadness amongst the club members in order that the club can send flowers or a card. There is now a book, just for this purpose, on the Club Information Table next to the stage.

Stamps

The Cheshire Area are now collecting them in aid of Cancer Research so save all your stamps, please, and leave for Chris Middleton on the Club Information Table next to the stage.

Woodford Park Garden Centre

Do not give discounts to club cards however they have set up their own Privilege Club. There is an information sheet on the Club Information Board.

‘Florist of the Future’ & ‘Florist of the Year’

Interflora are holding their Conference and the Grand Finals of the above competitions at the Hilton in Manchester in July 09. They are offering tickets to view the Finalists’ Creations on Sunday 19th July between 2 & 4pm price £2. Please contact Chris & Chris on the Treasurer’s Table if you are interested.

Snail & Slug Control

Hosta & Hemerocallis(Day Lily) Society Recipe

2 Garlic Bulbs (opened up, but not taken apart)

Boil in 2 pints of water. Once soft, strain off liquid and make up to 2 pints.

This mixture will keep in a sealed container until required.

Dilution

1 tablespoon in 1 gallon of water.

Apply to foliage as a drench.

Very effective – recommended by NCCPG Hosta Collection Holders’