

Grindleford Horticultural Society Newsletter Spring 2023

GHS Show

Important date to mark in your diary

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 2023

We are delighted that the committee have agreed to take on the organisation of the show again this year. It is a real highlight for the village and was a resounding success last year, helped by the amazing weather and the participation of so many people.

Preparations are under way and a wide range of stallholders have been invited to join us as well as the multitude of classes that are traditionally part of a horticultural show. We are hoping to add more classes in organic categories and would like to encourage more people to "HAVE A GO!"

This really is your show, as members of GHS and of the surrounding community, this is the year to get planting, drawing, painting, baking, crafting and cooking. Don't be shy, we would love more novices and young people to give it a try. Look out for the schedule, that will be dropping through your door at the beginning of summer, which gives all the details.

We are always in need of help to make the show happen. Kindly, Penny Reynolds has agreed to organize volunteers again this year, so she will be in contact. If you feel you could offer help before the day or on the day itself and have not had a go in the past, feel free to contact us.

Thank you to all members who contributed to the Tombola last year, it sold out fast! Donations of wine, chocolates, new gifts and other suitable items will be most welcome again this year. Please leave donations on the porch at Green Shutters, main Rd, Grindleford for Sarah to collect.

The potato in a bucket class is returning to the show and so dust off your old buckets and pick up your chitted specimen to enter from Sarah Rockliff at Green Shutters by texting 07889019225 to arrange a convenient time.

VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS, distance circa 10 miles

Birchover Open Gardens -- 8.8 miles

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2023

Celebrate our 25th year of Open Gardens in Birchover by wandering around our gardens in this picturesque hill village.

Edensor Open Gardens -- 3.9 miles

Saturday 17th June 2023

Many gardens open in the village on the Chatsworth Estate in Derbyshire. Entertainment.

Stanton in Peak Open Gardens -- 7.6 miles

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 2023

Stanton in Peak is a beautiful village of stone cottages on a hillside in the Peak District National Park with glorious views.

Castleton Secret Gardens -- 7.3 miles

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 2023

Come and see this much visited village from a new perspective. Beautiful views, magnificent planting.

Great Longstone Open Gardens -- 3.8 miles

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July 2023

A good number of gardens will be open throughout the village. Teas/refreshments available.

Barlow Open Gardens -- 6.3 miles

Sunday 2nd July 2023

The gardens in the village range from the smallest patch, to allotments, large rambling gardens, a beautiful old Hall, cottages gardens, and much more.

Bakewell Secret Gardens -- 5.0 miles

Sunday 9th July 2023

Bakewell Open Gardens this year is in the centre of the town - the trail is around the town centre. Some gardens are small and secluded, others are large with a wide range of flowering plants.

Greenhill Open Gardens -- 6.7 miles

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2023

showcases a wide variety of suburban gardens, large and small, along with their intrepid owners. Refreshments available at many gardens.

Calver, Curbar and Froggatt Hidden Gardens -- 2.0 miles Saturday 15th July 2023

Many gardens to visit. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea available at some of the gardens. Refreshments will be available all day

For more detailed information, including other village open gardens slightly further afield, visit www.opengardens.co.uk

GHS Visit this year

Tuesday 4th July

The Paddock, Chesterfield, more details to follow

please email David DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk if your planning to come

Opening just for members and friends of the society, this 1/2 acre garden, 30 min away, has lots to offer.



Meet at 11.00 to look at the garden. Entrance is £3.50 per person and Teas/cake available.

On the way back visit Millthorpe Nursery, followed by lunch (for those who want it) at the Royal Oak (Right next door).



Membership Contact details or for me information regarding visits

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GRINDLEFORD CARNIVAL

Saturday June 17th.

We would like to support other groups in the village and want to do something for this. It would be great for members to make suggestions. Last year we sold seed and had a “ guess the number of jelly babies in a jar “ competition. It is a great opportunity to talk to others about what we do at GHS. Gwen was amazing and got interest for 2 new members!!

Can you help? If so please email David at DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk

Gardening Tips

TIPS: Thank you Burncoose Nurseries

Careful with that Mower:

Make sure you do not over enthusiastically mow grass which contained daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs. If the growth is cut before it has completely withered and died then the bulbs will die and not give you a display next spring. Better still leave it for a month or so and let the wild flowers in your lawn feed the bees.

Lifting and Moving

March is the time to lift and move established shrubs that are either too big for their current position, or because they are not in the best place in your garden for you.

Dividing Herbaceous Perennials

1. Select plant to divide, normally a congested clump in need of rejuvenating.
2. Decide where best to divide.
3. If in a pot use hands to break fair sized clumps. If in ground use fork to dig up small sections.
4. Keep dividing clump until happy with the clumps produced
5. Tidy, removing any damaged corms or pests
6. Re-pot the clumps in correct sized pots, or replant in ground using compost

Sow now for summer colour, sustainably

While annuals provide a profusion of flowers, they are heavy drinkers, so with the prospect of more hot, dry summers, perennials are a good choice for our gardens to help them be more sustainable.

Luckily, a good number of perennials will flower in their first year from spring sowing. Delphinium (Larkspur), Veronicastrum (Culver's root) and Veronica (Speedwell) are good to start early in the greenhouse or on a warm window sill.

Achillea (Yarrow) should flower twice or more if sown early and once established, Centranthus ruber 'Albus' (Red valerian, white form) gives months of frothy flowers through the awkward July –August gap. Fillers that often self seed are Verbena and a perennial that flowers reliably in year one is Mentha (mint), however they require thorough watering in their first year and thick mulch after planting to help them survive, whatever the weather does.

Research reveals ideal home for ground-dwelling invertebrates

Dense planting in borders with a bias towards natives, near natives and some evergreen species is the best combination to support healthy populations of ground dwelling invertebrates. These conclusions form part of the RHS "plants for Bugs" project.

These invertebrates form an essential link in the food chain and help to break down organic matter, returning nutrients to the soil.

"The power of the garden lies in its smallest inhabitants ." said Andrew Salisbury, RHS Principle Entomologist. He went on to talk about how gardeners who look after the predatory ground beetles, woodlice and millipedes will have the greatest positive impact on their garden's biodiversity.

Plant Sale

The GHS will be having a plant sale on Saturday May 20th outside the community shop. Members are encouraged to donate plants on the week leading up to the sale, details to follow. Anyone who would like to help and volunteer on the day would be most welcome . Please contact Sarah on 07889019225 by text.



Veronicastrum



Achillea



Delphinium



Mentha