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CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

A welcome sign of spring in my garden has been the glorious display of tulips (see picture above). I bought these bulbs from Teresa Clements who gave us the interesting talk last September. I've also had my flowering Camelia in a beautiful pink bloom in my garden. Let's hope we get a few warmer months to come this summer.

It was a lovely sight at the April meeting to have both Jackie and Margaret with us again. We had a fabulous day at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show and it was great to see all the NAFAS displays. Well done Joyce on a Very Highly Commended award for your submission, Box of Delights. We have posted a number of photos on our media and website to enjoy.
Diane

Joyce's Musings

THE CALMING FLOWER



We all have times in our life when the pace of life or stresses of the day conspire to overwhelm us. For me a floral project, be it for an event or purely for my own amusement, has the power to relax my mind and let my imagination take on a different dimension. The colour or the flowers themselves can aid calm. A bouquet of beautiful flowers can improve a person's mental health. They can uplift a mood and even affect a person's overall well-being.

Lavender: It should be no surprise that lavender represents serenity and calmness. The soothing blue hues that many flowers possess are said to symbolise tranquility and peace. Ultimately, this colour is known to spread feelings of relaxation in order to help people release any negative feelings or feelings of stress. Most yellow flowers symbolise happiness in some way. In addition to sunflowers, there are yellow lilies, yellow tulips, yellow daisies and yellow chrysanthemums—all of which are perfect choices if you want to send happiness to someone in your life. Chrysanthemums have been shown to lessen symptoms of worry and stress and, when taken as tea, this flower cools and relaxes our body.

Jasmine is not just a beautiful bloom. It is also one of the preferred flowers for mental health preservation. It can reduce stress and anxiety levels. Chamomile is known for its calming properties, which is why it is so closely associated with tranquility, peace, and harmony. Flowers do more than just brighten your room, they can have an uplifting and brightening effect on your mood the impact can last for days, proving much more powerful than a bar of chocolate and no calories!!!



Tulip mania was a period during the Dutch Golden Age when contract prices for some bulbs of the recently introduced and fashionable tulip reached extraordinarily high levels. The major acceleration started in 1634 and then dramatically collapsed in February 1637. It is generally considered to have been the first recorded speculative bubble or asset bubble in history.

Tulips are a genus of spring-blooming perennial herbaceous bulbs. The flowers are usually large, showy and brightly coloured. Several new varieties have recently become available to the keen gardener including the parrot tulip, the peony tulip and the fringed tulip. The tulip is a member of the lily family.

The name "tulip" is thought to be derived from a Persian word for turban, which it may have been thought to resemble by those who discovered it. Tulips originally were found in a band stretching from Southern Europe to Central Asia, but since the seventeenth century have become widely naturalised and cultivated. In their natural state they are adapted to steppes and mountainous areas with temperate climates. Flowering in the spring, they become dormant in the summer once the flowers and leaves die back, emerging above ground as a shoot from the underground bulb in early spring.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7 May 2023 2.30 – 4.00pm: Tulip Society Show, Ossett War Memorial Community Centre
- 27 – 28 May 2023 Arts Festival: St John’s Church, Kirkheaton
- 30 June – 2 July 2023 Flower Festival: St Stephen’s, Lindley
- 19 July 2023 Club Social Event: Chocolate demonstration and afternoon tea followed by live entertainment from Andy Lloyd



CLUB NEWS

Show season is now upon us and our very own North of England show returned to its pre-pandemic glory with superb exhibits from around the county and beyond. Huddersfield Club joined forces with Pennine Borders and had a wonderful day at the Harrogate Flower Show despite some traffic problems. Amongst the exhibits were a tribute, of course, to the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III and to the late designer Vivienne Westwood. Our local florist and club friend Karen Longbottom is the tutor at Askham Bryan College. The College’s exhibit kept the rain at bay with their interpretation of the invention of the umbrella.



