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CHAIRMAN'S SUMMER MESSAGE

Hello Dear members

Hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the glorious July weather. I'm keeping busy working and helping with my grandson and loving time in my garden too.

We had a fabulous time in June at Fixby Hall golf club for the Queens Platinum Jubilee dinner, we had a lovely 3 course luncheon followed by a quiz raffles and a chocolate tombola. I would like to give a special thanks to Joyce for some beautiful floral handbag designs for our table decorations and Jackie & Margaret for the table menus and place settings, Sheila for a fantastic fruit cake with the queens jubilee design (don't know how she did that!) Also Teresa for presenting the Quiz for us - lastly all of the team helping us putting this together for us all to enjoy.

The Admin team of the club have been busy attending area meetings and planning next year's demonstrations and workshops It is all very exciting, we will soon be letting you all know the programme for 2022/2023

See you in August

Diane

Joyce's Musings

WHAT'S WEED FOR YOU IS WIGHT FOR ME



On a recent garden visit I noticed large areas that had been given over to Purple Toadflax (*Linaria purpurea*) a plant I would not give bedding space in my garden. On further research I found that you can actually purchase seeds of said species.

A weed is a plant considered undesirable in a particular situation, particularly unwanted in human controlled settings such as farm fields, gardens, lawns and parks. However many of these unwanted plants have beneficial uses. Dandelions are edible from root to flower, and are used in wine, soups and tea as well as beauty products. Nettles provide a food source not only for insects but for humans. Nettle pudding anyone? Daisies have health giving and restorative properties. A 1992-1995 study showed that they contain 34mg of vitamin C per 100 g.

But, there are weeds that are toxic, they can steal water, sunlight and nutrients from the soil. So just like everything in life it's a judgment call, are they weed to you?

God made me a flower
He thought he got it right.
Like a beacon on a tower
He sure did make me bright.
No one ever picks me
To wear upon their gown.
It seems most dislike me.
They strive to take me down.
I am sure that I am pretty
I am as good as all the rest.
It sure seems quite a pity
But it seems I am not as blessed.
I wish they would love me
After all I am his design.
It seems I never will be
For I am just a dandelion.
Anon



BIRTH FLOWER OF THE MONTH



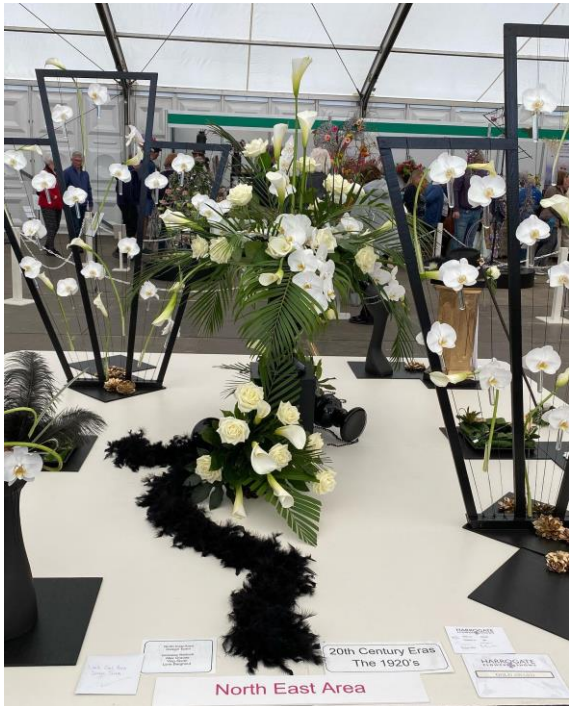
Delphinium, or Larkspur, is the flower associated with July, blooming just in time for those summer babies to enjoy each year. They look a little like hyacinths, with their neat rows of flowers that come in a range of colours but you're most likely to find them in a pretty shade of dark purple. Some species of delphinium are referred to as 'bunny blooms' because the inner centre of the flower is shaped like a rabbit's head!

Delphiniums are believed to represent the bond of love, making them the perfect choice to give to someone close to you. Like most flowers, the various colours of the delphinium each come with a slightly different meaning. Blue delphiniums are for dignity and grace and purple is for first love – the ideal flower for when you arrive at a first date, maybe?

In April Huddersfield Flower Club members enjoyed a great day out at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show.



Here Joyce is accepting her prize winning trophy for her exhibit "Dancing Shoes" which won first prize. The trophy weighs nearly as much as she does. Below is a photo of the first prize winner in the Club Class.





PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH

On June 22nd at Fixby Hall, members were able to meet HM The Queen, to enjoy a sumptuous lunch and to have fun with friends all dressed in their finery.





TREASURER'S REPORT

Hi, for those of you I haven't met, I'm Teresa, the club Treasurer and part of the team that oversees the running of your club. At our last team meeting we thought it might be useful if I provided a short piece on the club's finances as part of the quarterly newsletter. So here goes.....

In order to keep an overview of our finances, we review them every month at the team meeting and in September we will produce a detailed set of accounts for the year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). But that's the formal stuff ...so I thought ahead of that it might be helpful for you, our members, to see how the income we obtain, largely through your fees and support of club fund raising initiatives, is being spent this year, and also give an insight into some of the challenges for next year.

The table on the next page below summarises, at a provisional level, this year's Income & Expenditure for 21/22. You will notice our income and expenditure will largely match this year with the hope of showing a small profit. We have worked hard to put together a full and varied programme of events for the club, position ourselves for the future through our web site and social media presence, and enjoyed some extra activities such as the Harrogate trip and Jubilee lunch. All this alongside our regular fundraising through the raffle, sales table, teas etc. We do hope you have enjoyed the activities and we really appreciate the support you have given. We also managed to obtain some external funding to pay for most of the relaunch of our much improved website.

We did however make a decision to sell the club trophies which for many years have just collected dust in Joyce's loft! This bolstered our income by c£500, without which it is sad to say we would be looking at a financial loss this year.

So... as we look forward to next year we are continuing to plan for and provide another full and varied programme of activities for you, which will be announced soon. Costs are rising everywhere. This year the average demonstrating cost was £290. We estimate that this will rise next year to £350, with travel and flower costs impacting us in particular. However, your team are committed to ensuring a successful year of floral activities for us all to enjoy and look forward to your continued support for the programme and extra activities.

Teresa

Income sources for the Year 21/22	Total	Expenditure for the Year 21/22	Total
Members Fees	£ 2,450.00	Demonstrator Fees & Travel	£ 1,200.00
Raffle	£ 900.00	Demonstrator cost of flowers	£ 1,100.00
Visitors	£ 120.00	Room Hire	£ 1,000.00
Fund raising efforts for the club e.g. teas, sales table, club trips, Jubilee lunch etc	£ 500.00	Running costs e.g. Insurance, audit fees, website domain, postage, stationery	£ 500.00
One off external Funding received (grant for website set up)	£ 300.00	New Website set up (one off cost)	£ 400.00
**Sale of club trophies (one off)	£ 500.00	NAFAS fee (Paid to NAFAS to maintain the clubs affiliation. Amount paid is calculated on membership numbers)	£ 400.00
TOTAL	£ 4,770.00	TOTAL	£ 4,600.00



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 July 2022 Honley Show

17 August 2022 Club Meeting: Demonstrator – Heather Hayes