



# **LALESTON GARDENING CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Spring has sprung and Laleston Gardening Club Committee members are busy preparing for this year's events. Fingers crossed for good weather for all of our events and the new growing season too.

You already have dates of our Monday monthly lectures, but in case anyone has mislaid or is a new member here are this seasons remaining dates, all lectures begin at 7.30pm.

- 17<sup>th</sup> April - Kevin Thomas a demonstration of hanging baskets and window boxes
- 8<sup>th</sup> May - Seasonal Gardening tips - Sheena Crossley
- 12<sup>th</sup> June - B-Leaf Garden Centre at Bryngarw – Paul Davis

This year's Main events are as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> May - Our **Annual Plant Sale** with a wide selection of annuals, perennials and veg plants. **Open at 10am** and as we are growing a reduced number of plants this year, early attendance is definitely advised. There will be bacon rolls on sale so don't worry about breakfast! We will have a cake stall, a card stall and one of our usual bumper raffles!

12<sup>th</sup> August **ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW**  
This year we are bringing our annual show forward to August to enable Members to have a greater chance of having plants and vegetables to display and enter into the show. Climate change and the resulting weather conditions have given rise to changes in our growing season. Attached to this newsletter is the schedule for the show. We hope as many members as possible will enter exhibits and support this important annual event. Watch out for Sian's tips on Facebook to help you grow prize winning flowers and vegetables.

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - AGM 7.30pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz Night 7.30 pm – places must be Booked nearer the date

18<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Fayre**

Watch for further announcements about our annual Christmas Fayre, but meanwhile just a date for your diary.

### Meal events

**EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL – Please note the date to book each event**

**Book by email - [sueford175@gmail.com](mailto:sueford175@gmail.com) or Facebook Message Sue Ford  
Or text 07486642353 or book in person on the booking date at Cliff Cottage  
10am – 12 noon**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May British Pie Night - 7.00 for 7.30pm  
(night before the Coronation) - £15 per head**

There will be a selection of 3 different pies served with chips and peas plus a Selection of desserts and a glass of prosecco to Toast His Majesty King Charles III

Pies – Corned beef - Chicken & Ham - Steak & Ale

**Please specify your choice of pie when booking**

**BOOKINGS OPEN SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April – PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO BOOK BEFORE**

**BBQ - 15th July 2023**

This annual event is always enjoyable, the marquee makes it possible for us to be sure we can go ahead whatever the weather. **Booking will open on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

## Ladies Section program of meetings

4 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Easter Social evening with hot cross buns	
18 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Dean Powell	- Glyn Houston A black & white actor
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Sian Roberts	- Welsh Food
16 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Pat Johnson	- Felted Jewelry
6 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Ceri Joseph	- Richard Burton
20 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Sue & Lucy	- Mini Auction ***
4 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Mags Ward	- Floral demonstration (Flowers from your garden please)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Summer Social evening	

\*\*\* Mini Auction - Ladies we hold this mini auction annually, but due to Covid it hasn't been possible for a couple of years. We ask everyone to bring along things that they wish to donate to the auction, perhaps unwanted Christmas presents etc. We have a fun evening auctioning the items off and we donate the proceeds to charities. This year we have lost members of our club to Cancer and also to dementia related illnesses so we will split the proceeds from the evening between Cancer Research UK and the Alzheimer's Society. So have a look around over the next few weeks and bring along donations to any Ladies meeting.

## WINDOWS

At last the long overdue windows have been fitted into Cliff Cottage and we are in the process of notifying the **National Lottery Community Fund** that the project is completed. It has made a great deal of difference especially to the old kitchen room in particular and will help with ventilation when we are catering for events, so a real improvement! **Thank you National Lottery Community Fund we are very grateful.**

We have heard this week that we have been successful in securing a grant from **Sun Credit** via **BAVO**, this will contribute to the cost of the remaining four sash windows and we hope to have these replaced in the Autumn. We are delighted and thank **Sun Credit** for their generosity and **BAVO** for their invaluable assistance.

## GENTLEMEN

I recently published on Facebook, a post asking for male members to volunteer on a rota basis to help in our shop on Saturday mornings. We have 272 members and very few of the male population within that membership ever get actively involved in the Club's running and day to day activities. So please gentlemen contact us and offer your help, only 4 volunteers so far.

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I received a request recently for Sarah Murphy MS to come to the Gardening Club for a visit. That visit was scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> March, but unfortunately Sarah is unwell and we are at present rearranging for another day. Sarah is our MS (Senedd Member) for Bridgend and expressed a wish to come to Laleston Gardening Club as she likes to visit organisations and groups in her constituency 'that do great things'.

I will be very pleased to demonstrate to her that the Gardening Club not only has a great history, but now in 2023 we continue to play an important part in the Community life of the village and for those living in surrounding districts too. We not only promote gardening, advising those who seek it, but we also provide a valuable Community Hub. I hope to see her soon and send our best wishes.

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So now may I wish you all a Happy Easter, a good Spring and gardening year. Can I ask everyone to please keep an eye on our Facebook page, or attend our meetings because we will be making announcements soon regarding **our summer coach trips**. Margaret Worgan will, during April, be booking us in at gardens to visit in June, July and August, details will follow soon.

Happy Gardening!

Best Wishes to all

**Sue**