

FEERING & KELVEDON GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER 2024

WELCOME TO THE CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER

Where is the year disappearing to! Here we are already in October and heading towards welcoming our final speaker of the year in November - Cherry Mullins who will be giving a talk all about "Monet's Giverny"

However, before that we welcome back this month on **1st October** a very popular speaker. Mike Abel is returning to give a timely talk as we are all being encouraged to grow our own produce on "Growing Vegetables". Apart from Mike being a keen gardener he is also a beekeeper and will be coming back to the Club in **2025** to talk on this very subject on **November 4th**. However, there will be an earlier opportunity to purchase and enjoy the delicious honey his bees produce this month!



Now let's turn to jobs to do in the garden and allotment this month -

1. Bring tender plants indoors before the first frost.
2. Plant out perennials.
3. Plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, bluebells and tulips.
4. Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost or cover with deep mulch.
5. Mulch around borderline hardy plants.
6. Rake up Autumn leaves and add them to the compost bin
7. Move any exotic plants back into the greenhouse before nights get too chilly.
8. Cover bare soil with organic mulch both in the garden and allotment
9. Harvest pumpkins to store well before any sign of frost.
10. Plant out onion sets and garlic.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Membership now stands at 67 following the sad passing of Don Harris.

BIRTHDAY greetings members with a birthday or anniversary this month.

COMMITTEE NEWS

As everyone is aware there will be a change of leadership from February as **Annie** is retiring from the roles of **Chairman, Secretary, Programme and Outings Co-Ordinator** and **Publicity** alongside **Doug Read (Treasurer)** and also **Terry Mays and Paul Rice on the General Committee**. Unfortunately, due to work commitments **Tracy Harman** will also be stepping down from the role of **Secretary elect**.

Angela Carruthers will continue as **Trophy Co-Ordinator** but will no longer remain on the Committee. However, at the present time **Ian Standingford (Membership Secretary)** **Ronda Howard (General Committee)** **Janet Edwards (Show Secretary)** and **Carol Taylor (Website)** will all be seeking re-election together with **Naomi Emerick (Vice Chairman)** who will be seeking election as the **new Chairman**. It therefore remains that a new

Treasurer, Vice Chairman and **Secretary** are sought together with a **Programme and Outings Co-Ordinator** and someone to take over **Publicity** ie monthly articles for the Feering Parish Magazine, Quarterly articles for the Kelvedon Parish Council Magazine and generally to promote the Club. It is also customary for the Chairman to compose the Newsletter -- this could be limited to only those months that the Members meet and not necessarily all year round as it is at present.

All food for thought but these roles need to be filled for the Club to move forward from 2025.

POET'S CORNER

Poem of the month

Extracts from

"The Solitary Reaper"

By William Wordsworth

*Behold her, single in the field,
Yon solitary Highland Lass!
Reaping and singing by herself;
Stop here, or gently pass!
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melancholy strain;
O listen! for the vale profound
Is overflowing with the sound.*

DID YOU KNOW?

There are actually more than 50 types of pumpkin and many of them have been given fun names such as the Spooktacular, the Funny Face and the Munchi! As to weight the smallest can weigh as little as 2lbs but the largest commonly grown could weigh more than 150lb - It would take someone extremely strong to lift that and you would also need a big garden! Not only do they come in the more traditional colour of orange but also in different colours including blue, green and white. Perhaps a new colour trend for Halloween could be introduced!

NOW FOR NEWS ABOUT OUTINGS NEXT YEAR

SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025

**GOODERSTONE WATER GARDENS nr
Swaffham**

A 53-seater coach has already been booked with Kings Coaches with tickets priced at **£35** for members and **£40** for non-members – this includes coach travel, driver's tip and entry to the Gardens. There is also a Café open from 11pm to 4pm. Minimum number for Group Bookings is only 12. Book early to avoid disappointment!

On **TUESDAY 1st JULY 2025** we shall be visiting **Feeringbury Manor C05 9RB** using own transport to enjoy these beautiful gardens. The cost of the ticket to include refreshments will be **£10pp**.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

HONEY CAKE

**Pre-heat oven to 180o Gas Mark 4
and line a greased, floured square tin
Serves 10**

INGREDIENTS

1 egg
½ cup of sugar
150g honey
cinnamon to taste
cloves to taste
1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
2 cups sifted flour
50g blanched almonds (optional)

METHOD

Beat the eggs and sugar together. Add the honey, spices and bicarbonate of sugar. Gradually stir in the flour. Pour into the prepared cake tin and bake for approximately 15-20 minutes. Remove from the oven when cooked and place on a wired rack. When cooled the cake can be cut in half and filled with jam. **ENJOY!**

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS – Carol Taylor has changed the website address which will be easier to navigate. Please note this is now:
www.feeringkelvedongardenclub.co.uk

FLOWER OF THE MONTH resumes with only next month remaining for a chance to win the Shield!

NEXT MONTH we welcome our last speaker for this year, Cherry Mullins who will be giving a talk on "Monet's Giverney".

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL Tickets now available at only **£5pp** – please see Annie to purchase or reserve a place.

FOOD FOR THE BUFFET

As you know the Christmas Social puts on a buffet and those attending provide food on a sharing basis so please put your name on the list together with the food you will be bringing so that we do not have too many identical dishes.

**So hope to see many of you there on
Tuesday 1st October!**

**That's all for this month so Happy Cooking
and Gardening.**