

FEERING & KELVEDON GARDEN CLUB

MAY 2023



WELCOME TO THE CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER

April hailed our Spring Show which was very well attended and the exhibits from the 16 entrants created a lovely spring atmosphere in The Institute with very high quality exhibits totalling 69. The results are as follows:

Miniature Daffodil

1st Leigh Arnold, 2nd Ronda Howard, 3rd Sue Bunting

Small Cupped Daffodil

1st Fiona Barkham, 2nd Leigh Arnold, 3rd Lyn Harris

Large Trumpet Daffodil

1st Leigh Arnold, 2nd Lyn Harris, 3rd Janet Edwards

Large Fancy Daffodil

1st Ronda Howard, 2nd Pat Spinks, 3rd Fiona Barkham

Spring Flowers other than above

1st Sue Pitt, 2nd Pat Spinks, 3rd Fiona Barkham

Flowering & Or Foliage Shrubs

1st Lyn Harris, 2nd Roz Clarke, 3rd Leigh Arnold

Planted pot of daffodils in flower

1st Leigh Arnold 2nd Annie Northfield

A Single Foliage Pot Plant

1st Carol Taylor, 2nd Annie Northfield

A Single Flowering Pot Plant

1st Sue Pitt, 2nd Roz Clarke, 3rd Janet Edwards

An Orchid in Flower

1st Leigh Arnold, 2nd Tracy Harman, 3rd Ronda Howard

An Arrangement of Spring Flowers

1st Sue Bunting 2nd Fiona Barkham 3rd Janet Edwards

A planted container of Spring Flowers

1st Annie Northfield, 2nd Doug Read 3rd Pat Spinks

Congratulations to all

Thanks must go to Don Harris who donated Puffball Onions and Leeks which were snapped up by keen vegetable growers!

A RECOGNITION AWARD newly created by the RHS was presented to the Chairman in a splendid frame by Ronda Howard together with a beautiful planted container. This was indeed an honour for Annie who thanked the Committee and all the members for their support.

MEMBERSHIP – no new members to report on this month.

GREETINGS to all those with a birthday or an anniversary this month.

WEBSITE – please have a look at our newly updated website – this month featuring photos of the Spring Show – link below:
<https://e-voice.org.uk/feeringkelvedongardenclub/>

RHS WISLEY

Sunday 11th June with Kings Coaches

Please note that outstanding payments for reserved seats need to be settled up this month. Please hand over completed forms and cheques/*cash payments to Annie and tickets will be issued.

TROPHIES & SHIELDS – Cynthia has requested the return of these from last year's winners for engraving prior to the Open Show. It would be helpful if these to be cleaned and polished up!



Let's turn to a few gardening tips

1. Remove dead blooms from daffodils and hyacinths.
2. Sow hardy perennials in a frame or greenhouse.
3. Sow beans and dwarf beans under cloches .
4. Sow cucumbers under glass.
5. Plant up cauliflowers.



POET'S CORNER

Ian Standingford's quote of the month
"The Trees" by Philip Larkin



*The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.*

*Is it that they are born again
And we grow older? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.*

*Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May,
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh*

DID YOU KNOW? Not all old superstitions about May were positive. According to all old folklore you should not buy a broom, wash blankets or marry in May. So "Wash a blanket in May, Wash a dear one away" and "Marry in May and you'll rue the day" are two well-known verses. Good job it was the 30th April your Chairman tied the knot 40 years ago!

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW – believe it or not we only have the June members' meeting remaining before **2nd**

September and this is just a reminder that we need volunteers to help run the Show please for all the various jobs that it entails - setting up on Friday night to include the collection of tables from the Institute and St Mary's Kelvedon Church, organising refreshments, stewarding and much more. We do have some volunteers already on board which is brilliant but to make the Show the success we all hope for please put your name down on the list provided to ensure it is just that. Many thanks!

FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Resumes this month so do not forget to bring along your exhibit. The winner at the end of the year will win the Flower of the Month Shield currently held by Janet Edwards.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Vanilla Crème Brulee

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

8 egg yolks
115g (4oz) caster sugar
2 vanilla pods, split lengthways and seeds removed, reserving seeds and pods
750ml (1 pt 6oz) double cream
250ml (9fl oz) milk
55g (2oz) demerara sugar

METHOD

Pre-heat oven to 140c/Gas 1

Place the egg yolks and caster sugar in a bowl and add the vanilla seeds and pod. Using a whisk gently combine the mixture then slowly stir in the cream and milk.

Pass the mix through the sieve and divide between 6 small overproof dishes or ramekins about 9cm (3½in) in diameter and 2.5cm (1in) deep. Place in the oven and cook for about 1½-2 hours until set on the top. To check if the mixture is cooked, move the dishes. If it still ripples it is not ready. However, overcooking will cause the brulee to crack on the top once cooked so be very careful!

Remove from the oven, and place in the fridge until set, normally about 1 hour.

Dust the surface with the demerara sugar and either blow-torch or grill until golden brown. **ENJOY!**

Next month on **June 6th** our very own Don Harris together with his wife Lynn will be regaling us with their exploits with a talk and power point presentation entitled "A Year of Growing and Showing" – it will certainly be another fun evening to look forward to.

CLUB MEMBERS' AFTERNOON VISIT

4th JULY 2023 from 3pm

(parking restrictions from 2-3pm)

Tickets are now available for members to visit Annie's garden costing £5pp to include refreshments - any profits will be donated to the Club. There will also be a raffle plus more.

**THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH!
HAPPY COOKING & GARDENING**

"The earth laughs with flowers"
Ralph Waldo Emerson