

DARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB

July 21

NEWSLETTER (16)

'Freedom Day'



What Freedom Day?

- Free from '55 years of hurt'? Well England did so VERY well on Sunday night not only by getting to The Final but also in the manner and tone in which they played and conducted themselves throughout....but no Winners' cup yet. (Just wish they/we could be free from all nasty comments!)



- Free from Covid? Well, not yet - and possibly, not at all for some time - if ever!

I sincerely hope Newsletter 16 arrives to find you and yours safe and well?

**Edition 16!!!
Doesn't time fly when!**

How does, 'Free to be Optimistic' sound? I'm still optimistic that we can have our first 'Face-to-Face' meeting on Wednesday 11th August 6pm to 7pm at The Kyte, courtesy of Craig Gallimore. Some of you have already contacted me to say that you can't wait for that to happen. Some of you remain quite apprehensive.

So...

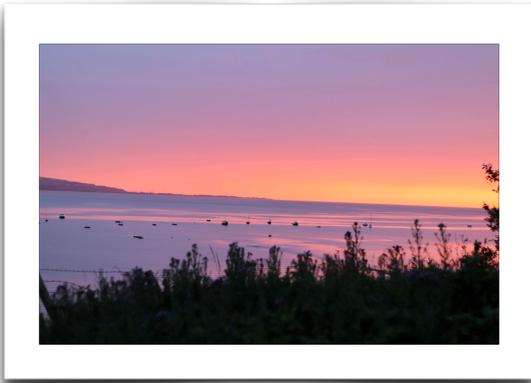
Please consider the following and LET ME KNOW by phoning or emailing me whether you'll be coming and, if not, how you'd be persuaded to come.

You'll understand that so much can still change before August 11th.

I've got an email or phone contact for the vast majority of you and **I will leave an email or phone message for you all to confirm (or otherwise) on WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST BEFORE midday.** (I currently only have a postal address for one or two people and I will write a note on your Newsletter requesting a contact phone or email so that I can send you a message on Wednesday 11th.)

August 11th The Kyte, courtesy of Craig Gallimore

1. Please arrive from 5:30 to 5:55 for 6pm start, 7pm end
2. Please bring and wear a mask as you currently would do when entering/leaving an inside venue. I'm keen to err on the side of caution and consideration for everyone's feelings and welfare for our first few meetings.
3. Please be prepared to sign in with your details on arrival
4. Please don't bring any plant swaps for this first meeting
5. The room will be well ventilated
6. Currently, it's likely that seating will be arranged differently, initially and probably in a 'Theatre style'.
7. At the time of printing and distribution, arrangements for refreshments aren't confirmed. Perhaps it'd be wise for you to



The soil just near the cliffs is lime-rich due to crushed remains of seashells and we saw hordes of butterflies and ‘armies’ of rabbits! We walked down to the beach and along the sands to a slipway near The Dee sailing club. Whilst we were at the site, the beach and coastal path/road was restricted whilst an episode of Hollyoaks was being filmed at a shore-side cottage. Blackthorn, Yellow wort and Bird’s foot trefoil are common plants here.



This plant has many names including ‘Bacon and eggs’; the red- brown tips of the flowers looking like bacon amongst the yellow (egg yolk) flowers, but it is the seed pods that look like birds’ feet that give it its most common name

West Kirkby, a busy little town just up the coast has an amazing Marine Lake. It’s located between shore and Mersey and when the tide’s in, it can appear that people around the perimeter of the lake are actually walking on the water! All around, there are so many species of birdlife. Malc Wright would be in his element! You’ll recall Malc’s bird survey item in last month’s newsletter. He’s recently sent another particularly interesting and unusual item:

This is a photo Malc took of a Leucistic House Sparrow (not an albino).

‘(It is) a genetic mutation that affects colouration. There are two of them, obviously from the same nest, and it is very entertaining to watch them being fed by their ordinary house sparrow parents. Leucistic birds don't usually live for very long as they are easily spotted by predators. ‘

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Some smiles; some similar to ones in earlier editions but, as they say, the old ones are the best ones (... so that covers many of us doesn’t it!).....

- People tell me I take mini-golf too seriously, but my caddy disagrees
- What did the Pirate say when he turned 80? “Aye Matey!”
- What is brown and sticky? A Stick
- I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- They say one glass of wine in the evening is good for your health, but how many should I be having in the morning?
- I love going on holiday. It's important to argue somewhere different.
- I like to watch Love Your Garden when I have my tea and then True Crime before bed. I feel really confident being able to bury a body and know what to plant on top of it
- Apparently women are twice as empathetic as men. I can’t even imagine what that must be like.
- The other day I saw one of those new "driverless" cars. In fact, I saw a whole car park full of them!
- "Life Hack: When too tired to do all the things on your To Do list, try a ‘To Don’t’ list. Simply write all the things you’re not going to do and then... don’t do them. Huge sense of achievement with none of the effort.”
- "Do I enjoy randomly appointing people to judicial positions? I’ll let you be the judge of that.”

- "I tell my friends I'm here for them 24/7 because it sounds better than saying I'm only here for them on 24 July.
- "People need to stop telling me I can't sit on the fence. Or maybe they don't, I don't mind, really."
- Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.
- I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
- This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog—we laughed a lot.

to encourage new growth and further blooms.

- Prune lupins to encourage more flowers.
- If you need to prune your deciduous magnolia, now's the best time to do it.
- Divide clumps of bearded Iris so they have time to form roots and flower buds for next year before the cold weather arrives.
- Deadhead bedding plants and perennial plants to stop them self-seeding and to encourage further flowering.
- Deadhead your roses to keep them looking tidy. Leave the flowers in place if your rose produces attractive hips (seed pods).
- Deadhead sweet peas regularly to keep them blooming. Water daily in dry weather.
- Capture seed heads from dandelions and other weeds. Collect them before they get a chance to release their seeds and spread throughout your garden.

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DARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting: September (TBA)

Tel: Vice Chair: 01977 797644

Be a GOOD NEIGHBOUR.

Lockdown's lifting and Loads of us have had
Jabs but these can still be worrying times.

A problem shared

St Marys Centre, Chequerfield 01977 705341.

Email: denisepallett@stmaryscommunity.co.uk

WMDC is supporting this Community Centre as a key friendly, advice + help 'Hub' for Pontefract.

Wakefield Samaritans Call: 116 123 (free to call – no code needed) <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-wakefield-and-district>

Call: 01977 552114

email: admin@ageukwd.org.uk

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July Gardening Tasks

- Cut back faded perennial plants to keep borders tidy.
- As your penstemon flowers fade, cut them back to just above a bud to encourage more flowers.
- Cutting back growth in hanging baskets can encourage new flowers and foliage and will revive the display. Make sure you feed your baskets well after doing this.
- Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after the first flush of flowers

First meeting for many, many months!
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Be Safe. Be Well. Be Kind
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