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CHAIRMAN'S SPRING MESSAGE

Since our January Newsletter we have had our January talk by Peter Mathers entitled Poetry Prose & Peonies, a floral display by Carol Wickham with an array of floral displays around musical shows and films through the eras, followed by last month's March meeting which was our floral workshop. We will be posting some photos in this newsletter but there will also be some in our website photo gallery. There were some really lovely displays made with tulips and spring flowers and foliage from our gardens and plenty of pussy willow, cherry blossom and twisted hazel. The workshop was split into two levels of competencies, beginner and intermediate, and both produced some great designs led by Joyce with Teresa and myself as helpers. Looking forward to planning other workshops this year and a special Christmas Wreath class. We will keep you updated at the monthly meetings and also on this website and social media. Also really looking forward to the 22nd of April and our trip to the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. This follows our monthly meeting on the 20th April with a floral demonstration by Wendy Gravestone of Burnley.

Joyce's Musings



THE BRITISH WEATHER

Were you wearing sunglasses on the 25th of March and a woolly hat and gloves on April Fool's Day?

Well the onset of winter weather again after the beautiful warm spring March weather certainly had a lot of us fooled. The old adage "Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out" certainly proved its foundation. This unpredictable weather is intrinsically linked to the British character. In fact its unpredictability could be the very reason we talk about it. In ancient cultures weather was a serious matter and often meant the difference between life and death so, as culture evolved, so did the weather obsession.

According to recent research, 94% of the British population admits to having conversed about the weather sometime during the day. Talking about the weather apparently helps us to overcome our social inhibitions. How often, whilst being in the presence of a stranger, have you started the conversation about the day's climate?

Often it's an excuse for a good old grumble but we can also use weather speak to gauge other people's moods. Depending on their response to your weather greeting, you can tell if someone is in the mood for a chat or is feeling grumpy and negative. Failing to agree positively with the other person's weather observation is quite a serious breach of etiquette, so the next time someone opens a conversation about the weather think before you answer. It could be more revealing than you think!



CLUB NEWS

The new website has been launched successfully. Diane, Teresa, and Joyce have learnt new skills in its administration. If you have not looked at the new format please follow this link:

huddersfieldflowerclub.co.uk

Facebook and Instagram allow us to instantaneously update you with photographs and videos of all things floral so we have an active social media image to maintain (No pressure there then).

Next on the agenda is the Harrogate Spring Flower Show and the club trip on April 22nd to view the amazing Floral Art exhibition and competition. Watch out for photographs following on the Facebook page.

Preparations are well on the way for our celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on 22nd June. If you have not already put your name on the list of attendees then why not? Good company, good food and a chocolate raffle what more can you ask for?



CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND NAFAS EDUCATION DAY

Several members of Huddersfield attended a flower fun filled education day at Wigginton Village Hall York. Tuition was led by Elaine Bedford.





FLOWER CLUB MEMBERS CREATE BEAUTIFUL DISPLAYS AT MARCH WORKSHOP





BIRTH FLOWER OF THE MONTH DAISY - BELLIS PERENNIS

'He loves me, he loves me not' is a familiar rhyme associated with what is probably our most well-known plant: the common daisy. Its white-and-yellow flower heads brighten up lawns, verges and short turf almost everywhere.

Daisies are April's birth flowers and they carry an association of simplicity – childlike happiness, joy and innocence. The daisy also signifies purity and modesty. In Victorian times it was a popular name for sweet young girls. This cheerful bloom can be used to represent friendship and loyalty as well. The traditional flower for fifth wedding anniversaries.

Perhaps one of our most familiar flowers of all, the humble common daisy can be seen flowering almost all year-round. Its persistent and widespread growth, heralding the arrival of spring to our gardens, has resulted in children using its flowers to make necklaces (daisy chains) and adults desperately trying to rid their lawns of this so-called 'weed'.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21-24 April 2022	Harrogate Flower Show
22 nd April 2022	Coach trip to Harrogate Flower Show
6 th May 2022	National Flower Arranging Day
22 nd June 2022	Platinum Jubilee Lunch Fixby Hall Huddersfield
23 rd July 2022	Honley Show



WE NEED YOU!!!!

Please bring along to April and May club afternoons any type of chocolate item to be raffled at the Jubilee Lunch Celebrations. All proceeds will go towards club funds to ensure that we can keep pace with rising costs.

