

SNAPE GARDENING CLUB - NEWS

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JOBS TO DO:

Now is the time to be cutting back your deciduous ornamental grasses.

The Winter stems will be losing structure & be prone to getting soggy and have the potential to rot!

Cut them down to the base and wait for that burst of spring growth.

Evergreen grasses benefit from a good comb to remove dead stems.

You can also divide grasses now!

Welcome to the "new look newsletter"

Our regular publication will be packed with lots of great advice, tips, reviews and help, for you to all get so much from your annual membership! The newsletter will keep all its usual top information from David, but in addition we are launching our regular features section and our dedicated "Dear Worzel" horticultural help desk!

GARDENING CLUB COMPOST OFFER:

60L MULTI PURPOSE - £3.50

40L MIRACLE GROW - £4

60L PEAT FREE MULTI PURPOSE -
£5.50

Great prices saving you upto £2 per bag!

Available from David



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS MONTHS ISSUE.....

- DAVIDS' PLANT OF THE MONTH
- GARDEN TRENDS & TIPS
- JOBS TO DO
- VISIT REVIEW

PLUS SO MUCH MORE...



- Our new dedicated horticultural helpdesk...send us a photo & query or ask us a question & we'll do our best to help.....
- GIVE IT A TRY -

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OUT & ABOUT –
 a review of Moss and
 Moor, Ilkley
 LS29 7HQ

“Moss and Moor” is a family-owned garden centre that first opened its doors in April 2021. The owners have made a conscious decision to work with British growers to reduce their carbon footprint & work with the Ilkley conservation group in providing eco information to their customers. The garden centre sells all of the expected gardening sundries – feeds, seeds, pots, tools etc & has a varied plant selection. They also have an artisan foodhall and showcase local makers & artists.....

There’s an excellent restaurant with hearty dishes to keep you going for the journey home!

www.mossandmoor.co.uk

At the February meeting, Stella Exley from Hare Spring Nursery in Alne, gave an entertaining & informative talk about growing “CAMASSIA”. Stella was commissioned to provide 2000 perfect plants for Chris Beardshaws Chelsea Garden in 2014. She had to battle various challenges – the weather was varied with periods of extreme wet, mild spells and two bouts of heavy snow! Her nursery terrain was widespread and involved negotiating stiles and walls from her greenhouses to provide the perfect growing conditions for the plants! There was the logistical challenge of sending 2000 “perfect” plants over 125 miles to Chelsea! All the dedication prevailed, and the garden was awarded a gold certificate and her collaborations with Chris Beardshaw continue..... *See our “plant of the month” section for more details.....*



Don’t forget your Gardening Club has RHS reduced-entry cards for your use – *see page 3!*

GARDENING CLUB SWAP SHOP.....

*Do you have garden magazines, plant or design books, a glut of preserves from last year’s crop, unwanted plants or cuttings????? Bring them along to the monthly meeting & swap them out..... ***magazines & dahlia corms will be there this Wednesday 16th March****



Having a garden tidy – keep hold of the birch, willow & hazel twigs to make your sustainable plant supports!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

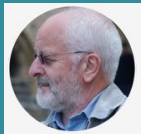
Saturday 19th March – Spring gardens visit with drinks & nibbles at Tilia House

Saturday 9th April – Visit to “Fairview Gardens” Smelthouses

Wednesday 20th April – “Historic Gardens Through The Archives” Gail Falkingham



We now have 2 RHS reduced price entry cards for your use..... Each card allows 1 Snape Gardening Club member & 1 adult guest 30% reduction on the normal entry rate to any of the 5 RHS gardens – Harlow Carr (Harrogate), Bridgewater (Salford), Wisley (Woking Surrey), Hyde Hall (Chelmsford Essex) and Rosemore (Torrington, Devon). So if you are going on a day out.....have visitors who you want to treat.....or your holidaying near to the further afield gardens.....please take advantage of this Snape Gardening Club member benefit– speak to David



DAVIDS' PLANT OF THE MONTH - CAMASSIA

Camassia is a genus of plants in the asparagus family & is native to North America. Common names include: camas, quamash, Indian hyacinth, camash & wild hyacinth. They are a bulbous perennial which thrive in most conditions – sunny & moist to drier with some shade. They are tolerant of a heavy or lighter soil and have no problem with pests or diseases.....what's not to love!

Camassia have sturdy racemes of six-petalled starry blooms in a rich hue of blues, creamy whites and pinks.

Bulbs are planted in Autumn at a 20cms depth or approximately double the size of the bulb. Spring shoots emerge and their self-supporting stature ranges from 30 – 120cms.

They create enchanting naturalised swathes or will stand well with grasses and other planting schemes in a perennial border, from the end of Spring to the beginning of Summer.

****Some members purchased from Stella so send us your photos when they are in glorious bloom****



Saturday 19th March sees our village walk to visit members Spring gardens. It starts at 1.30pm from Davids' & will finish for drinks, nibbles & socialising at Sarah & Russ' around 3pm. We are all in the same boat, with our gardens looking a little worse for Winter wear, but nobody is judging anyone & it's a great chance to ask questions, get suggestions & just enjoy each others company. Please let David or Sarah Simms know if you're happy to open up your front gate!