



Aughton & Ormskirk U3A GARDENING GROUP NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

Welcome to this the fourth of the Gardening Groups newsletters which we hope you will find of interest. We hope that you are enjoying the newsletter but please let us know if you would like any specific topics covered.

You are reminded that the June Gardening Group meeting is a visit to the gardens in Crabtree Lane, Burscough which means there will be no meeting at Scout & Guide HQ in June. Details of the visit to Crabtree Lane are given below.

All meetings start at 2pm in the Scout & Guide HQ. Full details of all meetings can be seen on the U3A website at <http://aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk/groups/gardening-group/>

MONDAY 13th JUNE 2016

Topic: "Visit to Garden at 79 Crabtree Lane, Burscough"

This visit commencing at 2pm will replace the normal monthly meeting held in the Scout & Guide HQ.

MONDAY 11th July 2016

"Oh Dear! What can the 'Machair' be? "

A look at threatened habitat in Hebridean Islands and its flora

Speaker: Steve Halliwell

We look forward to welcoming you to the U3A Gardening Group Meetings.

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13 JUNE MEETING – 79 CRABTREE LANE GARDEN

Our June meeting will be a visit to the garden at 79 Crabtree Lane, Burscough and will replace our normal monthly meeting in the Scout & Guide HQ. This is an excellent opportunity to visit a local garden. Entrance to gardens £5

Direction: From Ormskirk take A59 towards Preston, in Burscough after crossing second bridge and after Tesco turn left into Red Cat Lane, after ¼ mile turn left into Crabtree Lane. No 79 is located adjacent to the Railway Level Cross Gates.



Crabtree Garden

Southport Flower show 18th – 21st August 2016 – Closing Date for Discounted Tickets

The Gardening Group has negotiated a discounted entrance fee to this year's Southport Flower Show; the £19 ticket is discounted to £16 if purchased before the end of June 2016. You can purchase online at www.southportflowershow.co.uk/tickets.asp using the discount code U3A or by telephone 01704 547 147 there is a postage fee of £1 with telephone ticket requests but no additional fee when tickets are ordered online. ***The offer is only valid until 30th June.***

African Violets are beautiful flowers that can easily be propagated by leaf cuttings. Simply remove a healthy leaf with the petiole or leaf stem by cutting it off or snapping it off neatly at the stem of the plant. The petiole should be trimmed to about 1 ½ inches long for best results. Insert the cutting into soil and make a “mini greenhouse” by covering pot with a plastic bag and put in light but not sunny position and after several weeks you should have a sound young plant to pot on.

The flower that smells the sweetest is shy and lowly.



William Wordsworth

Garden Jobs for June

- 1) Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- 2) Pinch out, side shoots on tomatoes
- 3) Plant out summer bedding
- 4) Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
- 5) Mow lawns at least once a week
- 6) Cut back bulb foliage as soon as it has died down naturally
- 7) Pinch out the tips of your Fuchsias to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers.

The Gardening Group Needs Your Involvement

If the gardening group is to continue to operate and provide a service to U3A members it needs your active support. Will you please consider offering your services to organise meetings, set out chairs, make tea and be actively involved in the running of the group?

Please contact David Blanchflower 01704 889736



JUNE DIARY DATES

The AGM for the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A will be held on Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 10.30am in Christ Church.

All U3A members are asked to attend this important meeting and participate in the election of both the Committee and Trustee body.

National Gardens Scheme – Gardens open to public:

4 & 5 June – Beconsall, Tarlton 11am to 5pm adm: £3.50

Details:

<http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/find-a-garden/garden.aspx?id=30940>

5 June - Birkdale Village Gardens 11am to 5pm adm: £4.50 to see six gardens.

Details:

<http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/find-a-garden/garden.aspx?id=20777>

