



Aughton & Ormskirk U3A GARDENING GROUP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome to this the seventh of the Gardening Groups newsletters which we hope you will find of interest.

Full details of the Gardening Group can be seen on the U3A website at <http://aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk/groups/gardening-group/>

NO FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE GARDENING GROUP

Group members will be aware in the last newsletter it was indicated that unless members volunteered to play an active role in running the Gardening Group it would cease to function. Sadly no one stepped forward to assist so it has regrettably been decided to cease holding monthly meetings.

We will however continue to circulate bi monthly email newsletters containing topics of interest on gardening. It may be that in the future the group can once again start holding monthly meetings but only if members are prepared to become involved in running the group.

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Think about container displays

September is the month we should be planting up winter containers, so they can establish themselves before the really bad weather sets in. Try cyclamen, winter-flowering heathers and pansies for colour, as well as container-grown shrubs including small-leaved hebes and skimmia, while ornamental cabbages bring form and colour to winter pots.

Don't forget to plant spring bulbs in window boxes and containers. Zingy yellow dwarf narcissi, deep blue muscari and other dwarf bulbs including scillas, chionodoxas and early crocuses are perfect for pots.



Seed: collecting and storing

Growing plants from seed is generally straightforward and inexpensive. It is an opportunity to increase the number of plants in your garden for free.

Full details of how to collect and store your seeds can be found on the Royal Horticultural Society website at:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=675>



Now's the time to pep up your lawn. When the wet weather comes, scarify and spike your lawn to remove moss and dead grass, improve oxygenation and relieve compaction.- Give the lawn an autumn feed and add top dressing, especially if you have clay, chalk or sandy soil



Garden Jobs for September

- 1) Sow hardy annuals for bigger plants next year.
- 2) Plant spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinths now.
- 3) Keep deadheading annuals and perennials to extend their performance.
- 4) Prune climbing roses and rambling roses once they've finished flowering (unless they are repeat-flowerers in which case leave them).



SEPTEMBER DIARY DATE

HARROGATE
AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

16TH – 18TH September 2016



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