



**Aughton & Ormskirk U3A
GARDENING GROUP NEWSLETTER
January 2019**

Welcome to the Gardening Groups newsletter 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/>

January Gardening Group Meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2 – 4 pm

Venue: St Michael's Church Hall

Cliff Porter will speak on the topic "Where would we be without Bees."



In the greenhouse

- 1) Plant Amaryllis bulbs in pots now for stunning indoor flowers in early spring.**
- 2) For better seed germination use electric propagators to help your early seedlings along.**



Garden Jobs for January

- 1) Recycle Christmas tree, shred for mulch
- 2) Clean pots and greenhouse ready for spring
- 3) Disperse worm casts in lawn
- 4) Prune apple and pear trees
- 5) Inspect stored tubers of dahlia for rot
- 6) Start forcing rhubarb
- 7) Dig over vacant plots
- 8) Put out food and water for birds
- 9) Clear fallen leaves



From your armchair

Order your seeds now. Have a garden plan drawn up to help decide the quantities you need.

Plan your vegetable plot for this year to ensure good crop rotation and prevent pests and diseases building up in the soil.

Consider dedicating a bed to **perennial vegetables** such as **asparagus**, **rhubarb** and **artichokes**. Order spring-planting crowns and tubers now in preparation for the spring.

If you'd like to have a go at **growing your own fruit**, order your **fruit trees** now ready for planting in the spring.

Now is the ideal time to **order Clematis** ready for planting in the spring.

