

July 2021 Newsletter "The Summer Recess is Ending"

Good evening everyone,

As another lovely day draws to a close, I thought I had better sit down and let you know that the Club is still functioning. I have been keeping away from the keyboard, as I promised in the last Newsletter, but I just wanted to remind you all that our first talk is on Tuesday 7th September with Dave Goulson. His new book has just been published and you can read all about it on the following link <https://.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/25/the-insect-apocalypse-our-world-will-grind-to-a-halt-without-them>

I think our new season is going to start very well.

As seasoned members will know, we are approaching Annual Subscription time and very soon you will be asked, very politely, to renew your subscription with us. Our programme for the coming year is posted on the Website. Over the summer months, the Committee has been attempting to keep up with the ever changing Covid restriction rules and trying to gauge when we may be able to meet, suitably spaced, face-to-face or mask-to mask indoors. We are very hopeful that we have found a new venue that will be able to cope easily and socially distanced with our increased numbers and our growing Waiting List. This will not be until December at the earliest and then that will mean a change of evening to the first Wednesday of each month in January, February, April and May. There is a problem with the March venue, but a solution will be found. Full details will be announced as soon as confirmation is received and the affected Speakers notified.

Our Speakers in September, October and November are booked as Zoom only Speakers and as they come from afar (England), we don't think it fair to change the arrangements at such a late stage. The first three talks, therefore, will be as we enjoyed throughout last year and on the dates advertised. We may be able to hybridise the sessions from October by using the Fraser Centre for the October and November talks and catering for a restricted live audience of around 30 maximum to watch on Zoom and stream to the rest in their homes. We think September may be too early to venture out, but in the meantime I am practising my techie skills at home, as the Fraser Centre and our possible new venue have WiFi and with WiFi anything is possible!

This is but a brief introduction to the thrills and spills that await you for the coming year with the Baldernock Gardening Club. Where else can you experience such monthly excitement for only £15.00 per annum? A "proper" Newsletter will be issued in August once I have returned from a wee break away from Milngavie. So far, England is not on the Scottish Red List of countries! Before I sign off, Dobbies will recycle your plastic pots, plastic trays and compost bags. There is a collection point out in the plant Centre. It saves storing in your garage or being used as land-fill.

I do hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and have been able to gaze upon your sun blessed gardens. In the meantime, continue to look after yourselves and believe that some form of normality is coming.

Best wishes
Willie

