

BGC Reminder to Members of Events to Come i.e. not a Newsletter!

Dear All,

Now that we have entered the last month of summer, and it has been a pretty good summer in comparison to past years, it is time to remind you all that autumn starts in September as does the new programme of events and talks for the garden club. Before we get to that we just hope that the unseasonable Storm Floris does not manage to flatten all our lovely herbaceous plants and trees which have enjoyed a blooming good and upright summer.

In a few days' time, Susan Brimelow will be emailing you all asking you to renew your membership of the Club for the coming year. She will be asking you to pay your subscription electronically, as that makes the whole administration process so much simpler as well as saving a day's trip to find an actual bank that will accept a pay-in slip and cheques! It will help, too, if you are able to respond to Susan as soon as possible. I do hope you will all decide to rejoin and be able to enjoy another year of excellent talks. It has been a difficult year getting speakers to commit, but those that have committed promise talks of great interest and variety.

We start the new year of talks on **Wednesday 10th September at 19:30 in Baljaffray Parish Church** with a talk from **Ken Cox of Glendoick Garden Centre**. Ken has visited us before and as many of you will know, Glendoick is famous for its rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. This year Ken's display won a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show and it is fitting that his talk will be all about Glendoick's history with these wonderful plants from plant hunting and to the creation of new hybrids. Ken will be bringing a selection of plants for you to buy and in perfect time for autumn planting. In October our speaker is **Colin Wren** who is Regional Garden Design Manager for the NTS Eastern Area and is responsible for the Harmony and Priorwood Gardens in Melrose, plus many others. If you recall Andrew Hinson of Greenbank Gardens' talk earlier this year, he mentioned how inspirational Colin had been in his own development as a gardener.

During September we have two previously announced outings arranged visiting three gardens. On September 12th we have the outing to Whitburgh and to Broadwoodside, which if you haven't signed up to yet, then hurry up! On 20th September members can visit Horatio's Garden at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Trip details will be published shortly.

We have a frantic start to the new season to entice you all to rejoin for education, interest, gardening techniques, health and above all chat, laughter and catching up with other members. By then, the first Newsletter may have been composed and destined to fill your inbox.

See you all soon, I hope.

With best wishes

Willie

