



The Fulwood Club Open Day

SATURDAY MAY 18TH
2024

Plant and Cake Sale

In order to raise money for the Fulwood Club, donations of plants and or cakes & bakes by members are requested.

For plants contact Sylvie Toll
sylvietoll@icloud.com

Cakes and bakes will be available for sale on the day. All information will be dealt with separately.

Last year's Open Day was a great success, thanks to all of you who contributed with donations of plants, cakes, and volunteering work.

The weather played a great part too. The plant sale alone raised £825 for the club. All plants had been donations.

Why have a plant sale again?

In this conservation area where there are many attractive traditional gardens, a plant sale is a logical way to raise money for our Club.



We would like to thank members who have already pledged a donation of plants.

At the club, we are fortunate to be able to benefit from the professional experience of Eileen Wood, our former President and co-founder of the Ribblesdale nurseries in 1966.

Last year, Eileen and I (Sylvie) were at times overwhelmed - not by the nature of the questions but the sheer volume of them.

This year, 2 members are joining the plant team: Gill Hoyle and Jayne Horrocks. Both contributed a lot of plants last year.

Eileen, Emma (The Money) Gill, Jayne and Sylvie will be on the plant stand, in the far corner of the forecourt.

As was the case last year, Glen will set up the marquee, the tables and equipment needed for the plants.

We are looking for

Perennials no matter how ordinary you think they are. Annuals in packs if you happen to grow any yourself. Herbs

Indoor Plants if these are what you prefer growing.

This year we are asking for the plants to be delivered on **Friday May 10th**, a full week before the plant sale

This is to avoid last year's rush and the inability to re-label plants and carry out other little jobs which are part of the preparation.



On **Friday May 10th**, Sylvie and another member of the plant team will be at the Club from 2pm onwards. Plants delivered will be relocated to a safe place until the morning of the May 18th. If this is not convenient, please contact Sylvie to arrange a more suitable time.

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A few Do's and Don't's

Please bring plants in clean pots.

Label plants if possible. If you have no labels, please ask

Don't bring freshly dug up plants in plastic bags.

Get in touch if you need spare pots.

Don't bring plants grown in yoghurt pots or similar, or in dirty muddy pots.

Don't deliver plant donations after 8am on Saturday 18th.

Don't dig up or divide perennials a few days before the sale. Most of them will flop, not recover, and therefore be unsuitable.

Please do not drop off plants and leave them unattended on the forecourt

Please do not deliver plant donations to bar staff even if they appear to be available.

Aromatic herbs and vegetables to grow on are very welcome!

You wish to donate a piece of a plant which you have had for years but you don't remember its name ?

No problem. We will help you identify the item(s)

As well as raising money for the maintenance of the Fulwood Club, our objective is to continue to make this a successful annual Spring Event. Therefore our plants need to be varied and the sale of a very good standard. We hope that you will help us achieve this.

Funky cacti craft display

In the Card Room, a collection of "funky cacti" and succulents will be on display for sale. Their designer Bev Salisbury has a lot of experience in craft fairs. A percentage of the sales will go to the Fulwood Club.

Donations of cakes & bakes

To confirm donations of cakes and bakes, please contact Liz Singleton.

liz10.singleton@outlook.com

No later than **Tuesday May 14th**

This will enable the volunteer caterers to make the necessary adjustments.

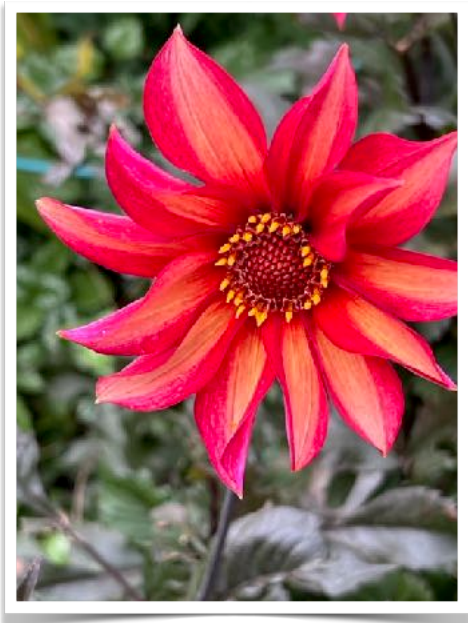
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The Saturday morning bowling session will take place as usual from 10 am to 12pm.

Refreshments will be at 11am.

U3A PARKING ON THE ROAD, PLEASE, THE CAR PARK HAS TO BE KEPT FREE

Ken Brizland will be able to enjoy bowling rather than making tea and washing up



For visitors

As you know, the parking situation in the area is far from ideal. Do bear it in mind. Arrangements can be made on the day, to pick up purchased plants in the car.



Last year Glen's wheelbarrow was also used by a couple of locals and then returned

At the plant sale table, we accept Cash Only.
NO cheques.

Payment by card is possible (and was used last year by a couple of people). It is more inconvenient for you because you have to go and pay at the bar, return with proof of payment in order to collect your plant(s).

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Additional information for the sale

Vegetables have deliberately not been mentioned on the posters. This to avoid an influx of people coming to buy vegetables and leaving disappointed. Last year we had a nice selection of donated veg to be grown on and quite a few aromatic herbs.

The emphasis here is on Hardy Plants. A hardy plant is a perennial plant which comes up year after year. Last year there were also quite a lot of colourful annuals.

Useful reading for those interested in maintaining biodiversity

We can all see changing trends in gardening. There is also continuous pressure to increase car park spaces, to the detriment of beautiful traditional gardens and plants.



This does not mean that gardens have to be concreted over or grassed over with artificial lawns. Both impermeable concrete and artificial grass are extremely detrimental to the environment.

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/discover/why-are-artificial-lawns-bad-for-the-environment#>

The useful link below was sent to me by a Club member this week. It provides very helpful guidance on how biodiversity can be preserved even when a garden has to make space for car parking. The photos illustrate how easy it can be to find attractive alternatives to concrete and artificial grass.

<https://experiencelife.lifetime.life/article/kicking-asphalt/>

*Sylvie Toll
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