



Spring Newsletter 2024

Addingham Gardeners



Hello

Welcome to our Spring edition! In this newsletter, we aim to keep you updated on upcoming events which should provide valuable insights, ideas, and tips for the forthcoming gardening season.

Spring officially commenced on March 19th, marked by the Vernal Equinox when day and night lengths are equal. Following this, days will gradually become longer and temperatures warmer. Remember, the clocks will advance on March 31st to usher in British Summer Time. We're all hoping for the rain to ease up by then!

Enjoy diving into our content, and don't hesitate to visit our website for additional information. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. Here's to a season of joyful gardening!

The AA&GA Committee

Gardener's Question Time – Thursday 28th March 7pm at Mount Hermon

In practice the gardening year starts in March so what better way to get motivated than to attend our very own GQT which returns to get us off to the start of the growing season. We're delighted to have the same panel as last year, Margaret, Ramon and Jazzy Jeff, and if you were in the audience you will know that between them they have such a wealth of experience and knowledge that we all felt we were listening to Radio 4!! Bring your questions, if you have a query about a specific plant either bring a photograph or better still the plant itself (!), or just come along for a great evening.



Membership Fees

Just a nudge to remind you that membership fees are due 1st April.

We have updated the online payment process so if you have not already renewed, please do so as soon as possible so we can continue to deliver an exciting and varied range of talks and events.

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Making Space for Nature - February's talk by Rick Battarbee

We had a fantastic turnout of over 40 members (and some non-members) for our first event of the year last month. We were pleased to welcome 'one of our own', Rick Batterbee, who gave a most thought-provoking and at the same time entertaining presentation on how we can make space for nature in our own spaces, with the clear message being small, medium or large, we can all make an impact. Judging by the several rounds of warm applause Rick's presentation was very well received and a number of you asked in particular for Rick's list of wildflowers to consider growing. Rick has very kindly provided a link to selected slides from his presentation where you can find all the details.



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Tell A Friend



As mentioned at the Annual Meeting we want to widen our membership so please TAF about us to friends, neighbours and family and keep addingham gardeners growing.

Spring Show – Saturday 20th April 10am to 12noon at the Village Memorial Hall

This year we are bringing back the Spring Show where you can see (and smell) Spring! Entries are to be brought to the hall in the morning between 8am - 9am.



York Gate Garden Visit Date/ Month TBC

Following the talk by Head Gardener Jack Ogg we have decided to organise a visit to York Gate and there will be more details to follow.....

York Gate is a magical one-acre garden created by the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994. Frederick and Sybil Spencer along with their son Robin, laid out and nurtured what is now one of the finest small gardens in the country.

The design of 'rooms' interlinked through a succession of vistas and executed with meticulous attention to detail owed much to the Arts and Crafts movement, complemented by Sybil's skills as a plantswoman.

In accordance with Sybil's wishes, on her death in 1994, York Gate was given to Perennial.

WhatsApp Group

To help share tips, successes and the odd disaster we have a very successful WhatsApp group so if you want to join please send a message to Melissa at melissa.chivers@live.com or Jane on 07939574848

Feedback

We welcome feedback, so please seek out a committee member for a chat or leave a comment in the suggestion box at events.

Message from fellow gardener Rob King:

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