

Keeping in Touch, April 7th 2020

Hi all,

I've tried a different approach with the photos this time around. Hopefully means they'll be better quality and you'll be able to zoom in on them if you want to see any detail. My email address is at the end of the mail if you want to give me feedback.

DELIVERY SERVICES

First I want to mention that several local nurseries are operating a delivery service if you telephone or email orders in. They are pretty busy by all accounts, so even if your local garden centre isn't listed below, it might be worth ringing them to see if they will take an order over the phone. These four are definitely delivering:

Dore Moor Garden Centre - email orders only, info@doremoor.co.uk

Valleyside Garden Centre is delivering to S6, 10 and 11 with a £7.50 charge, but also operating a 'click and collect' service (tel. 01142 301 925)

New Leaf will deliver free on orders over £25 within a 5 mile radius (tel. 01246 413 311)

Millthorpe Nursery in Holmsfield is also doing a limited delivery, but they seem to have run out of compost, worth checking their website www.millthorpe-nursery.co.uk

If you hear of any others, let me know and I'll spread the word, but don't forget Wickes and B&Q are operating a click and collect scheme. It is supposed to be for emergency essentials, but gardening supplies seem to be available for purchase.

PHOTOS

The first two exhibits are entitled 'Sharing Quarantine with A Load of 'Triffids' and 'Up The Garden Path'. Both attributed to Janet Boulding.





Then we have a green plant from Don Wlton. Don says "like Pam, I have a *Synthyris missurica* subsp. *Stellata* [see previous edition of KIT] growing in my woodland area and it's an early gem. It was one of those plants that you buy because you've never heard of it and want to see how it fares in your garden. Sometimes these purchases fizzle out but not *Synthyris*. It's about 5 years old now so it's a slightly bigger clump than Pam's but it's a cheerful sight as winter ends. Also in my woodland area and looking good is *Anemone nemorosa Viridiflora* which, as the name suggests, has green flowers - a 'compliment' sometimes rifled at some of my *Euphorbias*. Green flowers are not to everyone's taste but I like it because it's different. Being green, the flowers are not easily discerned from the foliage but they persist for a long period - up to 10 weeks and it adds to the variety of flowering Wood Anemones at this time of year.



So that's another 2 on my wish list!

Then we have the lovely dusky purple Clematis 'Frances Rivas' from Rene May. Raises the spirits doesn't it.



And finally 2 'hosts of golden daffodis' around Dore Village from David Andrews
The world is a better place with daffodils in bloom, don't you think?





AMUSE BOUCHE

Barbara Dognas has shared the following websites to amuse yourself if you have an idle moment. Fabulous photos and some really interesting material, my wish list gets longer by the day.

<http://www.johnjerrard.co.uk/index.html>

John Jerrard gardens in Devon or Cornwall and produces a weekly picture report (Sunday) of plants flowering in his garden. Also notes experience with certain species and cultivars he has acquired. There is an archive of earlier postings.

<http://www.srgc.org.uk/logs/>

Ian Young's Wednesday Bulb Log, weekly log of plants in the woodland setting he has created in his garden. There is an extensive archive of past postings. Ian Young is an artist and expert on erythroniums.

<http://www.onrockgarden.com/germination-guide/plants>

This comprehensive guide to seed germination covers a wide variety of plants, not just alpins.

<https://www.pacificbulbsociety.org/pbswiki/index.php/HomePage>

Offers a comprehensive guide to many bulbous plants with contributors from across the world. It includes photos of plants in the wild and in cultivated settings.

HINTS AND TIPS

Marion Horobin got in touch to warn that she too has dispatched a few lily beetles in her garden. Are they getting earlier with the mild winters?

SPELLING MISTAKE

In an earlier edition I featured a *Corylopsis* in Judy's garden, I think I gave it the species name 'parciflora', it should have been 'pauciflora'.

NEXT TIME

Ideas from Linda Headford on what to do with a spare pallet or two, memories of Western Australia from Judy Reid. Trilium from Decie Needham and anything else you send me in the meantime. Keep those contributions coming 😊

Stay well and don't forget the sun cream if you are out in the garden.

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