

Keeping in Touch, August 16th 2020

The thing I'm finding most difficult about the weather at the moment is this thick cloud cover which isn't shifting during the day until quite late in the afternoon, if at all. It reduces light levels so much, that when you look out of your window you think you should be putting a coat on, but when you get outside its actually quite warm. On the same theme there was an in depth discussion on Saturday morning on the radio about how this is affecting cricket! We are used to 'rain stopped play', but low light levels aren't supposed to stop play at 11 o'clock in the morning! (apparently...like I know anything about cricket).

KITBITS

- Our member Jean Marshall (greenendfarm@yahoo.com) is selling plants from her nursery at Sharrowvale Market (Sharrow Vale Road) on 29 August. See some of her photos below.
- Last time Linda Headford sent in some Hemerocallis pics for identification. Barbara Dygnas reminded me that there is a Plant Heritage webinar with two national collection holders as speakers coming up on 3 September. She recommended that Linda sign up for the webinar and send the photos in advance for identification by one of the collection holders.

I've heard very good reports of these talks. Judy Coulson forwarded us the Plant Heritage Newsletter earlier this month, but just on case you've deleted it, you can sign up for the daylily talk [here](#), it's a snip at £4.

PHOTOS FROM YOUR GARDENS

First, we have a real treat from Jo Owens on the next two pages:

A day in the life of morning glory. From first unfurling to folding back in on itself.







Jo says she love the paper like qualities of the newly opened flower. I think these are lovely.

Next an apology, last time I mentioned Barbara Dynas's *Codonopsis grey-wilsonii*, then forgot to past in the photograph....well here it is at last.



Shelagh Woolliscroft is making the most of what she describes as her 'tiny garden', here are some of its delights:
The first is a Clethra Ruby Cloud



Then there is a Kaffir Lily (Hesperantha) sharing a bed with Geranium Rozanne. Shelagh says she isn't sure about the colour combination, but I love it.



An attractive but unnamed crocosmia, at first I thought this was C. 'Harlequin', but I don't think it is, any ideas? (Possibly 'Jackanapes').



And a Tritonia, purchased, she seems to recall, at a FOBs sale; with what she describes as 'neighbourly agapanthus'.



As Shelagh remarked, South African plants seem to appreciate our new climate, this seems to be evidenced by the SBG's South African bed doing well.

Finally another great selection from Jean Marshall's nursery:
Monarda 'Fireball' and M. 'Jacob Kline'





Crocosmia 'Pauls Best Yellow', C. 'Firejumper' and C. 'Krakotoa'





Crocosmia 'Firejumper'



Crocosmia 'Krakatoa'

Phlox paniculata 'David', Jean says this is highly scented. My experience of this plant is it's a real good doer, though I've not noticed the scent. It certainly clumps up really fast and is a good height.



Gladioli Papilio 'Ruby'



and finally Anthemis Kelwayii



Enjoy 😊

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