

Keeping in Touch, August 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to August's 'Keeping In Touch' (KIT). I received lots of lovely photos this month, but first a bit of info.

South Pennine Group talks September – December 2021

As we don't know when we can return to normal meetings at the Dorothy Fox Centre, the next three talks will continue to be via Zoom but we are planning for a face to face meeting in December.

- **Wednesday September 1st, 7.30pm:** Zoom talk. Colin Ward of Swines Meadow Farm nursery, [Swinesmeadow Farm Nursery - Rare Plants and Shrubs](#), Market Deeping, near Peterborough will talk on "Shade and Semi-shade plants".
- **Wednesday 6th October, 7.30pm:** Zoom talk. Our 26th anniversary talk is by Adam Pasco who will talk on "The Golden Rules of Gardening" ([Adam Pasco Media](#)). Adam is a journalist, broadcaster and horticultural advisor, having edited BBC Gardeners' World magazine for 22 years.
- **Wednesday 3rd November, 7.30pm:** Zoom talk. We have booked a new (to SPG) speaker for November. Samantha Hopes of Hopes Garden Plants, Halesowen ([Hopes Garden Plants - About Us](#)), will talk on "Hepaticas". Her talk will cover the range of Hepaticas that she came across whilst working with John Massey at Ashwood Nurseries. Maybe one day soon we can plan our coach trip to Ashwood!
- **Wednesday 1st December, 7.30pm:** Our final talk of 2021 and the intention is that this talk will be given in person by Jonathan Moseley as he will be demonstrating to members on how to "Dress the home for Christmas". A talk not to be missed as his creations will be raffled and we plan to find a suitable venue to have the talk in person if the Dorothy Fox centre is still unavailable.

Photos from your gardens

Valerie G sent in this lovely combination of wild orchid and Geranium psilostemon.



I saw one of these orchids (*Dactylorhiza maculata*?) at the entrance to the bottom of Wyming Brook a couple of weeks ago. It was the only one visible and was almost on the footpath. I was impressed that it had kept out of the way of walking boots, dogs, kids etc.

Jill G emailed in to say; "In April 2020 I bought some discounted Tritelias from Avon Bulbs which were in pots for their stand at Chelsea. They were planted out in the garden & flowered OK. I left them where they were over winter, wondering how they'd cope. This is the reward. They've been really lovely this year. Our light free draining soil obviously suits them and the vagaries of this year's weather haven't troubled them." They are T. 'Foxy' and T. 'Rudy'.



Elaine B. planted one of our conservation plants *Erigeron* 'Sincerity' a couple of year back and this is the result.



I have this plant in a couple of places and can heartily recommend it, incredibly floriferous and lasts ages.

Hugh and Judy R. sent in several photos of plants they have enjoyed recently. Here are two of them, *Hydrangea* 'Glam Rock' just showing the first of 5 colour changes, *Philadelphus* 'Belle Etoile' (very scented in the evening) and *Phlox paniculata* 'Purple Kiss'.





I love Philadelphus, but I find the scent oppressive. I had one in a previous garden which always impressed visitors, but I had to stay out of its way otherwise I ended up with a banging headache and feeling nauseous. I'm such a 'scentsitive' soul 🙄

Here's what's flowering for Jean M. up at <http://www.greenendfarmnursery.co.uk>
Gladioli *flanaganiae*, *Campanula burghaltii* and *Leucanthemum* x *superbum* 'Sunny Side Up'.





As Craig Revel Horwood* would say, 'Gorrrrrgeous' (*For the uninitiated, this is a Strictly Come Dancing reference!)

Plant Identification

Can anyone put a name to this face? If so email tonifascina@outlook.com, its Somethings spotted by Hugh and Judy at Biddulph Grange.



Visits to Gardens

Here's a couple of photos members have sent in from gardens they have visited. From Barbara D, Bluebell Nurseries



From Tricia F., Chatsworth annual flowering meadow, visible from the exit from the shop at the house. Tricia says its really worth a visit.



See you soon, Toni