

DARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB

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**TIME to PAWS
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Garden Literature

What Is A Garden?

Poet: Reginald Arkell

What is a garden?
Goodness knows!
You've got a garden,
I suppose:

To one it is a piece of ground
For which some gravel must be found.
To some, those seeds that must be sown,
To some a lawn the must be mown.
To some a ton of Cheddar rocks;
To some it means a window box;
To some, who dare not pick a flower-
A man, at eighteen pence an hour.
To some, it is a silly jest
About the latest garden pest;
To some, a haven where they find
Forgetfulness and peace of mind...

What is a garden
Large or small
'Tis just a garden,
After all.

A Garden Is

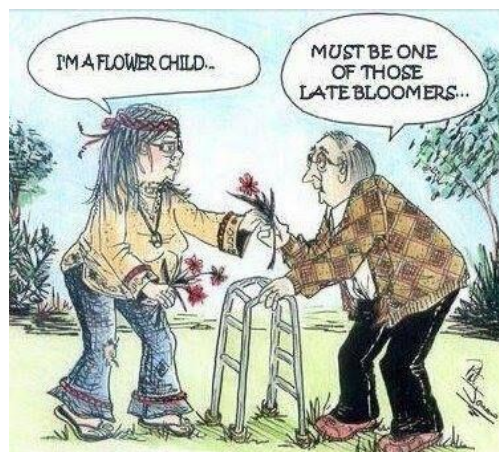
Poet: William Arthur Ward

A garden is a lovely place,
Where seeds burst through the sod,
A garden is a partnership,
Between two hands and God.

A garden is a restful place,
Where gentle breezes blow. . .
A family of growing things,
Where souls can also grow.

The first garden linked lines from which books + Authors?

1. When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her Uncle, everybody said she was the most disagreeable child ever seen. It was true too! She had a little thin face and a little thin body, thin light hair and a sour expression!
2. It was so glorious out in the country; it was summer; the cornfields were yellow, the oats were green, the hay had been put up in stacks in the green meadows, and the stork went about on his long red legs, and chattered Egyptian, for this was the language he had learned from his good mother.
3. The primroses were over. Toward the edge of the wood where the ground became open and sloped down to an old fence and a brambly ditch beyond, only a few fading patches of pale yellow still showed among the dog's mercury and oak-tree roots. On the other side of the fence, the upper part of the field was full of rabbit holes.
4. Way out, at the end of the tiny town was an old overgrown garden, and in the garden was an old house and in the house lived
5. The hottest day of the summer so far was drawing to a close and a drowsy silence lay over the large, square houses of Privet Drive.



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Can you compose your own 'Garden' MESOSTIC?
Unlike acrostics the key word letters run down the middle rather than at the start.

Our Dear Friend and Garden Club member, Brian 'Fred' Ruddick died on April 11th just a few days short of his 87th birthday. Teaching, Sailing – and Gardening - amongst his passions.

Wishing his dear wife, Margaret, and family strength at this tough time.
Fred will be missed.

'Just around the corner' future planning

I met Craig Gallimore this morning (Tuesday). He's the Chef Patron of Gallimore's at The Kyte and his enthusiasm and excitement at the prospect of opening up next week was evident!

I'd previously phoned him in December and today he confirmed his generous offer of a Very Warm Welcome to Darrington Garden Club when we resume our meetings.

We'll be invited to use what was (pre-Covid) our 'regular' meeting room on the second Wednesday each month from 6pm to 7pm. He and his team will arrange for hot drinks etc to be available and he has assured me that Gallimore's staff team will assure Covid Safety for as long as it's prudent to do so. I was delighted to listen to his plans for Gallimore's and how keen he is to engage with and attract residents especially through community groups like our Garden Club.

I expect the earliest we'll be meeting will be August 11th. Please make an effort to contact me with your thoughts and any questions.

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In the meantime, check out:

www.gallimoresatthekyte.co.uk

and Gallimore's at the Kyte on Facebook
@gallimoreskyte · Restaurant

A shorter newsletter this month; Only a very few people have been in touch since April last year so I've no clear idea how many folk have been actually been reading them. Ironically, I thought last month's edition was one of the Best – it certainly required a load of research, so you'll forgive this month's shorter edition!

May Gardening Tasks

- [Prune spring shrubs, such as forsythia after flowering to keep them compact](#)
- [Tie in the new shoots of climbing plants, including clematis, wisteria and honeysuckle, to their supports](#)
- [Plant up hanging baskets, but keep in a greenhouse or porch for a few weeks to establish, before putting outside](#)
- Apply liquid feed to tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs to encourage a good display next year
- [Plant out summer bedding and tender annuals, including sunflowers, cosmos and nasturtiums, after the last frost](#)
- Remove faded spring bedding, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, once faded and add to your compost bin
- [Check lilies for scarlet lily beetles and their larvae, as they can rapidly strip plants of all foliage](#)
- Harden off tender plants raised indoors, but bring them back in at night to protect from late frosts
- Pinch out the shoot tips of bedding plants and young annuals to encourage bushier growth
- [Add interest to shady borders by planting a selection of hostas and ferns](#)

DARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The AGM is on **Thursday 20th May 7pm at The Spread./ Public welcome – Covid regs apply**) but there'll be no public session prior to 'regular' meeting this month. Tel: Vice Chair: 01977 797644

Be a GOOD NEIGHBOUR.

Lockdown's lifting and Loads of us have had Jabs but these can still be worrying times.

A problem shared

St Marys Centre, Chequerfield 01977 705341.

Email: denisepallett@stmaryscommunity.co.uk

WMDC is supporting this Community Centre as a key friendly, advice + help 'Hub' for Pontefract.

Wakefield Samaritans Call: 116 123 (free to call – no code needed)

<https://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-wakefield-and-district>

Call: 01977 552114

email: admin@ageukwd.org.uk

Next edition – **Due June 9th.**

Be Safe. Be Well. Be Kind

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