

Lockdown

LINK-UP

Liskeard Flower Club

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WELCOME...

I am sure you will agree with me that in January of this year we would not have imagined that our club would not be meeting for six months.



Hopefully, we are all beginning to return to some sort of normality, although not quite in the same way as we did before. I am still finding it difficult to recognise people behind their masks; given time, I trust my sense of recognition will improve. I do however, miss seeing a smile, but on the plus side nobody can see me muttering something under my breath should the need arise! I wonder if anybody else is finding it difficult to follow the floor arrows on the shop floors. I am forever being told 'No, no madam, wrong way, this way please'. Then I meet up with another person who is also confused; we retrace our tracks together but both of us are non the wiser, so we have a jolly good laugh together (as I can't always understand what they are saying behind the mask) until a charitable assistant comes to our aid. Humour is such an essential coping mechanism.

Happy Days!

We do hope you have found our 'Link-Up' newsletter a pleasant way of staying in touch with each other during this challenging time. Thank you to all the members who have contributed to the last four issues.

In order for Mary to submit the numbers, she is needing to know as soon as possible, which members still require the Flower Arranger and Focus magazines. Please could you let Mary know on 01579 343110 if you would still like either or both these magazines. Also, to let Mary know if any other members would like to receive a copy.

The AGM is on the 7th October 2020 at 7 pm at the Eliot House Hotel, when we shall be adhering to social distancing rules. We need to know either way if you are prepared to attend the AGM. Please could you kindly contact either Kay on 01579 345243 or Maureen on 01579 343746

Kay



The funeral took place on July 20th of our dear friend Julie Crouden who was a long-standing committee member, and loyal supporter of Liskeard Flower Club.

The coffin spray - made by Fiona - was a glorious celebration of summer flowering shrubs and herbaceous perennials in recognition of Julie's love of her garden. The spray featured sixteen different types of plant material including Honeysuckle, Hebe, Veronica, two varieties each of Phlox and Campanula, Physocarpus, several types of Hosta, Ballota and Aстранtia.

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Mary's treat of the month was a visit to The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum.

It was fantastic with colour in every corner. There is no need to book, but tearoom is closed.



Maureen's hero bear - she has named him 'Boris'

The Hills are Alive!

Being on the edge of Bodmin Moor, my home parish of Cardinham is pretty hilly, which makes it very scenic. Unfortunately, our house is in a dip and hasn't got any long-distance views, however just of late, the terrain at the back has offered magnificent hills . . . mole hills! They started to appear on our back lawn - which is not very large - when we were busy, hay-making, so they were ignored.

Then it rained, so I couldn't cut the grass, and the ground kept erupting.

Then when I decided to get the mower out, we didn't have any more petrol, and as we are trying to only go to town every other week, there would be a delay in getting more fuel. Oh well...lawn-care doesn't feature highly on my list of priorities anyway.

Then it dried up and we were making hay again . . . and the mole hills kept appearing . . . and the grass kept growing . . . and then it rained.

Hmm . . . the back lawn was looking somewhere between the Somme and a hay field. When I eventually tackled the lawn, I used a spade and wheelbarrow to remove over forty mole hills before setting-to with the mower. Trouble is - Mr Mole is still out there having a ball.

In this year - of all years - when people are taking extra pride and care of their gardens, I am confident in claiming the prize for the worst lawn! However, I am pleased to report that my first attempt at giving some of my Phlox 'the Chelsea Chop' has been a great success. I am enjoying a much longer season of flowering. Highly recommended.

Fiona

Jill's Hydrangeas and Garden



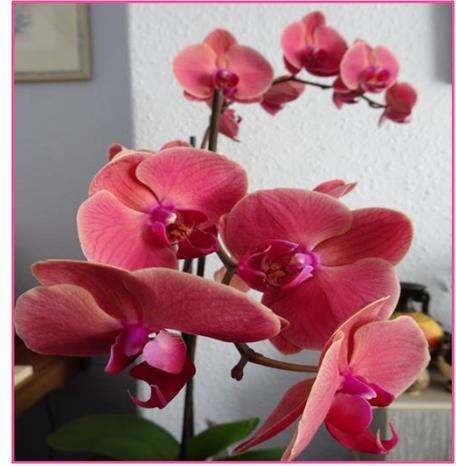
Buddleia 'Crispa', a beautiful sweet scented pinky/mauve flower



This old garden seat was doomed for the tip so Jill decided to re-use it by placing tubs on it. It now stands on top of a 4ft Cornish wall outside her back door



Mary gave herself a couple of treats this month; an orchid which she will try not to kill with kindness by over watering, and a lovely blue clematis

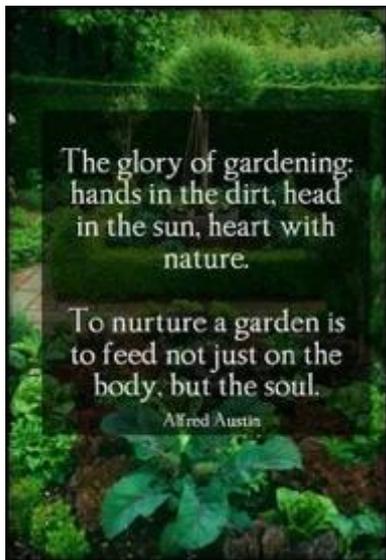
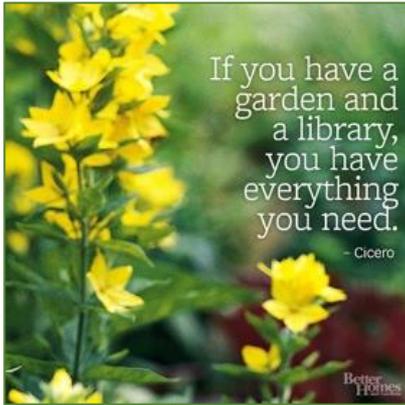


What did we think when we met in the Spring
That March would have passed and that April would bring
A chance to get out in the warmth of the sun
Meet family and friends, normal things we'd have done
We'd welcome the Summer and all that entailed
Instead we were holed up and virtually jailed.
The weather was hot and for that we were glad
Because suddenly broadcasters' news was all bad.

Covid was here, on our shores, spreading germs.
Behave! Or you'll end up as fodder for worms
So we scuttled indoors, tried our best to stay sane
And wondered when clubs would be meeting again.
"not yet" Boris said "do not mix, kiss or hug
I'm doing my best to get rid of this bug
The virus is deadly, the death rate is soaring
But try not to panic just get busy storing,
The loo rolls are scarce, there's a shortage of eggs
So rush to the shops or you'll only find dregs"

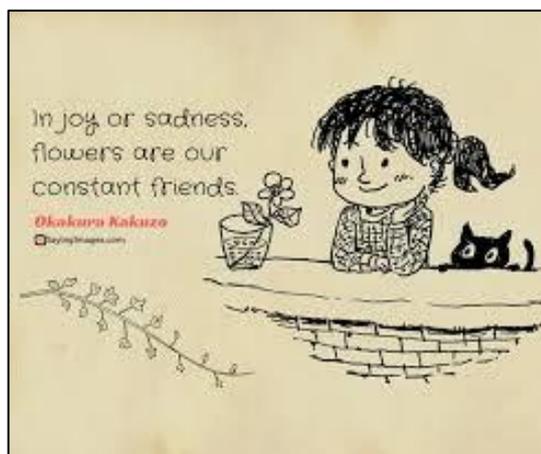
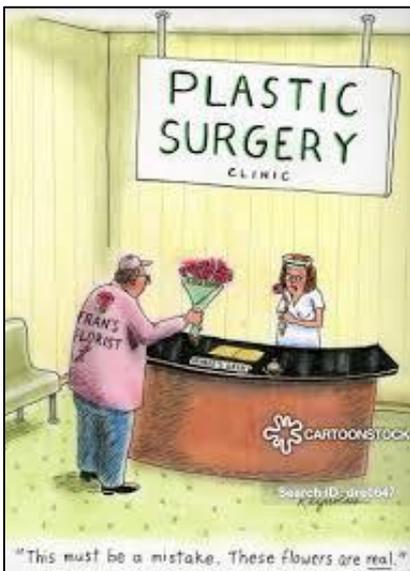
Still Covid's not going and we're getting cross
We need a good vaccine to show it who's boss
'cos members need answers, we're missing our dems
The fun and the fauna the beautiful stems
Our AGM evening should still be on track
So please come, it will be so good to be back
A grouping of thirties considered ok
And distancing rules we'll ensure we obey
We'll keep you informed lest our plans go to pot
So stay safe and well girls- for quitters we're not!

Lin



I'm totally relaxed, because I know everything I can't find is in a safe place - somewhere.'

My grandmother is over eighty and still doesn't need glasses. Drinks right out of the bottle.
Henny Youngman



They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body

Let's not age, let's just marinate!