



Garden Club Newsletter

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April talk-- Bring a stem -Annual Plant Sale – change to our May talk



Our April talk was by David Kesteven who has been head gardener at Renishaw Hall for the past 28 years.

He began there at the age of 30 and his own designs for the 4 beds that run south from the hall remained in place for 10 years, until Lady Sitwell decided to appoint Antony Noel and then, the latest redesign in 2015 by Arnie Maynard.

The long borders have seen the trellis pyramids painted a powder blue, 2,313 plants were required, of 77 varieties. David said that they had about 30% of the plants in Arnie Maynard's design on site, he grew 30% from seed and the remaining 40% were purchased from all over Britain costing £5,000.

10 years later, with a few tweaks he still loves it and says that it has a magical air, which we can see on our visit on 11th June 2026.

(read a longer write up on page 13 of this weeks Peak Advertiser)

Stems You didn't disappoint in bringing along your stems in April and we had a good selection of spring flowers.

Now that our gardens are growing nicely, we can expect lots of different blooms, foliage and seasonal favourites to appear in the coming Months.



Robert won the stems with his fab tulips.



Alayan won a gorgeous orchid in the raffle.



Annual Plant Sale May 9th. A huge thank you to everyone who came together to make this another successful event. From donating plants and cakes, coming along to buy plants, helping to set up, man stalls do refreshments and of course clear away – an amazing team effort!
Our profit for the morning was £655.00 which we hope to use to subsidise one of our day trips again.

Friday May 29th will now be Clare Peat from Bloom & Stiles – a spring cut flower talk and demonstration

We look forward to seeing you there.

