



Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm
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Next Club Meeting: Monday, 10th August 2020

Q & A: David

Club Talk +

Guest Speaker: How to plan for the new growing season – panel discussion

Garden visit: Sunday, 16th August 2020, 2pm



Competition for August
 Personal best Winter vegetable

Winner of 3 Tomatoes:
 Marion Thomas for Heritage
 'Russian Yellow'
 Carol Henderson for Hybrid
 'Early Girl'

Things to look forward to in August

Seed swapping session
 Garden visit

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a new season of growing! There is always the hope that it will be a better one, with lots of successful experiments and bountiful harvests.

August meeting

We very much look forward to seeing you all again, to sharing ideas, tips and seeds. Please bring a small plate of food.

If you have a cold or feel at all unwell, please do not come to the meeting. Stay home and get yourself well.

Seed swap

Please bring along any seeds superfluous to your needs for sharing, well labelled with relevant dates. There will be some envelopes and pens, but please bring your own if you have some.

Things to do in your August garden

Time to plant seedlings of:

Silverbeet. Wait until mid-month to plant lettuce seedlings (The Star Garden Guide suggests waiting until next month for broad bean seedlings and says nothing about pea seedlings but I would guess these might be much the same). For the more adventurous (those who can cope with failure) try Jerusalem artichokes, Asian vegetables, Asparagus, Cabbage, Garlic, Onions and Shallots and after the middle of the month Cauliflower.

Time to sow seeds of:

Broad beans, peas, and by mid-month beetroot, carrot, parsnip and silverbeet. Parsnip needs a long time to mature, so needs to be sown before the end of October. If in doubt remember that broad beans, lettuce and parsnip germinate at lower temperatures than beets, silverbeet and carrots.

You could take a chance and try Asian vegetables, Cabbage, Onion, Potatoes and Shallots and after the middle of the month Celery and Celeriac, Leeks, Salsify and Tomatoes. Leeks need a long time to mature – sow before end of October.

Almost too late to plant: Rhubarb corms.

Too early yet for: Beans (other than Broad), Pepper seed, Corn, Cucumber, Fennel and Spinach.

Don't even think about: Kohlrabi (October) and NZ spinach (mid-October).

Garden visits and speakers

We are appealing for volunteers to show their gardens this year. Every garden is different and has interesting aspects worth noting and learning from. We do not expect afternoon tea laid on.

We also invite your input for speaker ideas and topics.

Have a think and write down any suggestions on the clipboards handed around next meeting.

Trading table

Anything garden related that can be sold is very welcome for our trading table: perennial herb and vegetable cuttings, seedlings, fresh or dried produce, surplus containers or tools, cloches etc.

Subscriptions 2020-21

If your name tag is not on the clip board bring it along next time or come to the table and pay the outstanding subs of \$ 15.—, thanks.

Kindred Day

We are planning to hold the Kindred Day in April 2021. Stay tuned to messages from the committee.