

## Clifton Garden Club Report 2018

Clifton Garden Club continues to be very active and had a very successful year in 2017.

1 This year the garden club will host six speakers. Last year we had a very successful plant and produce show in September for members only, which incorporated an identification quiz. A similar show is scheduled for this year. Visits and events in 2017 included a trip by some members to Ireland and visits to the garden belonging to club members Peter and Rosemary Shaw at Long Lawford and Kathy Brown's garden in Bedfordshire.

2 The Clifton Garden Club annual plant sale took place as usual in late May 2017. This is an important event for the club as the proceeds from the sale are used to fund club speakers. A big thanks must go to all those who helped to organise this event and to members of the public for their support. The 2018 plant sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday morning May 26th. Unfortunately there is an increasing shortfall between plant sale revenue and speaker costs which is a concern. To raise more funds at plant sale time we could do with more vegetables, runner beans, courgettes, tomato plants and bedding plants if you can keep that in mind as donations for the sale this year.

3 Clifton Garden Club meets on the third Thursday for most months of the year, upstairs in the Townsend Memorial Hall, Clifton upon Dunsmore at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments are provided after meetings. From time to time visiting speakers bring plants for sale. Subscriptions are £10 per year for membership and £3 per meeting for visitors. Each member receives a membership card listing club activities.

4 I would like to pay tribute to the Clifton Garden Club committee for their hard work and to club members for their enthusiastic and constant support during 2017.

We look forward to 2018 with lots of good speakers on offer - not forgetting some interesting visits - and the Clifton Garden Club plant sale on the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May outside the Townsend Memorial Hall. Do keep this date in mind. All contributions of plants and help on the day are most welcome. And of, course, the sale would not be a success without our valued customers.

Do join us at our meetings if you are able and swap or add to your gardening knowledge with our guest speakers and other members.

### 2018 Programme

January	A.G.M.and quiz
February	Muck and Magic
March	Making a Garden
April	Perfect Pelargoniums
May	Busting the Myths about Maples Plant Sale
June	Evening Visit
July	Garden Visit
September	Garden Club Show
October	Get the Most from Garden Builds
November	Charlecote Park
December	Christmas Dinner