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Week 15 – Tennis Elbow (from watering!)

Dear Members,

What a scorcher! Typical – Wimbledon and Glastonbury cancelled and not a raincloud in sight. Somebody, somewhere is `aving a larf! Hope you've been keeping up with all the watering.

Exciting news this week and further details below:

- The launch of the Sussex Area's new website. Really proud of Tricia & Christine – we might be "just volunteers" but, boy, can we be professional with it!
- Nina Tucknott, our fab Photography Rep, is organising an online competition.

Keep safe one and all.

Jilly

Sussex Area Website

At Council, you were kind enough to allocate some funds for a new website for the Area. I'm sure you're going to be delighted at the results:

www.SussexAreaNAFAS.org.uk

Huge thanks to Tricia Bridgman, our marvellous Media Administrator and to Christine Purkess, our wonderful Website Administrator, for their hard work - they've been working on this throughout lockdown.

Please check your club's details. If you've got any events for the diary, do let us know – even if it's just a Save the Date.

"Oh my God! Mother?!"



Online photography competition

- Class title: "Summertime"
- One image per person in jpeg format
- Send to Nina Tucknott at ninatucknott@gmail.com between 1st July and midday on 1st August 2020
- No entry fee; Prize of £30, £20 and £10 for the top three winners
- Judge: Lucas Tucknott (www.redoperator.co.uk).
- Don't forget to include your name and Flower Club with your entry.
- Check Nina's "How to be Snap Happy" in Week 4's newsletter.
- Good luck!

Gaenor Circus's Garden in West Chilton



Paeony left: One of my favourite flowers is the Paeony and this one was bought a couple of years ago from Poundland!

Fish pond right: When I do manage to sit down for a moment, I love to sit here and watch the fish feed. At the moment, though, they are hiding at the bottom of the pond which has recently undergone a thorough cleaning by George, Nancy Hubbard's pond maintenance guy.



Lupins left: These Lupins I grew from seed and just love the colour.

Ducks below: Feeding time! These two appear two or three times a day to feed from the bird trough and are becoming quite tame

Tree Lupin: This cutting from Barbara Harris's garden was bought from a Council meeting sales table about two years ago and it is thriving. I hope Barbara has been busy taking lots more cuttings from her garden!



. Thank you Gaenor for showing us your garden. Super.

You appeared from nowhere and shamelessly, without any reservations, you laid on my naked body...you sensed my indifference, so you applied your hungry mouth to me without any guilt or humiliation, and you drove me near crazy while you drained me.

Finally, I drifted off to sleep.

Today when I awoke, you were gone, I searched for you but to no avail, only the sheets bore witness to last night's events. My body still bears faint marks of your enthusiastic ravishing, making it all the more difficult to forget you.

Tonight, I will remain awake, waiting for you.....

Bloody mosquito

Duncan Ward's Love of the Victorians (1837-1901)



My favourite period is the outrageous Victorian Period recalling many great British situations – Queen Victoria’s long reign, the British Empire, introduction of the railways and the advances in the industrial revolution to name but a few. So much of the Victorian period has affected today, whether it is the architecture, technology or formal garden planting, ferneries or shrubberies. Gertrude Jekyll and Williams Robinson’s influence on garden design with herbaceous borders and ‘wild gardens’ filled with homegrown flowers of every shape and form.

The clutter of Victoriana is appealing, amongst all the knick-knacks in homely parlours festooned with aspidistra, parlour palm and ferns with the mass-arranged plant material (flowers and fruit) tightly placed in vases, bowls or the épergne, stood on crochet or lace doily. Tall vases of dried flowers and leaves or posies scattered around the room. Or plants sealed in a protective container - a Wardian Case, an early type of terrarium, developed by Dr Nathaniel Ward (no relation). Church floral decorations became

popular in the last part of the century, and as a church flower arranger, I thank the Victorians for lavish mass decorations at seasonal festival times, which fill the church with joy.

The wired dome shaped Victorian posy akin to the Biedermeier with its concentric circles of flowers and plant material, each circle containing one type of flower, needs careful and accurate placement. Bursting with contrasting colour, with different plant material adding texture and interest. As with all mass designs little or no space can be seen in these overdone floral decorations. Typical of the Victorians to overdo things.



Many thanks to Duncan for taking us back in time. Knick-knacks: all that dusting!

Have you been good? No lockdown cheating? Ok then, come out for a trip with me:

Thames Clippers are back in action so let's have a mini-cruise on the Thames:

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1258321415339728897.html>

If you prefer to keep your feet on terra firma, let's go to Waddesdon Manor in Bucks, keep your distance mind:

<https://waddesdon.org.uk/explore-waddesdon-online/explore-waddesdons-gardens-online/>

There are signs that the rules of lockdown are relaxing. Take it easy though - introduce yourself back to society at your own pace. Evaluate the risk and stay alert.

Glast-home-bury

If you're missing the festival this year, here's how to do it at home. Pitch your tent under your sprinkler. Queue up for an hour before you go to the loo (don't sit down though - you might catch something; and for real authenticity, don't even think of cleaning it). Picnic in the garden with no sun cream so you're a lovely lobster red. Wear wellies everywhere and don't change clothes for a week. Use a bottle of Febreze per person. Live on booze, burgers, hotdogs, booze, takeaways, more booze. Don't forget your toothbrush! Enjoy (not!).

WI advice on self-isolation: Moberly WI have issued the following guidance for isolation.

Right ladies, Judith Bickerstaffe has kindly emailed the crochet patterns for the face masks and matching underwear sets. Anyone who runs out of wool should message Delia who will leave fresh supplies in a vacuum sealed sandwich bag on your doorstep. She will knock the theme tune to Miami Vice on your door so you know it's her, you'll have to take pot luck on colours, but I do know there is a particularly lovely shade of burnt copper.

Mavis has drawn up a rota for the Haz Mat suit and WW2 Gas Mask, it is one size fits all so please don't specify size requirements.

If any of our less able members need provisions such as bread, milk, wine, Gin or pickled walnuts please contact Cynthia, who will pop to the shops for you providing her moped isn't being used by her grandson for pizza deliveries.

Laura will go ahead with her useful and inspirational talk on Christmas and other gifts made from j-cloths via Skype.

Currently we will have to abandon our collection of soft toys made from used hosiery, particularly after that unfortunate incident when Derek Malmsbury was found doing unspeakable things to the elephant made by his wife, Nora. I'm sure we all support Nora at this upsetting time. Apparently, they WERE Derek's fishnets, which is why he was confused and why he wanted them back. Still that should never be done to a child's soft toy.

Connie is finishing off the template for making an emergency face mask and draft excluder from a spare bra. I know some members have raised concern that as Connie is a 46GG she has more material to work with than most, but she assures me her template will be scalable from 32 A upwards.

Audrey wants to apologize for the mix-up with the medication run, but please be rest assured Joan suffered no side effects from taking Marjorie Butterworth's husband Viagra and haliborange. And likewise Marjorie's husband seems to have responded really well to the HRT. Marjorie says they even agreed on the pattern for their new curtains.

Sad news because of the Government announcement, the trip to Leeds and 'Miss Fifi's Private Dungeon and Macrame club' has been postponed and at this moment we don't have a rescheduled date.

Great news: we have already started collecting prizes for the summer fayre raffle. It looks like the star prize this year may well be a pack of 9 Andrex Quilted Aloe Vera toilet rolls. Shortly followed by a complete set of knitted Nolan Sisters toilet roll covers. Mavis says any resemblance between Colleen and Anne Widdecombe is purely coincidental.

Right Ladies I must dash, I hear Springitts has just had a fresh delivery of tinned prunes."



Cats 'n' Dogs

It's been raining cats and dogs lately. So, before the next heat wave, here are some jokes about our four-legged friends because you know we like to be topical.



This is Lexi, she's an 8 week-old German Shepherd, I bought Lexi as a surprise for my wife, but it turns out she is allergic to dogs, so we are now looking to find her a new home.

She is 59 years old, a beautiful and caring woman who can drive, is a great cook and keeps the house spotless.

All our dogs think we've left our jobs to spend more time with them.

All our cats think we've got fired for being the loser they always knew we were.

Police came round last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes.

My dogs don't even have bikes!



GANG VIOLENCE HAS TO STOP 🤔🤔



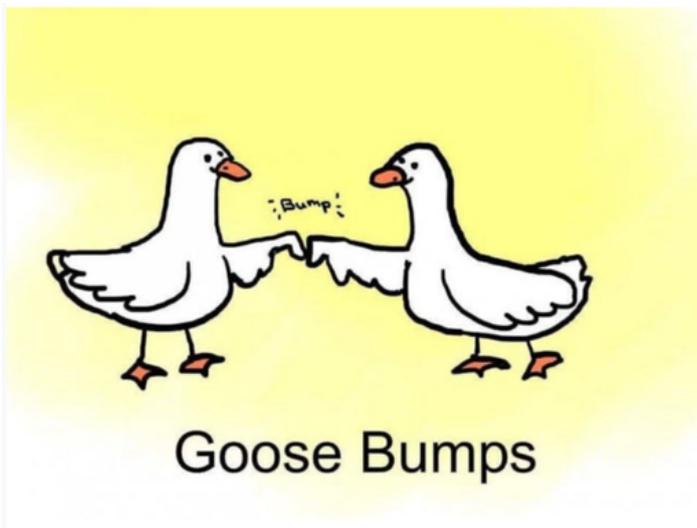
Quarantine has turned us all into dogs.

We roam the house all day looking for food.

We are told 'No!' if we get too close to strangers.

And we get really excited about car rides.

My plans for this weekend



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Wildlife finally returning to Thames. Nature is healing 🌱



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