

Gardening Club Notes for Thursday May 26th 2016

30 members and guests were treated to a talk on Plants of the Season by Paul Green who runs his own nursery in Newent and is in the process of building up a collection of Corokia which he hopes in time will become the National Collection.

Greens Leaves started supplying plants back in 1994 and decided to specialise in rare and unusual plants from around the world suitable for growing in the UK.

By far the majority of plants supplied are grown in their Gloucestershire nursery and any new varieties are always tested for hardiness given the UK's demanding climate.

Greens Leaves also attend a number of Plant Hunters' Fairs and Rare Plant Fairs along with other plant shows throughout the UK.

There was a vast amount of plants on display which members were able to buy and Paul was very helpful in answering members queries on a wide range of plants.

Notices

The trip to see Sir Harold Hillier's garden at Romsey in Hampshire. The overall cost will be £20 for members and £22 for non-members, this covers the coach and entry fee. The trip is scheduled for Saturday July 9th, departing at 9am and returning at 6pm.

And finally.....

The cactus thrives in the desert while the fern thrives in the wetland.

The fool will try to plant them in the same flowerbox.

The florist will sigh and add a wall divider and proper soil to both sides.

The grandparent will move the flowerbox halfway out of the sun.

The child will turn it around properly so that the fern is in the shade, and not the cactus.

The moral of the story?

Kids are smart.

A dried plant is nothing but a sign to plant a new one.

Our most important job as vegetable gardeners is to feed and sustain soil life, often called the soil food web, beginning with the microbes. If we do this, our plants will thrive, we'll grow nutritious, healthy food, and our soil conditions will get better each year. This is what is meant by the adage "Feed the soil not the plants."

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