

# Leyland Gardening Society

## March Newsletter 2017

The February meeting was on the subject "Spring Tubs and Hanging Baskets" with Ian and Sheila Lowe.



There was a discussion on the use of peat and other planting mediums. Ian demonstrated how to plant troughs and hanging baskets effectively but more economically by using evergreen with flowering plants. He also explained about feeding and watering to keep plants in the best condition for as long as possible

We had a good attendance and I think all the members had a good night. Ian gave a humorous and very interesting talk with added comments from his wife Sheila.

Brenda Marsden won the Les Fowler award with a bowl of spring bulbs.



The meeting on March 10th is a talk "Vegetables My Way" with David Metcalfe. Green-fingered David Metcalfe has left other growers green with envy at his superb veg. He has won many awards in Flower Shows. From all his experience and some 'tricks of the trade' he can pass on. Why not come and see if you can pick up some tips than will help you grow your vegetables. [The Les Fowler challenge for March meeting is a House plant, flowering or non-flowering](#)

I would like to apologise to Enid Swarbrick for an oversight on my part I made the mistake in the past newsletters for not printing the results for the Les Fowler award. Enid won several times last year. I will try to do better this year, don't let it put you off and keep entering. Sorry.



**The Photography classes for this year's Grand Show are Motion, A Day Out, All Creatures Great and Small and Still Life**

Anyone interested or would like information about the trip to the National Arboretum War Memorial at Alrewas on Sunday 11th June. The whole package should not be more than £20 to include, fare, train. Please contact Chris as soon as possible because seats may become limited. Anyone wishing to participate on this trip please contact Chris on **01772 936072**.



**I have to pass on the sad news that Steve Tomlinson; at the young age of 59 suffered a massive heart attack. Medics worked on him for an hour before they decided to stop. Some of the members will not know him, but he was the informative and amusing driver on all of our coach trips over the past few years.**

### AVANT GARDENING CLUB

MEETING ON 8TH MARCH 2017

HOW TO DIVIDE FLOWERING BULBS

WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON STOCKING YOUR GARDEN WITH PLANTS?

Come along to our next meeting.

We will show you how to divide your flowering bulbs so you get more stock at no extra cost

The meeting will be led by Diane Harrison, who is a regular speaker on Radio Lancashire's Gardening Advice Programme and has many years of gardening expertise.

The meeting will begin at 10.30am and end at 12 noon, The cost is £7.00 which includes refreshments.

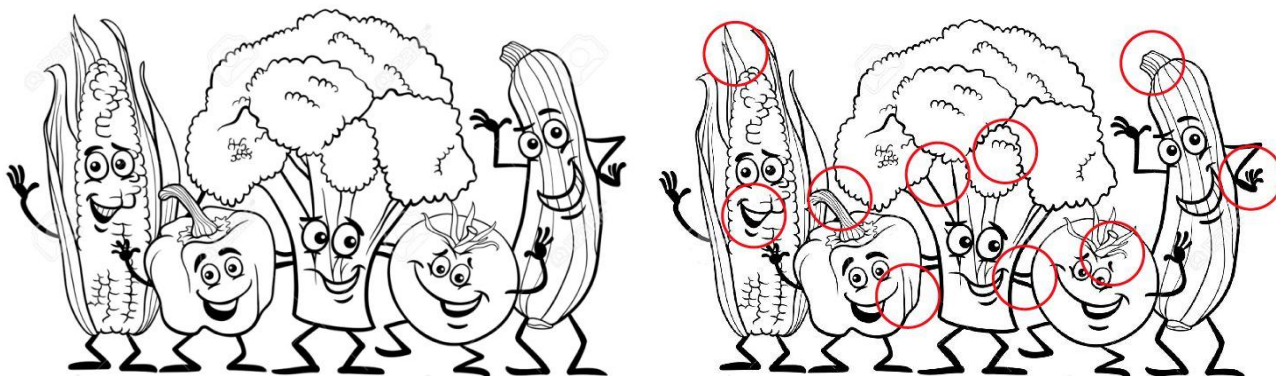
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**SLUGS ENEMY PROFILE**

**NAME:** Slug (*Arion lusitanicus*)  
**SIZE:** 0-15 cm (0-6 in)  
**SPEED:** 0.0113 kmph (0.007 mph)  
**REPRODUCTION:** Hermaphrodite - produces over 100 eggs a year  
**LIFESPAN:** 2-6 years  
**HABITAT:** Dark, moist shelters with a constant supply of tasty plants  
**HABITS:** Destroying plants, leaving slime trails and eating worms and, worse, dead slugs  
**WEAPONS:** An ability to camouflage and attack under cover of darkness, an insatiable appetite (can eat double its own body weight in a day) and 27,000 teeth  
**LIKES:** Beer, grapefruit rind and cabbage  
**DISLIKES:** Salt  
**ENEMIES:** Birds, frogs and badgers  
**PREY:** Succulent green leaves (particularly delphiniums and hostas), and they have a penchant for the skins of citrus fruit

*Answers for last month's Puzzle*



**Fruit and Veg Word Search**

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 t o a e t d r a i t e u c q h  
 l e l a e u a k n c e g u u k  
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 asparagus  
 aubergine  
 avocado  
 banana  
 bean  
 beetroot  
 broccoli  
 brussels  
 carrot  
 cherry  
 courgette  
 fennel  
 kiwi  
 leek  
 lemon

lettuce  
 melon  
 mushroom  
 orange  
 pea  
 pear  
 plum  
 potato  
 pumpkin  
 radish  
 rhubarb  
 squash  
 strawberry  
 tomato  
 turnip  
 watermelon

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