**Lytchett Minster and Upton Gardening Club**

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**April 2019 Newsletter**

**Welcome**  to everyone, and a special welcome to our speaker, Rob Ayres.

**Spring Plant Sale** Please note that our annual spring plant sale is a bit later this year **on Sat** **1st June, 10am – 12noon,** which should enable you to bring more plants on in time! We are in need of loads more plants, items for a ‘Gardening’ raffle, and ‘produce’ and cakes to sell. Please do your best as we need to swell our funds this year, and we also need help on the day, (from 9am if possible.) Please sign up if you can help.

**Website** Don’t forget to check the website. It has past newsletters, and posters for the first 6 months of this year, Please download a poster from the website to advertise our meeting each month as we think that not so many people are reading the Upton Link , and do not know about us! Thanks to Peter for keeping it updated.

**Garden Tips for May**

1. Keep weeds under control.
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
4. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors.
5. Start to feed citrus plants.
6. Increase the water given to houseplants.
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.

**Out and About** June Richards is organising trips to Exbury and to Lacock, more details in Clarion, Upton Link or from Moya. If you want to go to RHS show Chelsea, (21st – 25th May) book tickets now before they run out. If you want to organise a trip somewhere Moya will help with car sharing etc.

**Our next Meeting** On **23rd May**, **Jeff Porter and Yourselves** will host **‘A Quiz Evening’** This is a social evening, open to all, with refreshments mid evening, so we hope to see you and your friends there, and to be able to chat and have fun. The teams will be decided on the night, so no pre-booking, but there will be a prize for the winning team. (Normal visitors fee of £3 applies to non members). We are really trying to promote our club and to make it more friendly. Could anyone make a cake or biscuits to share mid evening? If so, please see Moya. **The meeting will be in St Dunstans church lounge due to elections,** which is rather nice as it has a friendly atmosphere!

**Other Meetings This Year**

Thurs June 27th – ‘Wasabi’ by James Harper

Thurs July 25th – ‘Discovering Dorset (part 4)’ by Reverend Timbrell

Thurs September 26th – ‘A talk by staff about Keynston Mill’

Thurs October 24th - ‘Wildlife of a Working Forest’ by Mike Read

Thurs November 28th- AGM and social evening

**(All meetings are at Upton Community Centre at 7.30pm)**

**If you require information on any of the above or other aspects of LMUGC, please phone Tessa on 01202 625953 or email secretary@lmugc.org.uk**