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We were delighted to be a part of these events again in 2019...

The **Fewston Walk** in August was organised by the Fewston Ladies, and after an evening walk taking in some amazing views around Fewston Reservoir, we tucked into delicious sandwiches and cakes. A big thank you once again to all the ladies at Fewston for another fantastic walk and for supporting Horticap.



The **Harrogate MG Club** rally at Pateley Bridge has also become part of our event calendar, and instructor Steve and students Mark and Victoria were spreading the Horticap message, as well as selling plants and enjoying all the classic cars and the dog show.

This year the sun was out for **Weeton Show** and we had another fantastic day. There was so much to see and do... brass bands, circus skills, Punch and Judy, ferret racing, kids racing, fancy dress, rides, a produce tent, vintage vehicles, show jumping as well as plenty of food and craft stalls.

Thank you to the Show for nominating us as their chosen charity for 2019...

Same time next year!



Hello... it's been another busy summer here at Horticap, but as the days get shorter and we pull on an extra jumper, it's time to welcome the closing months of the year.

It may look quiet in the garden with the fading foliage, bare earth and empty gaps, but the soil has now become a blanket protecting the plant roots, and all those busy organisms are preparing for next year. It's the perfect time for you to do the same, and to rethink your space. It's time to visit Horticap to fill up with hellebores, heathers and mahonias, and it's not too late to add a few well placed flowers to make a big impact. Whether it's a scented shrub by your door – we recommend Viburnum Tinus - or a simple window box of winter flowers like cyclamen, pansies or primroses. And if you are looking to add a centre piece to your door, you need look no further than our fantastic Christmas wreaths which are all made by our talented students. But get your order in quickly, they are very popular so don't leave it until the last minute.

And talking of leaving and being popular...we said farewell to David Hayes, one of our longest serving Trustees and Vice Chairman who has retired from the Board after 11 years. During his time at Horticap, David has put in so much time and effort, working tirelessly on our behalf to enhance the experience that our students gain at Horticap. His knowledge of Harrogate, the community, other charitable institutions and his sound business judgement has meant that he has played a pivotal role in Horticap's success. So after a slice of cake to celebrate his achievement, we were delighted to ask David to become a Horticap Ambassador. It's a role which embodies the identity of Horticap, its values and ethics and David is the perfect champion.

A huge thank you for his continued support and the good news is that you don't have to be a Trustee to help us! There are so many other ways. You can fundraise, donate, buy our plants, you can even help us from the comfort of your armchair because we now have a Lottery page. The Local Lotto for the Harrogate District was launched in 2018 to support community projects in the Harrogate district. Tickets cost £1 and 50% goes straight back to Horticap, 10% goes to other great causes in Harrogate and you have the opportunity to win up to £25,000. We can do so much more with your support, and you could be a jackpot winner if you visit www.thelocalotto.co.uk and select Horticap. It will brighten our winter!

The Horticap Team



We'll Meet Again...



...it was a fantastic result for Horticap at the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show in September when we received a GOLD award for our Creative Space Border garden. Working in partnership with designer Natasha Golley, the garden commemorated the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II, and was designed to bring generations together to talk and to remember. A spitfire sculpture was surrounded by a mix of perennial plants, with a painted backdrop and paper mache poppies made back at the nursery. And of course no Horticap garden would be complete without a colourful character and Creature Comfort's Sid was perfect for highlighting the importance of the Dig For Victory campaign.

The show attracted huge numbers of visitors and we were delighted with the response to the garden and with the plant sales on our Horticap stand.

Thank you to everyone involved, and to all our customers who donate and buy our plants and support us at these wonderful events.





We were saddened to hear that one of our dear students David Beecroft, had passed away.

David had been at Horticap since 2016 and was a popular student with a great sense of humour. He loved working in the greenhouse, singing and dancing and counting down until his cup of tea.

A true gentleman, he will be missed by everyone at Horticap.



Horticap once again supported the Harrogate bid for Britain in Bloom and we joined the judges during their visit on Yorkshire Day this year. We were proud to be able to join the presentation during the welcome event at RHS Harlow Carr, and students Stephen and Timothy joined the judges at the Japanese Garden in Valley Gardens later that day. Our students helped in the restoration of the Japanese Garden and the judges were thrilled to meet Timothy and Stephen to hear about the work they do at Horticap and in the community.

Team (Impression) Ltd proud to support all the fantastic work of Students, Volunteers & all others connected to such a worthy & deserving cause.



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In August we were visited by the ITV Calendar team who came to meet and film our students and staff. Presenter Jon Mitchell joined the Horticap team in the greenhouse, where he was looked after by Jamie and Michael. They were eager to show him their potting techniques and to explain the work they are involved with. To their delight the interview aired on the ITV news programme. We then surprised Jon by

presenting him with our paper mache characters, made in one of volunteer Helen's art sessions at Horticap. Helen's team had also made a paper mache Duncan Wood and Christine Talbot and all three models were then put on display in the ITV reception. We had an opportunity to see them in their new home when we were invited for a 'behind the scenes' tour around the ITV studio in Leeds. The students were shown around the recording studio where they were transformed into weather presenters and were also invited into the newsroom where they were shown how the news is edited. No tour is complete without a break for tea, so the ITV canteen was of particular interest to the students who all agreed that the cake selection was extremely good! A huge thank you to the ITV team who made it such a fantastic and memorable experience for the students.



We do like to be beside the seaside...

Henshaws is a charity supporting people living with sight loss and a range of other disabilities and, just like Horticap, they believe that everyone has the right to an independent and fulfilling life. As well as attending Horticap, a number of our students also attend Henshaws Arts and Craft centre in Knaresborough, so when we heard about their Urban Beach event we got our sun hats on and headed for the sand...all 60 tonnes of it.



We were entertained all afternoon with live music, dancing and craft activities, and we met some wonderful families enjoying the fun. It was soon time to say bye to the seaside and head back to our Horticap home, but not before the obligatory ice cream.



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Student Award Evening 2019



It was an evening of celebration and laughter and a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge the students' amazing achievements.

It's also an occasion to thank everyone who is part of the Horticap family...our staff, volunteers, trustees and all the amazing supporters, businesses, trusts and foundations who fundraise and donate, and keep us going financially so that we can continue to do what we do!

The glasshouse was packed with families, friends and special guests and we were entertained throughout the evening by The Garden Party - the acoustic trio of Helen McNair, David Essex and Tim Crowther. A big thank you to them and to John from the Coach and Horses in Harrogate for the fabulous BBQ and bar.

We were thrilled to welcome Betty Maiden who presented Timothy Simpson with the Joe Maiden Award, for vegetable and herb growing. Whilst our long standing friend, Phil Gomersall presented the Roger Sharp Award, for years of service and dedication, to Stephen Green. The Peter Hopkins Award, for raising money and profile, went to Mark Walker and Patrick O'Brien from Stemstyle handed this over. The prestigious Alan Titchmarsh Award was presented to Paul O'Brien by Andrew Jones MP.





**Alan Titchmarsh
Award
Paul O'Brien**



**Joe Maiden
Award
Timothy
Simpson**

As well as the Horticap awards, it's a chance to shine a light on those students who have been awarded City and Guilds certificates in Practical Horticulture Skills. These are recognised horticultural qualifications, and training and assessment was carried out by Rachael Neild of Craven College, who has been a fantastic support at Horticap.

Congratulations to Pippa Holland, Dan Westmoreland, Andrew Jackson, Callum Wright, Rob Wilkinson, Scott Tesseyman and Fraser Brown.



**Roger Sharp
Award
Stephen Green**



**Peter Hopkins
Award
Mark Walker**

And although he couldn't be with us, we were delighted to share a message from our Patron, Alan Titchmarsh...



"Sending all my good wishes, enthusiasm and passion for what you do and what you achieve at Horticap. To all volunteers and everybody who goes there, all those who teach and all those who get involved. You're doing something which is so worthwhile, and you have my tremendous admiration and respect. Have the most wonderful evening and please keep doing what you do, it's so important that we look after our green world and make sure it thrives. All the very best to you on a very special evening."

**Our Patron
Alan Titchmarsh**

Diary Dates

Christmas Wreaths

Place your order by Saturday 7th
December

Christmas Trees

Our popular trees will be available from
Saturday 23rd November

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Now available in the Horticap shop

**We will be closed on Thursday
19th December for the Horticap
Christmas Meal**

**The shop and tea room will be closed
24th December until Thursday 2nd
January, when we also reopen for
students and customers.**



Our redevelopment
work starts early
in 2020, but we are
remaining open
throughout, serving
teas and selling our
plants and gifts



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