

## Gardening Club Notes for Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

2016, there it was.....gone!!

The annual starter to the year is the quiz and our Vice Chair, Sue Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On a cold evening 22 of us turned out spread over five tables which included Dorothy who was setting the quiz! I've never come across this before, well I have as the same thing happened last year! Again, she assured us, not that we needed it, that she had not had access to the answers.

Two sheets of gardening questions which for once I found reasonably easy but a bit of a stinker on the general knowledge sheet. I think that a good time was had by all which is the main thing.

### Notices

March 30<sup>th</sup> Members Spring Competition

April 27<sup>th</sup> Ned and Bumps (alias Sir Edward Lutyens & Gertrude Jekyll) - Jim Cooper

May 25<sup>th</sup> Heritage of Wheat & Bread (with samples) - Ded and Liss

And finally.....

Where did the word "quiz" come from? The following is from the English Oxford Living Dictionaries.

The story goes that a Dublin theatre proprietor by the name of Richard Daly made a bet that he could, within forty-eight hours, make a nonsense word known throughout the city, and that the public would supply a meaning for it. After a performance one evening, he gave his staff cards with the word 'quiz' written on them, and told them to write the word on walls around the city. The next day the strange word was the talk of the town, and within a short time it had become part of the language.

The most detailed account of this supposed exploit (in F. T. Porter's *Gleanings and Reminiscences*, 1875) gives its date as 1791. The word, however, was already in use by then, meaning 'an odd or eccentric person', and had been used in this sense by Fanny Burney in her diary entry for 24 June 1782.

'Quiz' was also used as a name for a kind of toy, something like a yo-yo, which was popular around 1790. The word is nevertheless hard to account for, and so is its later meaning of 'to question or interrogate'. This emerged in the mid-19th century and gave rise to the most common use of the term today, for a type of entertainment based on a test of a person's knowledge.

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