



BOLLAND GARDENING CLUB



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Bolland Garden Club Meeting Wednesday 12th October 2022

The October meeting of the Club was given a real treat by our speaker Dave Newsham from Bannister Hall Nursery, Higher Walton. His talk was entitled 'Trees and Shrubs for Autumn Colour'. Dave brought along over 30 different types of trees and shrubs of various sizes and colours which were set out in the village hall and forming a frame from which he spoke. It was quite magnificent. The trees were brought from Bannister Hall Nursery, where he is the Nursery Manager. He is well fitted for this senior position having almost 35 years nursery work experience. Although Dave told us he had never given a talk to any gardening club before, we and possibly himself soon learned that he was a 'natural' speaker. He immediately engaged with the audience of over 30 members and guests.

He gave us a most informative and entertaining talk using each of his specimen exhibits to illustrate the vast range of colours and sensations that autumn leaves can bring to brighten this time of year. His love and passion for trees and shrubs shone through during his talk, throughout which he answered numerous questions about the various plants he was describing.

A few examples of the plants on display were Acers of various colours; Elaeagnus (the plant found on car parks which can survive most conditions); Pyracantha (with various coloured berries); Ginkgo (one of the longest established trees); Camellia Japonica (a specimen he brought that had been shown at Chelsea Flower Show) and Witch-Hazel which unlike many shrubs is in flower in February.

The plants which were shown were all in pots of various sizes and Dave indicated they could remain and flourish in pots as long as they didn't become too root bound. Care did however need to be taken to ensure appropriate levels of watering in each season.

At the end of the talk, we were given a comprehensive leaflet describing what Bannister Hall Nursery has to offer members of the public visiting the retail part of the Nursery. The Nursery trades in an international market and therefore Dave is very familiar with Latin names as that is the international language used in the plant industry.

A wonderful and exceptional evening seeing live plants and being able to put so many direct questions to our speaker about the samples shown. So many questions and so much enjoyment.

The next meeting is on the 9th November 2022 when the speaker is Don Whitton who will talk about 'Late Flowering Perennials'.

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