



You can support FOVG by Playing Local Lotto

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The LOCAL LOTTO is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for Friends of Valley Gardens and other good causes in the Harrogate District.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players that match the first or last 2 – 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and

you win the JACKPOT!

From every £1 ticket sold (there are no limits on the amount of tickets you can buy) 50p will go to Friends of Valley Gardens. To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes. We hope you will support us by playing and wish you good luck!

For more information go online to thelocallotto.co.uk and search for

'Valley Gardens'.



- Help us to keep opening the OMWPR
- Can Harrogate win Gold again in Britain in Bloom?
- A happy group from Western School visit the Japanese Garden.
- New We have arranged an afternoon visit for members. Maximum number 15.

Britain in Bloom Judging Day



August 1st, Yorkshire Day, is when the Britain in Bloom Judges come to Harrogate. Team Harrogate have been working hard and nothing less than Gold will do! The route has to be carefully managed to show the very best of Harrogate, and showcase some of the many Community Groups as well.

Marks are given out of 10 for 10 separate categories. For Gold we need 80% plus. Just 40% of marks are for Horticulture, 30% for the

Environment and 30% for Community. Team Harrogate are expecting Valley Gardens to score highly in every category– no pressure!

The environment section includes heritage, biodiversity and cleanliness. The Community section includes year round activity and future commitment, communication and awareness and finally funding and support. This year water usage is featured, and recycling and street cleanliness all pay their part. Wish us Luck.....

A Visit by Western Primary School

On two sunny days in the middle of May six or seven-year-old children from Western School's Year 2 classes arrived at the Japanese Garden with their teachers.



All 56 children learnt about its history and the Japanese features and chose what to sketch. They concentrated so hard on drawing you could have heard a pin drop!

They combined this with a history walk in the Valley Gardens, doing a fun quiz about it as they went, and calling in at the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room to hear from the pretend Victorian tenants how it was used. Watch out for the artwork, maybe together with Japanese stories they heard at school, appearing soon in the Western School Board in the Valley Gardens near the playground.

A Visit has been Planned for Members to Allerton Recycling Facility

You will all have read, or seen television programmes, about the problems we are creating by not disposing of waste materials, especially plastic, efficiently. Allerton Waste Recovery Plant has been built to help address these problems. In partnership with Amey, North Yorkshire County Council are reducing the amount of waste going to landfill in North Yorkshire and producing energy for your homes.

In October 2014 NYCC started a contract with Amey to create Allerton Waste Recovery Park project. The facility is now fully operational and processes up to 320,000 tonnes of waste per year from York and North Yorkshire councils, providing a solution for treating our waste while turning it into a resource .



A visitor and education centre is open for educational and community groups and the trustees of FOVG have arranged a visit to the plant on 22nd August at 2pm. Numbers are restricted to 15 and we have a few places available. We can provide transport, in private cars, for a small number of people.

The visit lasts about 2 hours and involves a session in the visitor centre and a short site tour of about half a mile. There is a set of 30 metal steps to climb and Amey have strict rules about visits, and unfortunately only one person with mobility issues is allowed. This person will be able to use a lift. If you would like to visit the plant, which we are sure will be very interesting, please contact Anne Grange on FOVG@friendsofvalleygardens.co.uk or 07708 642078. *Please note these places are on a first come first served basis*

Old Magnesia Well Pump Room

Thanks to a few dedicated volunteers we have opened the pump room twice per month for special events, bank holidays and guided tours. Many people, both local and visitors to the town have thanked us for the opportunity to see the inside of the building, enhancing their visit to the Valley Gardens and it gives us a chance to talk to

people about the Friends, hopefully this leads to more volunteers and general support for the future.

If possible, the published program will continue until the end of this year, but next year we will need to rethink the opening hours to best

match the number of volunteers available. We would be grateful, if you have any comments, suggestions or ideas that we could use for future planning, we would be even more grateful if you could volunteer some time in the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room.

Andrew Jordan

What is Candling?

Candling is the process of controlling the growth of Pines which is used in Japanese Gardens.

Our pines are mainly Scots Pines which have been donated by Andy Bolton, a volunteer from the Japanese Garden Society.

On a recent volunteer gardening day Andy came to show us the technique. The new growth is reduced and

Thinned out to promote the formation of pads of foliage. Later in the year we will also look at the branch formation when branches can be held in place by wire or string to produce a tree which is balanced when mature.

Johnny & Sarah are working on this one.

