WELCOME TO BLOG NUMBER 12

THE RAIN THAT THE BBC FORECAST FOR FELIXSTOWE NEVER SEEMS TO ARRIVE, WE HAVE FRIENDS IN ESSEX WHO SAY THAT THEY ARE HAVING A REAL GARDENER’S RAIN, BUT WHERE DOES OURS GO!

I’VE GOT ANOTHER MIXED BAG FOR YOU THIS TIME, SOME FROM OUR GARDEN, SOME FROM CHRISTINE’S ON TOP OF THE CLIFF AND AGAIN SOME FROM SUZANNE IN HOLBROOK.

WE HAVE BEEN DECORATING THE UTILITY ROOM WHILE WE WERE EXPECTING THE RAIN THAT DIDN’T REALY MATERIALISE LAST WEEK, SO ONCE AGAIN THIS BLOG IS A BIT LATE.

A REMINDER TOO ABOUT SALLY GALLANT’S GARDEN THIS SUNDAY, SEE THE POSTER ON THE NEXT PAGE, AND ANOTHER GARDEN OPEN FOR THE NGS SUNDAY 21ST JUNE IS THE OLD RECTORY, CHURCH LANE KIRTON IP10 0PT 12 NOON –6PM PRE-BOOK FOR BOTH GARDENS AT THE NGS WEBSITE

JEREMY
National Garden Scheme

Gardens Open for Charity

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Sunday 21st June 2020
11am – 5pm
£4.00 per Adult

(To maintain Social Distancing pre-booked attendance only)

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CHRISTINE AND NICKY HAVE TAKEN ON THE ROLES OF GARDENERS AT HARTELLO PLACE WHICH PROVIDES THEM WITH RELAXATION DURING LOCKDOWN. THE RESULTS ARE WONDERFUL AS YOU CAN SEE; I PARTICULARLY LIKE THE WILD FEEL TO THE CORNFLOWERS, CORNCOCKLES AND MARIGOLDS, AND ON THE NEXT PAGE THEY HAVE CONTRIVED A VERY ATTRACTION COMBINATION OF COLOURS, BUT FIRST SOME GORGEOUS DARK BRONZE IRIS
NOW OFF TO HOLBROOK TO SUZANNE’S GARDEN AGAIN
LOOKING ACROSS THE VALLEY TOWARDS ALTON WATER
RESPLENDENT PAEONIES—SUCH A SHAME THEY DON’T LAST LONG
AND THE SILVERY FOLIAGE OF PYRRHUS
AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THESE PICTURES HER GARDEN HAS A VERY ROMANTIC COTTAGE GARDEN SENSE TO IT COMBINED WITH BEAUTIFUL TEXTURES OF FOLIAGE AND COMPANION PLANTING REMINISCENT OF CHRISTOPHER LLOYD’S GARDEN IN SUSSEX, THE KNIPHOFIA IS VERY UNUSUAL ADDING VERTICAL INTEREST, AND FINALLY, IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT, A POT OF GONE TO SEED ROCKET!
ANOTHER RAFFLE PRIZE WON AT ON OF OUR MEETINGS WHICH MARY CONYBEARE IS VERY PLEASED WITH, IT LOOKS VERY EXOTIC WITH A VERY EXOTIC NAME TOO IT’S NECTAROSCORDUM SICULUM, A MEMBER OF THE ONION FAMILY

THIS ALPINE SINK WAS WON BY DI AND MICK ELMES IN A RAFFLE AT THEIR VERY FIRST VISIT TO FELIXSTOWE GARDEN CLUB AND IT’S STILL GOING STRONG ALTHOUGH IT HAS HAD A BIT OF TLC FROM MICK ALTHOUGH TLC AND MICK SOMEHOW DON’T SEEM TO GO TOGETHER
I keep thinking that there isn’t much to see in our garden at this time of the year, but doing this blog has made me look more closely and there are still things of interest to find. Two real old fashioned cottage garden plants Canterbury Bells and a lovely Foxglove.

Now that summer has come roses are looking wonderful.

The rose on the left is one we got from Ray, it is a miniature rose called Solar Flare.
THIS ONE IS CALLED FRILLY CUFFS WHICH WE BOUGHT WHEN WE WENT TO PETER BEALES ROSES LAST YEAR

‘TICKLED PINK’ AND ‘RED DEVIL’

THERE WILL BE LOTS MOR ROSES NEXT BLOG, AND ANGELA IS GOING TO EDUCATE US ALL WITH SOME BOTANY LESSONS!
VIBRANT ORANGES FROM ALSTROEMERIA, KNIPHOFIA, AND GAZANIA FOLLOWED BY BEAUTIFUL AQUILEGIAS
NOW FOR SOME MORE ODDITIES

SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW OUR BRITISH NATIVE HERB PARIS, THIS IS A BIT MORE EXOTIC IT IS PARIS POLYFYLLA MEANING MANY LEAVES AND COMES FROM THE HIMALAYAS

AND FINALLY, ROSCOEA PURPUREA AGAIN A HIMALAYAN NATIVE