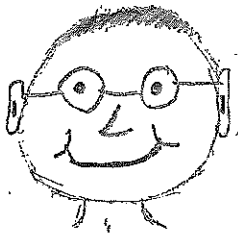


# GARDENING CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Cliff

Cliff is nice and wonderful and likes his gardening very much. He is kind and caring. When it comes to gardening he knows his stuff and what to talk about when we come round. He educates us about stuff that is in his garden and his plants. He plans the time well and we are always very busy.



## The Garden

In Cliff's garden it is very big you have amazing views that are stunning! Cliff has his garden in sections, he has lots of different things growing, like kiwi's, grapes, potatoes, strawberries, tomatoes. He has two ponds, the biggest pond has fish in the other one which is smaller he has lots of creatures like dragonflies, frogs that like to lay their eggs in. He used to have blackbirds in this pen that had plants in but they didn't eat the plants and liked to play hide and seek but sadly they died.

## Mulching

The strawberries that are not in the poly tunnel but are in the garden bed needed to be mulched. We all had a go at this and it's like bark/soil that is placed carefully around the strawberries like a duvet to stop the slugs and snails getting the strawberries eaten and to help the strawberries grow!

## What we do.....

Cliff puts us into two groups and we change over so we all get to do the same things. Sometimes we make soil by using a big sieve and making sure there are no lumps and bumps in the bucket. It's a messy job when you have messy children!

## Weeding

There is always weeds to be dug up as Cliff has a massive garden and the weeds are forever popping up! We dug up a big area by the Kiwi's that are growing. We dug up a really, really big weed that took three children to dig it up and they persevered as a team!

## Potting

So far we have potted radishes, angels fishing net, butternut squash, nasturtiums, celeriac, strawberries and sunflowers. We get to take home what we pot!

## Sunflowers

Children who potted sunflowers are doing a race who can get the tallest sunflower. We planted three seeds in case one or two don't work.

## Strawberries

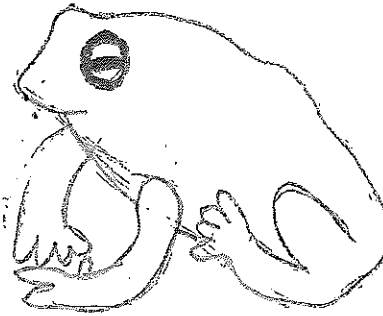
In Cliff's poly tunnel on the left hand side going down all the way to the end he has strawberries growing which are very nice and sweet and yummy! Cliff doesn't like it when his strawberries get munched on by mice, slugs and snails. He puts mice traps all around his strawberries so mice don't eat the strawberries!



### Mr Toad

Mr Toad lives in the poly tunnel by the potatoes under a plank. He is nocturnal and only comes out at night when it is dark! However we were very lucky one day when Cliff managed to catch Mr Toad and we was allowed to look at him. Mr Toad was very scared with lots of little eyes looking at him and he jumped out of Cliff's hands and onto the floor, when Cliff picked him up he weed in Cliff's hands!!!! Mr Toad's skin is poisonous if an animal tries to eat him. He is dark red/orange in colour. His feet are rubbery and he has a firm grip. He eats snails and slugs.

### Mr Toad



Gardening club is attended by.....

Saffy Walker  
Lily Andrews  
Rhea Crocker  
Toby Hawkins  
Isla Hawkins  
Leighton Kirby  
Tristan Kirby  
Lauren Jeffries

Parents get a hot drink!



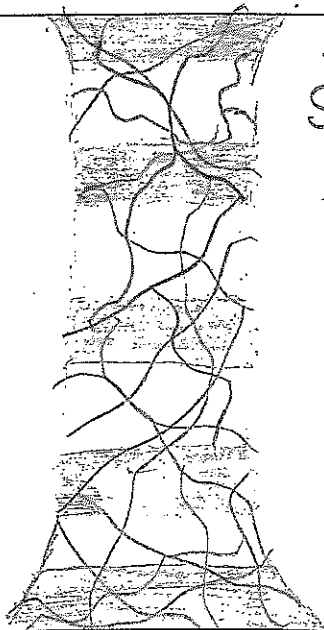
### Secret Path

In Cliff's garden he has a secret path and only children are allowed through it. Cliff was very kind as he pulled all the stinging nettles and some weeds out of the pathway. Next to the secret pathway there are some of Cliff's chickens.

### Cliff's stall

Cliff has a stall out by his house with plants and vegetables for sale that he grows and has decided that they are ready to be sold. When you drive past his house you will see it they are very cheap and well looked after before they go out on sale.

Secret Path



Cliff will get Kiwi's this year after waiting for seven years for them to grow!!



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