

Huw's Muse: **Snowdrops.**

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Is there anything lovelier at this time of year than flowering snowdrops? Even after all the bad weather that has been thrown at them, they lift their heads and give us a great display.

Their posh name is Galanthus, which means 'milk flower', they are from the same family as the Daffodil (Amaryllidaceae), they can flower anytime from January to March.

Snowdrops have been with us for a long time, thought by some to have been introduced by the Romans... Lord knows what else they ever did for us (see Monty Python's 'Life of Brian', for the young people).

They have some medicinal properties, and were used as an anti-dote for poisons: these days they are being used in the fight to help Dementia patients.

If you want to see a good display, Abson Church has a snowdrop trail.

They give us a bit of hope that the Springtime is not too far away!

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