



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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Saul Walker

At our last indoor meeting until November Saul Walker, one time Show Manager at the Chelsea Flower Show gave a fascinating talk about the history of the show illustrated by pictures of the show over the years and including a short film made by the BBC during his time at the show. The annual RHS flower show moved to Chelsea in 1913 and has occupied the same site behind the Royal Hospital ever since, only the two world wars and the covid pandemic have stopped it happening.

Haldon Grange

The next meeting of the club will be a visit to Haldon Grange on April 1st at 2.00pm. Haldon Grange is a peaceful and well established nineteen-acre garden with a large collection of azaleas, rhododendrons and magnolias as well as lakes and ponds and a six acre arboretum. Please contact Jo Macdonald if you wish to go.

Stonelands House

On April 29th at 2.00pm we will be visiting Stonelands House, Dawlish. A beautiful 12-acre pleasure garden with herbaceous beds, vegetable garden, woodland garden and riverside walk. The head gardener is Saul Walker. Please note the date, this will be instead of a May meeting. Contact Joseph Dunkley.

Tips for April

It's time to really get going in the garden but don't be too eager to tidy up try and leave old stems until the average temperature is over 10degrees, this gives overwintering insects a chance to emerge at the right time.

From the RHS

- 1 Sow hardy annuals and wildflower seeds outdoors.
- 2 Step up weeding before they take hold.
- 3 Plant new pond plants and divide water lilies.
- 4 Sow new lawns and repair bare patches.
- 5 Prune fig trees
- 6 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
- 7 Last chance to prune climbing and rambling roses

Enjoy the spring.

Anything for the next newsletter to hibly@hotmail.com