



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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Important reminder

August 6th , 1.00 Shilstone Garden and Devon Rural Archive

This visit will be in conjunction with the Teign Valley History Group.

There will be a tour of the house at 1.00 followed by a garden tour at 2.00. Teas have been booked for 3.00pm.

The house tour will be £20 and the garden tour £20, however if the group is larger than 15 the cost will £15 per head for each tour.

Tea will be about £5 but are over the counter sales.

For more information please visit www.shilstonedevon.com

Please let Paul know if you wish to go before July 27th.

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Am Brook Meadow

On a hot, sunny afternoon in July fourteen members and two guests visited Am Brook Meadow near Ipplepen for a private visit to this stunning garden which also opens under the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Our hosts Jennie and Jethro had the vision over 20 years ago to create this 10 acre garden and house on what had been an intensive pig farm.

Our tour started straight from the car parking area as we walked through a large field of meadow full of flowering perennials such as Knapweed, Meadow Scabious and Geranium and then through a courtyard of climbers and drought resistant plants and grasses with the soothing sound of a water feature. Sitting on a shady veranda by one of the two lakes created by our hosts we were given an overview of how they had set about landscaping and creating the garden. Two long perennial borders by the house are planted

prairie style with ornamental grasses and late flowering perennials such as Veronicastrum, Echinacea and Persicaria which were at their summer best. We meandered through wild areas on grass and gravel pathways, past the second pond and welcome shady areas of shrubs and trees and an orchard with bees and poultry close by. Two streams also run through the garden and there is an abundance of wildlife including a resident swan, moorhens, little grebes, a kingfisher and owls with young nesting in an old oak tree near the house.

Back on the shady veranda we enjoyed a welcome cup of tea and cake and the opportunity to look through Jennie and Jethro's fascinating photo albums of their journey from pig farm to plant paradise. We agreed that Am Brook Meadow is one of our all-time favourites. For pictures of our visit follow this link www.bridfordandteignvalleygardenclub.co.uk/am-brook-meadow-torbryan

September Visit

On 3rd September we will visit Littlehempston Agroforestry gardens and Edible canopy nursery, contact Jo Macdonald 07875 774718.

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We hope to see members at the **Summer Gathering** this coming Saturday at Paul and Jill's house in Dunsford. If you wish to come and have not let Paul know please do so. Full details were in last month's newsletter.

Membership if you have friends who like gardening or just looking at gardens do encourage them to join us.

If you are a member and don't come to many talks or visits do come along, you may learn something new or even make a new friend. You'll almost certainly have a cup of tea and some delicious cake!

Please send anything for the next newsletter to hibly@hotmail.com

Happy gardening, Hibly