



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

Newsletter July 2023

The newsletter is a little late this month for which my apologies.

Dunsford Garden Safari

On Tuesday 11th July twenty five members enjoyed a splendid Garden Safari in Dunsford visiting Southwood House, Briton Bank, Cottage Garden, East Steps and the rewilded Dunsford churchyard. The gardens varied in size from large to small and each provided a wide diversity of planting. We started at Southwood House which has a garden with many flowering plants, a small rockery, raised herb bed, shrubs, trees, a pond, lawn, a productive vegetable patch and greenhouse. Briton Bank has a large garden concentrating on a natural, informal look with wild meadow areas, a new pond, a vegetable plot and a variety of trees. Cottage Garden is a small walled garden, bordered on one side by a stream. It has topiary, a pond, ferns, a small area of wild flowers and an interesting display of house leeks. East Steps has a small garden on three tiers with numerous colourful flowers and shrubs. Our last visit was to the Dunsford churchyard where Chris Robyn gave us an informative guided tour around its old part which he has adeptly rewilded. It includes flowers for cutting, a sensory bed, a floral border and a water trough with lilies. Our thanks go to all our hosts, the owners, for allowing us to go round their lovely gardens and enjoy the pleasure of viewing their hard work creating and maintaining them so well.. Fortunately it remained dry for our visits with a shower of rain conveniently arriving as we gathered for tea in the Walled Garden.

For pictures of the visit go to

www.bridfordandteignvalleygardenclub.co.uk/dunsford-safari

Summer Gathering

The summer gathering was held at the home of Jo Macdonald and Jan Traylen , it was an indoor event due to inclement weather.

Prize winners

The annual competitions were won as follows

Betty Shaw cup for flowers:- Francis Leversedge

Horticultural Cup:- Paul French

Flower Arrangement:- Anne Rice

Pot Plant:-Jo Macdonald

please see the link below for pictures of the event

www.bridfordandteignvalleygardenclub.co.uk/summer-gathering-22-07-2023

Cadhay Garden

On Friday 4th August at 2pm we will be visiting Cadhay Gardens, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1QT These informal 2 acre gardens are full of charm and tranquility and are the setting for a Tudor manor house. There are two medieval fish ponds surrounded by rhododendrons, gunnera, hostas and flag iris. There is a lime tree avenue and roses, clematis, lilies and hellebores surround a walled water garden. There are colourful borders, lawns and a 120 ft herbaceous border walk which is informally planted. In the walled kitchen garden are a series of allotments with vegetables, fruit, fragrant sweet peas and vibrant dahlias. The entrance fee and a cream tea is £10 per person. If you need any more information or are going, please ring Joseph Dunkley on 01647 252377 or email him on c_j_dunkley@hotmail.com

Christow Show 19th August

A reminder that our display for the Christow Show is Cottage Garden Plants all offerings will be gratefully received so we have an eye catching display.

I think that's all for this month, any contributions for the next newsletter send to me hibly@hotmail.com

Happy gardening, Hibly