



# Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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## Newsletter May 2026

There's a lot of information in this newsletter, so grab a drink and sit down with your diary before reading.

### Heathercombe

On May 6<sup>th</sup> we visited Heathercombe near Manaton, a small group from the club enjoyed a guided tour of this beautiful garden in a wooded valley, the bluebells were stunning and the wide variety of trees gave much to interest us.

### Wildside 2.00pm, Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Wildside at Buckland Monachorum is a stunning garden created by Keith Wiley in what was originally a flat site. The garden now has many mounds and ponds and a huge variety of plants, do join us on this visit, you won't be disappointed. Keith was formerly head gardener at The Garden House, just down the road from Wildside.

Contact **Jan Traylen 07870 847161**, if you wish to join us.

### Looking Forward

2<sup>nd</sup> July, Ambrook Meadow details in next month's newsletter

### 18<sup>th</sup> July, 5.00pm . Summer Gathering, Southwood House, Dunsford

Our summer gathering will be at Paul and Jill's home this year, as usual there will be our annual competitions they will be as follows.

Horticultural Cup:- Colourful Vegetables

Denning-Kent Cup:- a flowering pot plant, pot not more than 7" diameter

Muriel Wickland Rose Bowl:- A wedding buttonhole

**The Ann Lord Cup:-** Pollinator-friendly flowers, 7 stems 18" or under

So you have plenty of time to plan your entries.

Please let Paul know before July 1<sup>st</sup> if you are coming.

The cost will be £8.00 a head for food.

Please bring your own drinks, a chair, cutlery, plates and glasses.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> , 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 expenses of this visit depend on numbers if we can get a group of over 15, the house tour will be £15 and the garden tour £15 per head, fewer than 15 people will be £20 respectively, tea will be about £5, but are over the counter sales.

For more information please visit [www.shilstonedevon.com](http://www.shilstonedevon.com)

**Please let Paul know if you wish to go before July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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Once numbers are known cost can be calculated, then a request to pay by BACS will be sent to you.

**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](mailto:hibly@hotmail.com)

Happy gardening, Hibly