



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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Newsletter December 2025

A.G.M

Members gathered for the AGM in the TVCH on 4th December. Jan Traylen gave a slide show of his pictures taken at the club outings during the year, and pictures of member's gardens.

The meeting unanimously re-elected the committee and Paul gave his summing -up of the year, see below.

Our quiz was devised by Joseph and Jo, and fiercely contested by three teams, the Sunflowers won.

Chairman's Report for 2025

I want to take this opportunity of thanking all the committee members for their support and contribution to our club; Chris our Sec, Mike our tres, Hibly our vice chair, Saul our membership sec, Joseph, Lorraine, Jan our archivist and Jo the assnt photographer and artistic director. Special thanks to Hibly for keeping members informed via the newsletter and for contributions to the Parish Magazine, Also, to Jan (and Jo) who has created our wonderful website, with photos we have just seen, taken on our visits. Fabulous. Thanks everyone.

My personal highlights of the year were the summer gathering. Great venue, company and weather. Somehow one of the cups awarded then was not ours but a Christow Show cup. It was presented to Anne Rice but we have now returned it. This cup will be replaced by "the Anne Lord Memorial Cup". I also enjoyed Goren Farm and Helen Hardings talk about the wildlife in Trusham church yard.

Speaker fees have increased a lot in the last few years, this plus the decrease in reserves has lead your committee to increase subscriptions from £6, where they have been for many years, to £8pa. Payable by BACS please

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We did not do our usual display at the Christow Show and this year as it is hard work for a few and does not yield any new members. We are unlikely to return although Jan Deane would like us too.

More recently your committee has been engaged in setting up a new programme for 2026. We have tried to stay closer to home this year and avoid clashes with the WI etc. We are excited about it and hope you will be too. Note not every meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month. The year starts with the annual luncheon on Thursday 8th from 1200 noon at the Bridford Inn, when we also hope to start distribution of the new printed programme. Do we need a printed programme? If you have not given me your menu selection, please do so by Dec 21st

I look forward to a new year, with more exciting talks and visits and hopefully better weather. Thank you.

Paul French, BTVGC Chair.

Annual luncheon

The annual lunch will be at the Bridford Inn on January 8th, those members attending will have sent their orders and payment already.

The programme for 2026, will be available at the luncheon.

Membership subscription for 2026

As previously mentioned the membership subscription for 2026 is £8.00

Please pay by bank transfer

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