



# Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

Newsletter August 2022

## Prospect House

If anyone who hasn't already contacted Joseph wishes to go to Prospect House this Thursday please contact him asap.

## Christow Show

A reminder that our stand for the show will be on the theme of "hot colours" plants for the display can be taken to the TVCH on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jo Macdonald with offers of plants and any other information.

## Silver Street Farm

Our September outing is to Silver Street Farm, Uffculme. This is a former dairy farm with herbaceous borders, woodland a kitchen garden and a secret garden with grasses herbs and perennials. Please contact Chris Rosenbloom.

## Bridford Safari

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 24 members joined the Bridford Garden Safari on a beautiful sunny day, visiting the village allotments and six fine gardens. These included Lorraine's and Joseph's Prospect House, Tessa's and Philip's Holte Barn, Judy's and Pip's 1 Hawthorne Cottage, Chrissie's and Nige's The Sanctuary, Melinda's and Roger's Bridford Barton and Kathy's and Alan's 3 Scatter View. Members observed a wide range of garden diversity from wild to more structured ones. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who opened their gardens and to Kathy and Alan for their kind hospitality by hosting tea and delicious cakes after the visits.

## Summer Gathering

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 20 members gathered at Bridford Village Hall for a very enjoyable al-fresco supper and the usual competitions, cups were awarded as follows

Anne Rice:- Horticulture cup for soft fruit

Rose Bowl for a flower arrangement on the theme of climate change.

Jo Macdonald:- the Dennin-Kemp cup for a house plant

Hibly Woods:- the Betty Shaw cup for 5 roses

Joan and Colin Banks judged the classes for which we thank them.

## Advice from the RHS

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune Wisteria and summer-flowering shrubs such as lavender once they've finished flowering.

Deadheading is a seemingly endless task but well worth doing for continued flowers. Containers will benefit from being fed to encourage flowering into the late summer and early autumn.

Pick vegetables regularly, they are much tastier when small and you'll get more to follow.

Enjoy the summer and pray for rain.

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