



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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January/February Newsletter 2024

An apology

I'd like to start this newsletter with an apology for my tardiness in writing this newsletter and I hope that the change of date for the February meeting hasn't meant anyone going to the hall and finding no one there on February 1st.

February Meeting

15th of February at 2.00pm

'What is Rewilding and How Does My Garden Make a Difference?'.

Laura Fairs is the Rewilding Manager at Embercombe in Higher Ashton. She will give an introduction to rewilding by outlining the basic principles of rewilding and what that might look like.

She will discuss how gardens can help support a network of rewilded areas to boost wildlife populations.

There will be a brief overview of Laura's work at Embercombe, which has seen wildlife abundance bounce back on their 50 acres, with plans to bring back proxies for large grazing herbivores that are now extinct from our landscape.

Embercombe also runs courses and programmes, seeing Laura develop the UK's first in-depth rewilding training programme, which teaches how to rewild land in the UK.

Date Changes.

April The visit to Sherwood House will now take place on Tuesday 9th of April at 2.00pm

June The visit Idestone Barton will be on Friday 14th of June at 2.00pm

We apologise for the changes and hope they won't upset anyone's plans.

For details of visits and address details please visit our website.

Annual Lunch

On Friday 12th January, twenty-six members met for our annual lunch at The Manor Inn. We had, as always, a most enjoyable meal with lots of chatter. Our thanks go to Paul for organising it and to The Manor for their warm hospitality and excellent food and service.

A Plea from The Teign Valley Nursery

Tom French has been running a plant pot swap at the nursery for some years, however he is thinking of stopping as it's used as a dumping ground for old pots with few people taking pots away. There are now far too many pots there. So please, if you need pots go and rescue them from Tom's yard and for the present don't leave anymore there.

Gardening tips from the RHS

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges.

The RHS website has lots of tips for each month and is very well worth a visit if you're unsure what needs to be done.

We are now at the halfway point between the winter solstice and the Spring equinox, the light is returning, the snowdrops are at their best and other bulbs are emerging, enjoy your planning and planting, spring us on the way.

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