



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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Shilstone House The Garden Club visited Shilstone House and Garden this month, the home of the Devon rural archive.

The house was a revelation. Purchased by Lucy and Sebastian Fewick in 1997 it was an abandoned wreck but the 17C facade remained. This inspired them to recreate the house with 16C and 17C features using today's materials very largely sourced from the estate. The result is a stunning property now used as a wedding venue and family home.

The Garden was well laid out and intentioned but not very inspiring. Perhaps because it was so dry. There were original fishponds (for food) now part of a cascade from a spring. Plus a walled garden, housing the wedding marque a greenhouse and just outside a veg garden. Some visited the archive and sort out records of TV villages which were threadbare.

The visit concluded in the cafe with tea and cake with everyone pleased by the adventure.

Please visit the website for pictures of this and other visits.

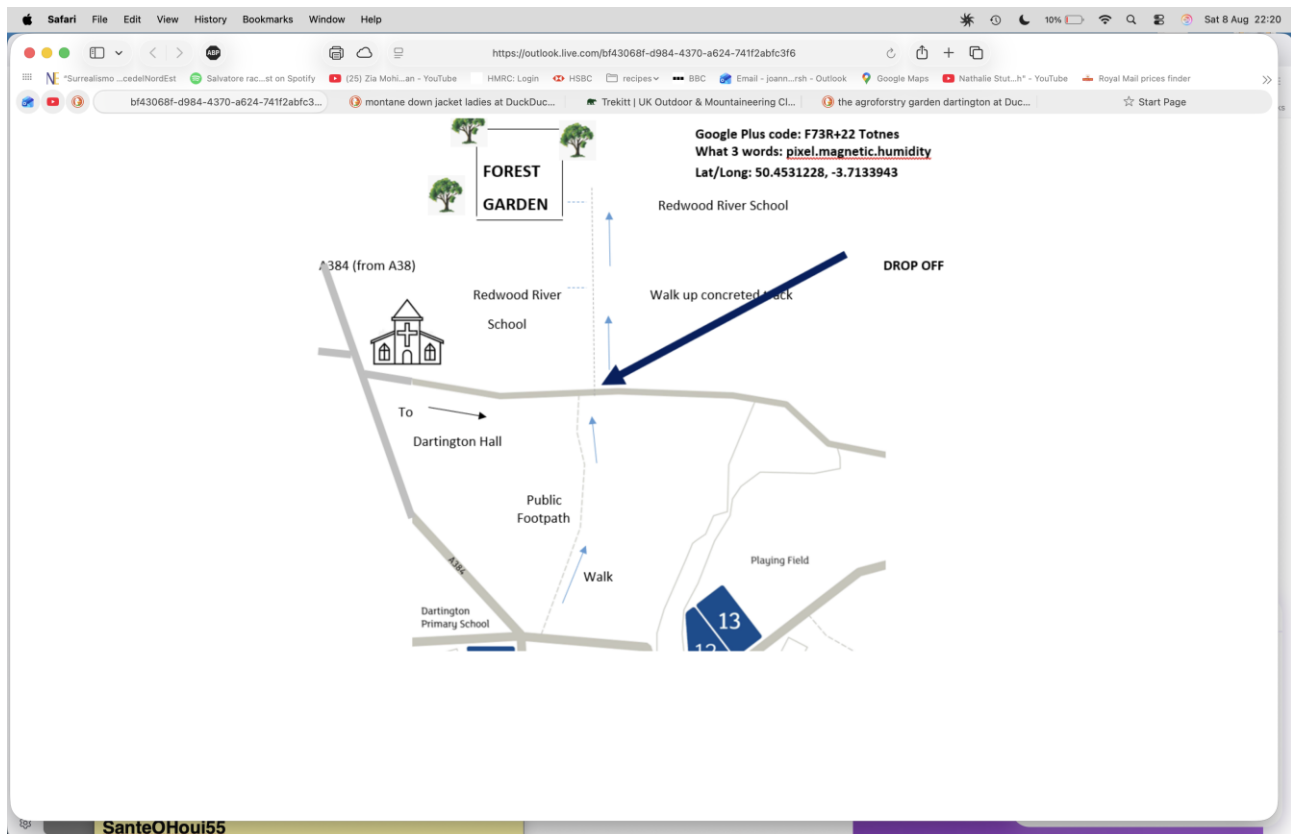
Littlehempstone Agroforestry Gardens and Edible Canopy nursery 3rd September

A fascinating garden producing food in a truly sustainable way which has inspired many similar projects. Please contact Jo Macdonald 07875 774718 if you wish to go.

There is no parking at the garden but you can park at Meadowbrook car park and from there it is about a six minute walk to the garden via a footpath.

Or follow these instructions and map for a drop-off point.

The best place to drop off is along the road to Dartington Hall, where the concreted track turns left. See below. I will also have a "Forest Garden" sign at this point. After dropping off the driver will need to carry on up to Dartington Hall to turn around. It is better not to drive up the concreted track as turning involves a 5 or 7-point turn. Redwood school term will not have started so it should be fairly quiet



Chevithorne Barton 1st October

We will be visiting Chevithorne Barton near Tiverton on October 1st, a garden with a collection of over 440 types of oak trees.

Please contact Lorraine Hart, on 01647 252377 if you wish to go.

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Let's all do a rain dance before everything is desiccated.

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