



## Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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### Newsletter September 2025

Welcome to Autumn which seems to have come rather abruptly after the glorious summer. The sudden change of seasons meant that the outing to Bickham House was cancelled due to the heavy rain having rather ruined the garden.

#### The Italian Garden, Great Ambrook

We will be visiting the Italian garden on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **2.00**.

This fascinating restored garden was hidden for decades and has been lovingly restored by the current owners and a team of volunteers. The garden was created in 1909 by Arthur Smith-Graham as a retreat from the world and a place where he and his group of friends could meet away from the censorious eyes of the world where their homosexuality was illegal.

If you wish to go on this visit please contact

**Joseph Dunkley** on **07521126253** or **01647 252377** as soon as possible so we can let the organisers know how many are coming. The cost is £10

#### **Directions to the garden**

##### **FROM THE A381 NEWTON ABBOT / TOTNES ROAD**

For visitors using Sat Nav, please use postcode **TQ12 5UL**. From the A381, take the turning to Ipplepen Centre signposted Ipplepen/Torbryan/Broadhempston into Foredown Road. Continue straight through the village centre to Ipplepen Village Hall, then follow the road round to the right signposted Torbryan/Broadhempston. Continue over Orley Common towards Broadhempston. Turn left at the signpost to

Littlehempston/Totnes. Turn left into Great Ambrook Avenue and follow the single track private lane round to the right. DO NOT go straight ahead to Great Ambrook House!! As you exit through the stone pillars at the top of hill, the garden entrance is signposted immediately on your right. You can turn around a little further up the lane for an easier access to the garden entrance.

Parking is limited so car sharing is advised. There are no refreshments available at the garden.

From November we return to indoor meetings over the winter months.

### **November Meeting 2.00 T.V.C.H**

Helen Harding will talk about The Wildlife of Trusham Churchyard, contact Jo Macdonald for more information.

### **Some September Gardening Tips from the RHS**

1. Divide herbaceous perennials
2. Pick autumn raspberries.
3. Collect and sow seeds from perennials and hardy annuals.
4. Plant spring-flowering bulbs.

### **Free tickets**

Paul has two tickets to see Adam Frost on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Exeter, Adam is a gardener's world presenter. Contact Paul [paul.n.french@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.n.french@btinternet.com) if you'd like the tickets.

Please see the notice below for an event in Newton Abbot.

Let's hope the rain eases a bit so we can get on with autumn jobs.

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