



# Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

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## **Newsletter April 2026**

### **Heathercombe, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2.00** Near Manaton, TQ13 9XE

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In a secluded valley, Heathercombe has ponds and streams, many interesting flowering trees and shrubs, an orchard and a cottage garden. There are two miles of woodland walks.

**4<sup>th</sup> June, Wildside**, Buckland Monachorum, a wonderful garden created out of a flat field to become an atmospheric space reflecting a love of uncultivated land and an experimental approach to planting.

Please contact Jan Traylen on 07870 847161 or email [jantraylen@hotmail.com](mailto:jantraylen@hotmail.com) before 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Details of visits and directions can be found on the club's website

### **Open Garden 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Paul and Jill French are opening their garden in aid of Hospicecare from 13.00 to 17.00.

The wet and dismal winter is now behind us and the bluebell season is in full swing, swallows are nesting in sheds and barns and herbaceous perennials seem to grow larger as we watch them. The gardening year is really in full swing.

## **Tips from the RHS**

### **Protecting your veg**

- Keep an eye out for asparagus beetles, and pick them off by hand.
- Watch for the small holes flea beetles make on brassica seedlings. Water plants well to help them continue growing despite the pest damage.
- Protect carrots with insect-proof mesh to prevent carrot root fly.

- Consider protecting vulnerable seedlings from slugs using biological controls.
- Protect brassicas and peas from pigeons.
- Pick yellowing leaves off brassicas promptly, to prevent spread of grey mould and brassica downy mildew.
- Put up codling moth traps in apple trees.
- Look out for spur blight, cane spot and cane blight on raspberries, blackberries and hybrid berries, and prune out affected stems.
- Put bird protection in place for all soft fruit.
- Remove weeds that risk smothering young plants by hand or by hoeing, and continue through to summer.

Please send anything for the next newsletter to [hibly@hotmail.com](mailto:hibly@hotmail.com)

Happy gardening, Hibly