

Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

September Newsletter 2023

Lee Ford

Sadly our trip to Lee Ford, Budleigh Salterton on 7th September was cancelled due to too few members being able to go.

Fast Rabbit Farm

On October 5th we will be visiting Fast Rabbit Farm, Strawberry Valley, Nr. Dartmouth, TQ6 ONB at 2pm. This is a 43 acre botanical garden including lakes, ponds, waterfalls, roses, trees, bog plants and hydrangeas. Nurtured since 1991, it is probably the largest garden featuring acid loving plants in the country. There will be cream teas available. Please call Ann Lord on 01647 253025 If you intend to go.

November meeting

Indoor meetings for the colder months begin with a talk on Bumble Bees Please ring Jo Macdonald on 01647 252430 for more information.

Garden tips for early Autumn After a lovely warm start to September autumn seems to have arrived which always starts me thinking about preparation for next year. Broad beans and Sweet peas can be planted now as well as the bulbs for spring displays. Don't be too keen to "tidy up" for the winter, seed heads and rose hips are food for birds in the colder months and invertebrates can over-winter among dead stalks. Cuttings of perennials such as salvias can be taken and pelargoniums and tender fuchsias from baskets and hanging baskets can be overwintered in a cool greenhouse porch or on a windowsill.

If you have anything for the next newsletter please send it to me. <u>hibly@hotmail.com</u>

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