

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2014-15

OUR PROGRAMME BEGAN, IN NOVEMBER, WITH THE AGM FOLLOWED WITH A VERY INFORMATIVE TALK BY NEIL COOK ON THE RE-CREATION OF THE GARDENS AT HANBURY HALL.

IN DECEMBER WE ENJOYED A CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE GOLF CLUB,

JANUARY SAW US EXPLORING THE ECOLOGY OF ALPINES.WITH JOHN HILL.

THE ART OF BONSAI WAS VERY ABLY DEMONSTRATED IN FEBRUARY BY MALCOLM STYLES, CHAIRMAN OF WORCESTER BONSAI SOCIETY. WHOSE GARDEN WE WILL BE VISITING NEXT YEAR.

IN MARCH, PAUL GREEN OF GREEN'S LEAVES NURSERY. GAVE US A VERY INSPIRATIONAL TALK, PLANTS OF THE SEASON. YOU CAN SEE HIS PLANT STALL PROVED VERY POPULAR.

"I'M NOT MUCH GOOD AT GARDENING!" WAS APRILS LIGHT- HEARTED LOOK AT GARDENING, A VERY ENTERTAIN TALK BY DAVID MORGAN, COUNTY ORGANISER FOR THE NGS

ALONG WITH OUR AFFILIATION TO THE RHS WE ARE ALSO AFFILIATED TO THE GLOUCESTER FEDERATION OF GARDEN SOCIETIES.. THIS PROVIDES US WITH AN EXCELLENT SPEAKERS LIST ALONG WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTRA PUBLICITY. ONE SUCH, IS THE STAND THEY HAVE AT THE MALVERN SPRING SHOW. WE WERE INVITED TO PLANT UP A BASKET OF FLOWERS WITH OUR CLUBS NAME ATTACHED TO GO ON THEIR STAND. IRENE AND I ALSO SPENT SATURDAY AFTERNOON THERE HELPING TO MAN THE STAND AND PUBLICISE THE BPGC

THE GARDENER'S MARKET IN MAY WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR WITH ITS SHORTER OPENING TIMES.

OUR FIRST GARDEN VISIT IN JUNE WAS TO ANDY & CATHY ADAMS GARDEN. THE GARDEN ENJOYS WONDERFUL FAR REACHING VIEWS FROM HIGH IN THE MALVERN HILLS. ANDY AND CATHY DONATED THE INCOME FROM THIS TO CANCER RESEARCH UK. THEY ARE OPENING FOR THE NGS FOR THE FIRST TIME NEXT YEAR.

JULY'S VISIT WAS TO PEAR TREE COTTAGE. A SILVER MEDAL WINNING GARDEN, WITH ITS MANY DIFFERENT POINTS OF INTEREST AND CURIOSITIES.

THERE WAS OF COURSE TEA AND CAKES!

IN AUGUST WE HELD AN OPEN GARDEN & COFFEE MORNING, IN AID OF CLUB FUNDS, AT CATHY'S GARDEN,

LORNA LOOKED AFTER THE WELL STOCKED PLANT STALL, THANK YOU TO CATHY AND ALL THOSE WHO HELPED.

ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN THE COACH TRIP TO WATER PERRY GARDENS AGREED IT IS A WONDERFUL WELL MAINTAINED GARDEN ,

WITH VERY IMPRESSIVE BORDERS AND RURAL MUSEUM. WELL WORTH A RETURN VISIT.

WE HAD A VERY ENJOYABLE VISIT TO ROUND HILL GARDENS, IN SEPTEMBER, WITH ITS COLOURFUL REAR GARDEN AND WATER FEATURES,

THERE ARE SEVERAL AMUSING ARTEFACTS THROUGH OUT THE GARDEN.

WHERE SURPRISINGLY TEA AND CAKES WERE ENJOYED.

OCTOBER'S INDOOR MEETING, WE HAD, I THINK YOU ALL AGREE A VERY INFORMATIVE AND ENJOYABLE FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION BY MARY SKEYS, PRODUCING THREE ARRANGEMENTS USING PLANTS FROM OUR GARDENS. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO US THAT WE ASK MARY TO HOLD A WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE CLIP BOARD ON THE TABLE.

A SPECIAL MENTION HERE FOR DOUGLAS GREGOR OUR WEBMASTER AND MY IT CONSULTANT. TODAY A WEBSITE IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY ORGANISATION. IF YOU MISSED ANY OF THE GARDEN VISITS OR THE COACH TRIP THERE ARE PICTURES AND REPORTS OF THEM ALL ON THE WEBSITE ALONG WITH THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND NEXT YEARS PROGRAMME. PLEASE MAKE USE OF IT, IT IS YOUR WEBSITE.
THANK YOU DOUGLAS.

I WOULD LIKE TO END WITH THANKING ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THIS 3RD YEAR OF THE BPGC. I THINK WE HAVE DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL TO ACHIVE A MEMBERSHIP OF 95.
THANK YOU FOR BECOMING MEMBERS.

I WOULD HOWEVER END WITH A CAUTIONARY TALE, A LONG ESTABLISHED GARDEN CLUB WITH OVER 100 MEMBERS THAT I HAVE GIVEN PRESENTATIONS TOO HAS CLOSED DUE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO FORM A COMMITTEE.

I DONT THINK IT WAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY PRESENTATION.

HOWEVER SUCCESSFUL WE HAVE BEEN SO FAR, I DONT THINK WE SHOULD TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED.

THANK YOU.