

SUMMER NEWSLETTER.



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Programme

June 18th 2022

A Visit to Wharf House and The Cottage Herbery.-
Tenbury Wells - Coach Trip. See attached Booking form for details and the details of the trip in page 3. The cost is £23 per person for the coach and entry into the two gardens.

July 16th 2022

A Visit to the Tynings. This garden can be found at Church Lane, Stoulton, Worcestershire WR7 4RE – an acclaimed plantsman's garden looked after by John and Lesley Bryant. There is a cost of £5 including light refreshments.

August 20th 2022

A Visit to The Apple Tree Kitchen for a 10th Anniversary Celebration – please refer to the article by Brian Skeys further down the newsletter.

Sept 17th 2022

The Garden at Stockton Bury an illustrated talk given by Tamsin Westthorpe who is part of the gardening team at Stockton Bury and has previously been deputy editor of Amateur Gardening magazine and editor of The English Garden magazine will talk on the four-acre garden created by Raymond Treasure and Gordon Fenn situated at Stockton Bury near Leominster.

Chairs Notes and Notices

Dear Members,

I hope many of you were able to go out and attend some of the many activities being organised to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

On Thursday 26th of May 8 club members attended a quiz night at Martley Village Hall arranged by the Marley Gardening Club. It was very well attended with teams of 4 entered from various local gardening clubs, foolish enough to have their horticultural knowledge tested in public! We did not disgrace ourselves finishing 3rd and 4th out of 12 teams in the first part of the quiz and 2nd and 3rd in the second “Blockbuster” part of the quiz. The evening was such a success there are plans to run the event again next year.

One fact learnt – Shakespeare mentions Rhubarb in Macbeth - “What rhubarb Senna, or purgative drug” - act 5 scene 3.

More Summer Events for Your Diaries:-

Pershore Open Gardens on the weekend for the NGS - Pershore Gardens, Pershore, Worcestershire WR10 1BG. Running on Sat 11, Sun 12 June (1-5). Combined adm £7.50, Children free.

Refreshments at selected gardens as indicated on the map/description sheet. Times: 13:00 to 17:00.

Most years about twenty gardens open in Pershore. This small town has been opening gardens as part of the NGS for 50 years, almost continuously. In the early days the open gardens were in the Georgian heart of the town but now, gardens open from all over the town. Some gardens are surprisingly large, well over an acre, while others are courtyard gardens. All have their individual appeal and present great variety.

The wealth of pubs, restaurants and cafes offer ample opportunities for refreshment while the Abbey and the River Avon are some of the many points of interest in this market town. Tickets, which take the form of a map and garden descriptions, are valid for both days. They can be purchased starting a week before the event at Blue in Broad Street or at the Town Hall.

On the weekend they can be bought at Number 8 Community Arts Centre in the High Street and any open garden. Gardens are open all over the town including Bridge street B4084, Broad Street, Newlands, Defford Road, Station road, Cherry Orchard, Priest Lane & Hunter Rise (off Three Springs Road).

Will and Audrie Scott's "Walled Garden" is off Fort Royal Hill in Worcester and is open for the NGS on Wednesday 29th June 2022 (1 to 5). It's a fascinating and historic garden with a focus on herbs and their uses and is well worth a visit. Again details are in the Worcestershire NGS Yellow Book or on their website.

Fladbury Walkabout is running from Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd July 2022 and offers activities and attractions including open gardens, as well as tranquil boat trips on the River Avon, a flower festival as well as stalls. Check out their website:- www.fladburyvillage.co.uk/walkabout/

New Committee Members - If you would like to become a club committee member and would like more information do please contact any of the current committee members at any time.

Swapping – Wanted! any garden magazines and books in good condition and unwanted, unopened packets of seeds which are still in date to swap with fellow club members. A small donation to club funds will be gratefully and enthusiastically received!

Unwanted Garden Equipment - Wick Grange Care Farm, a therapeutic service situated in Wick, near Pershore are always pleased to receive garden tools in good condition to help their clients participate in activities such as gardening and animal husbandry to help build confidence, self esteem and wellbeing. For further information check out their web site WickGrange.co.uk or call 01386 552077

Please note that Julie Munn's Gardening Jobs article for July, August and September will appear as a separate email and Website post as well as a post on our Facebook Group page in July 2022.

Larry Gleaves

Brian's Notes

BLACK PEAR GARDENING CLUB 10th ANNIVERSARY.

During a committee meeting earlier this year it was mentioned that the BPGC will be 10 years old this September, something I hadn't realised and it was suggested that we should organise something to celebrate the occasion. As one of the founder members, I thought it was very touching that they wished to do so.

Following extensive testing, by some committee members, We have booked The Woodhouse at Apple Tree Kitchen, Clifton Upon Teme, for August 20th at 12 noon. The Woodhouse is a large, high-ceilinged, oak beamed function room newly built in a traditional style with a rustic wooden bar. The Woodhouse can formally seat 50 people we will have exclusive use of the Woodhouse and its facilities and the patio outside, with the Woodhouse dedicated waiting staff to look after us.

Tea or Filter Coffee will be served on arrival,

Lunch will be a Classic Buffet of Hand Carved Slow Cooked ham, with Quiche Lorraine, Cheese and Onion Slice and Vegetarian Quiche, Mixed Salad, Pasta Salad, Roast Vegetable and Couscous and a Cheeseboard with 3 kinds of cheese, crackers, fruit and nuts.

The Apple Tree Kitchen is Set within 25 acres of landscaped gardens and orchards with picturesque views over the Teme Valley. There is also a cafe where afternoon teas and cake can be purchased separately. I think this will be a wonderful way to celebrate our ten years.

The cost for the lunch will be £25 per head, we have had to guarantee a minimum booking of 30. Booking forms are included with this newsletter.

Brian



