

Black Pear Gardening Club Chair's Report for 2021/22

This is our first full year of “normal” club operations since the pandemic and I must say I am heartened to see that club membership has climbed from 72 members at the beginning of January 2022 to 90 members as of the 8th of September 2022.

During this period we managed to hold seven meetings with speakers on subjects ranging from Ponds and Water Features by Phillip Aubrey, he coped admirably during a power failure; to an excellent presentation on Stockton Bury Gardens, Herefordshire given by Tasmin Westthorpe.

We also managed to get out on 3 garden visits in the summer. The first to Wharf House and the Cottage Herbery in June, the Tythings at Stoulton in July and the Apple Tree Kitchen in August for our 10 year anniversary celebration.

In the coming year, apart from talks like “Bugs, the Good the Bad and the ugly” and “The History and Restoration of Painswick Rococo Gardens” one of the highlights has got to be a coach visit to RHS Bridgewater in August 2023. Look out for further information for this trip.

Finally I would like to thank all the volunteers and committee members for the work that they put in to support the club and a big thank you to the membership for your continued support.

Thank you and best wishes

Lawrence Gleaves
Chair