

SUMMER/AUTUMN NEWSLETTER.



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Programme

Sept 21st 2024

A talk on Dillycot Garden given by Sally Oates
This is followed by tea and cake to welcome you
all back after the summer.

Oct 19th 2024

**Preserving the Harvest given by Kevin
Alviti.** Far beyond jam and chutney Kevin tells us
how to waste less from your garden and deal with
gluts! Dehydrating, canning, fermenting! Literally his
favourite subject, there aren't many weeks in the
year where we don't preserve something for future
use!

Nov 16th 2024

**AGM followed by "The Land Girls" - a talk given
by Fiona Warin** - Fiona will speak about the
Women's Land Army and the part the Land Girls
played in keeping the home fires burning during
World War Two.

Dec 7th 2024

Christmas Lunch - This is now booked for
Saturday the 7th of December 2023 12.00 pm for
12.30 pm at Worcester Golf Club We will be
sending out a booking forms with details once we
have been sent prices and menu details.

Jan 18th 2025

**A presentation on Self Sowing Plants -
a talk given by Derry Watkins-** This talk
is all about allowing nature to help design your
garden.

Feb 15th 2025

A Coach Visit to see Snowdrops - Watch
this space for more information.

Mar 15th 2025

**The Honey Bee and Bee Keeping by
Brian Miller-Hall-** Brian brings
beekeeping tools hives to the meeting for us to
look at (no bees!) and gives an insight into the
life of bees and beekeeping and encourages a
Q and A session at the end of the talk.

Chairs Notes and Notices

Dear Members

Summer, such as it is, is almost over and since the last newsletter club members have had a feast of activities to enjoy including the club garden market, a quiz night, the RHS Malvern Spring show and plant creche days, garden visits and coach trips.

We are now moving into the Autumn and the new club year starting in September with a talk on Dillycot Gardens given by Sally Oates.

The RHS Malvern Spring Show Plant Creche

Thanks to all who came on Friday the 10th of May and Sunday the 12th of May 2024 to help run this year's plant creche and a special thank you to Léonie and David Creighton for organising every one.

The Gardeners Market

A big thankyou to every for supporting the Garden Market on May 18th. The doors opened at 1.45 pm, with the garden talk starting at 2.30. We had a number of both commercial and private tables and numerous cakes, preserves, jams and honey were sold as well a tea and cake helping to support club funds.

The Martley Garden Quiz

This year we fielded three teams and acquitted our selves well. One team gaining first place with the others coming third and fifth out of a field of thirteen teams.

Garden Visits

For our June garden visit a lovely afternoon spent in Welland in beautiful garden with far reaching views towards the Malverns and Cotswolds. Carefully planted and tended beds and borders, vegetable plots, glasshouse and a polytunnel- what more can you want? Oh yes, welcoming and generous hosts and cake!



August 2024

On our second afternoon of garden outings in July we visited two gardens in Eckington: Mantoft and Hilltop. The gardens were glorious but the weather, unfortunately, was not! We were treated to glorious borders, topiary, ponds and views - both within the gardens and the rolling countryside beyond. A huge thank you must be extended to our hosts who were so hospitable to their soggy guests and made us feel so welcome. I am afraid there are no photographs due to the weather. Both gardens open with the NGS, you will find details on their website and the Yellow Book.

For our coach trip in August a lovely day spent by members on the coach visit to the beautiful Bishops Palace and Gardens in Wells, Somerset. The final number who came on the visit was 46. Thank you to Astons for the coach and friendly driver and to everyone involved in organising the day.



Events for Your Diaries:-

All the local NGS open gardens in the area can be found at :- <https://ngs.org.uk>. Look out for the Yellow Book at future meetings.

Promoting the Club on Social Media and the Website

For those of you on Facebook the club has a Facebook page where we currently have 108 followers:-

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackPearGardeningClub>

This is automatically linked to receive postings from our website.

We also have a Face Book Group page:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/632642921411258/>

You can become a member of this group which will allow you to post pictures of your own garden or any garden related item of interest. Don't forget to also visit our website:-

<https://www.blackpeargc.org.uk>

Administration Assistance

Is there a club member out there who has administration/computer skills who would be willing to join the club committee and take on some of the role currently carried out by Brian Skeys? **If so please let me or any committee member know if you are interested.**

Finally one of our committee members Di Elt is stepping down at the end of this month. The committee would like to thank her for all she has contributed and wish her well for the future.

Best wishes

Larry Gleaves