
Black Pear Gardening Club Chair's Report for 2023/24

2024 has passed so quickly. A review of the year has seen us having 8 presentations starting with “Trugs” in January, “Bugs” in February and “Lilies” in March and finishing with “The Land Girls” at this AGM in November 2024. In between we have managed to go on 3 garden visits including to the Bishop's Palace and garden in Wells Somerset.

We have had very successful fundraising days at the Three Counties Showground, providing Plant Creche facilities for the RHS Spring and Autumn shows raising well over £1,000 in the process. A big thank you goes out to all those involved.

This year we can look forward to another 7 talks ranging from “The Honey Bee and Bee Keeping”, to “The Scented Garden” and garden “Innovation and Automation”. As well as our 3 garden visits in the summer we are looking at taking a coach trip to see the Snowdrops at Colesbourne, just south west of Cheltenham on the 15th February 2025 – details to follow at the AGM.

As of the 30th of September 2024 club membership stands at 76 and the club reserves are at £4,807.30 - an increase of £1,744.57 on last year.

Again, thanks for the work that the volunteers and committee members have put into organising the monthly meetings, the raffles the tea and coffees, biscuits and cakes and plant sales and a big thank you to the members for your support.

Best wishes

Lawrence Gleaves

Chair of the Black Pear Gardening Club