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August 2021 Newsletter

From the Secretary

When I wrote my item at the end of April for the last Newsletter I was hoping for rain. I didn't have to wait long as in May we had plenty followed by rain in June. Several flowers were flattened and the roses lost their petals. At least we had good weather on the AGA holiday. Then in July it was impossible gardening weather, either too hot or too wet.

Unfortunately we are still not sure when we will be able to meet in a hall. Meanwhile Sue and Julie and David are doing a very good job in keeping us at least able to have talks by Zoom. Also garden visits are going ahead and news forwarded of Open Gardens in the area. All being well hopefully we will be able to hold a Christmas Social. Meanwhile we hope you all keep well.

Jean Bowling

Forthcoming meetings

There has been a delay in completing the new Leisure Centre, and it is uncertain when the new hall will be available. Of course, the old Drake Hall is still there, but there will be a period of 2 – 3 weeks during which neither hall will be available, as everything is moved from the old building into the new one. So, we plan to hold the

meetings in September, October and November by Zoom.

We are planning a Social on December 16th (not our usual fourth Thursday, as that is too close to Christmas). More details in the November newsletter.

September 23rd What Do I Do With This Space? by Darren Lerigo

The talk takes in the work of people from all over the world - starting in Japan, then ending in a dream garden via Scandinavia, Spain, Uruguay, Sheffield and the

kitchen of a Parisian chef. It also quotes Mother Teresa and Jack Gilbert, just to keep the audience on its toes! It is a fascinating question we have set ourselves and we have had a riot exploring potential answers.

October 28th Gardens of New York by Franzi Cheeseman

Franzi is the head gardener at Stoke Poges Memorial Garden; she spoke to us about box blight and box caterpillar (as well as about the Stoke Poges Garden) in March. She is the owner of Franzi Cheeseman Garden Design and studied for HNC in Garden Design

and Plantmanship at Berkshire College of Horticulture from 2003 – 2005. She has been making beautiful gardens in Switzerland and UK since 1988. This time she will talk about gardens of New York.

November 25th Gardening in the changing climate by Sara Thornton

Sara is presenter, journalist and Fellow of the Royal Met Society with more than twenty years of professional experience, working for some of the biggest

broadcasting organisations in the world. More about her work at: <https://www.weathertrending.com/>

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In Praise of Enviromesh

I know enviromesh is expensive but I think it is worth it.

For the last two years we have lost all our gooseberries, the pigeons often take them when they are very small, despite us netting them. This year we used some old enviromesh to cover the bush and this seems to hide the fruit from the birds. As a result we picked 5.5 lb of berries.

We have had similar problems with raspberries, just as the berries are ripening the pigeons land on the netting and trample it down, breaking branches and knocking the fruit to the ground. The blackbirds then help them to eat the fruit. This year we covered the canes in enviromesh and picked 15lb of very good quality fruit. This mesh will soon be moved to the Autumn raspberries. We also had a good crop of strawberries, under yet more enviromesh. We were too late this year to save many cherries or blackcurrants, so next year we will get the mesh out earlier.

We used more of it to cover the peas and found the pods formed very well despite the exclusion of pollinating insects. Another bonus was the almost complete

absence of pea moth damage – just one pod was affected. This mesh has now been moved to the leeks, which in recent years have suffered badly from leek moth caterpillars.

Enviromesh is very durable, we have had some for years and so far, nothing has chewed through it. When we had a fruit cage the squirrel would chew holes and then the blackbirds would fly straight through and eat a lot of the crop.

On the negative side it is quite visible and not pretty (why don't they make a pale green version?). It also blows away in strong winds unless securely fastened down. We use 6 inch long U shaped metal pins, which don't make big holes when the mesh is pegged into the ground, and also wooden clothes pegs to fix sections together.

More about enviromesh at <https://www.enviromesh.co.uk/>

Frances Billington

David had time to read when the weather was not good for gardening

Nothing to do with gardening, but ...

Perhaps the most pretentious piece of "creative writing" I have ever come across while reading lots of novels in lock-down. It's from a novel set in New York:

... and some serious reading

Alan Titchmarsh is a Yorkshireman by birth, although he has lived in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the last 30 years. In his autobiography "Knave of spades: the growing pains of a gardener" he writes of his fellow Yorkshiremen:

"Of course, they all think I'm a traitor. That I have deserted the county of my birth. When asked what I am doing living down south I always say 'missionary work'. That seems to pacify them a little.

But then, there is also the reaction of southerners to contend with, who themselves think that if Yorkshire is so lovely, why have I come to live down here?

"... the formidable A train made its startling entrance, roaring out of the mouth of its tunnel. There had been only a meager premonition of its imminent appearance."

I got my comeuppance when I gave a talk at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club at Wimbledon a few years ago. A rather smart woman in her early forties stood up to introduce me. She had been a Junior Champion at Wimbledon and was now an obstetrician. She cleared her throat. 'We are about to be addressed by Mr Alan Titchmarsh,' she said. 'Alan Titchmarsh is a Yorkshireman and, as you know, Yorkshiremen who come down south are a bit like haemorrhoids. If they come down and go back up they are no bother. But if they come down and stay down they are a pain in the arse.'



Has anyone else noticed that the lime trees (*Tillia* spp.) seem to have been more fruitful than ever this year? The winged seeds started to fall from our dozen trees in July and there are still more to come down at the end of August

Four days in north Norfolk, June 2021

Sunday 20th June

Fullers Mill Garden occupies 7 acres on the banks of the River Lark in Suffolk. It consists of a beautiful woodland with a plantsman's collection of unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants. The marginal plants were host to many beautiful black dragonflies.

Bernard Tickner (1924-2017) started to create the garden from rough scrub and woodland when he moved there in 1958. In 2004 he and his wife Bess donated the garden to The Fullers Mill Trust, a registered charity, which was established to manage the garden and to ensure its future. In 2013, the garden was gifted to Perennial, for its long-term preservation.



Houghton Hall walled garden was redesigned in the original 5 acre walled kitchen garden in 1991, by the present Lord Cholmondeley as a memorial to his grandmother, Lady Sybil Cholmondeley. With help from his then head gardener, Paul Underwood, and later award winning designers Julian and Isabel Bannerman, the space was divided into several contrasting 'ornamental gardens'. These include a spectacular double-sided herbaceous border, an Italian garden, a formal rose parterre, fruit and vegetable gardens, a glasshouse, a rustic temple, antique statues, fountains and contemporary sculptures.

The result is stunning – a garden with a real Wow factor.





Monday 21st June

Holkham Hall walled garden is said to be the second largest in Britain, covering 6 acres. It was originally designed by Samuel Wyatt in the late 1700s, and is undergoing much-needed renovation. One large glass house has been restored, and others are, at present, reduced to rotting wooden frames. Much of the area is relatively empty, and while we thought initially that the 2 hours we had there would be insufficient, in fact most people had completed the circuit of the garden well before departure time. Historically, Holkham Hall competed with Houghton Hall for the earliest pineapples – and lost.



Sandringham is a winter home for the Royal family, especially over Christmas. It is therefore perhaps unsurprising that apart from a small formal area near the house, and the splendid planting around the lake, this is an estate for walking through woodland rather than admiring flower beds.



Tuesday 22nd June

East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens. Owners Alan Gray and Grayham Robeson write “when we first came here there was no garden whatsoever, it was a blank canvas. This was no bad thing because it afforded us the opportunity to vent our creativity. Each separate garden was designed entirely by ourselves as were the various buildings. We have used no outside help.”

The result is a fascinating mixture of formal areas with well-trimmed hedges, topiary gates and statues,

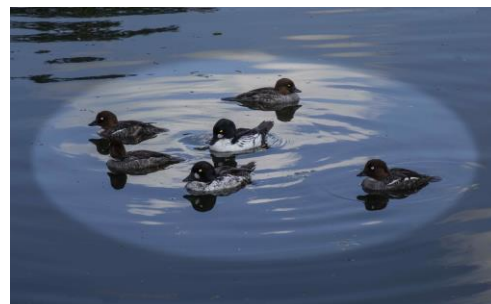
densely planted borders and truly wild areas. Unfortunately in many places there has been a lack of weeding in the borders, but this does not really detract from the overall impression of I am not sure that I saw all of the garden areas – whenever we started walking in one direction we were distracted and led astray by yet another path leading to yet another unexpected delight. I had the odd thought that one evening the owners would find themselves in an area that they had quite forgotten they owned.



Wednesday 23rd June

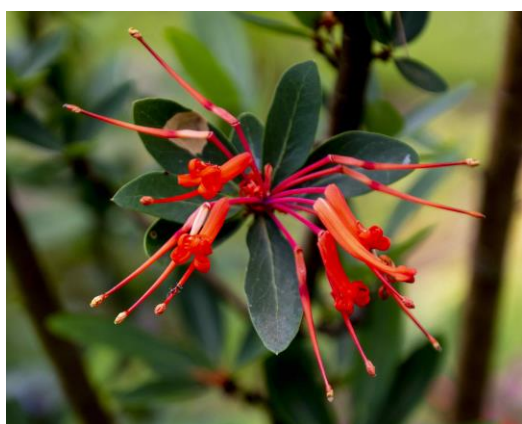
Pensthorpe Natural Park is a 700 acre nature reserve and woodland conservation park, with four small planted gardens that are less exciting than they sound on paper. However, the lakes and scrapes were teeming with wild fowl, with many ducklings and goslings. In addition there is a conservation enclosure

with flamingos and several species of cranes, as well as an enclosure for red squirrels (and some people were lucky enough to see the recently born pups. One feature was a Monet-inspired bridge that we were fairly sure was made by the same company as we bought ours from (Coulson's bridges of Ipswich).



West Acre garden and nursery was our last chance to buy plants – and we did. There was a splendid choice available, including two large aisles of alpines, rows of climbers and a well filled poly tunnel.

Some people probably spent the whole afternoon in the sales area – a pity, because the gardens were worth a visit. Apart from the “growing area” to produce the plants on sale (although we also saw a lorry arrive loaded with racks of plants to be put on display for sale), there were some splendid flowering shrubs and densely planted borders.



Thanks to Jeanne Harrison for all her hard work to organise this splendid holiday – a task made considerably more difficult by the uncertainty about opening of gardens, and indeed even travel by coach in the second year of the Covid pandemic.

More photographs are available online:
By John Billington [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#), [Day 3](#), [Day 4](#)
By David Bender [here](#)

Jeanne has sent this analysis of the feedback forms about the holiday

		good	average	poor
Fullers' Mill Gardens	Overall Interest of the Garden	39		
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	15	6	
	Restaurant/Food	13	12	1
Houghton Hall	Overall Interest of the Garden	35	9	1
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	5	10	3
	Restaurant/Food	12	12	1
Holkham Hall	Overall Interest of the Garden	17	17	1
	Plant Sales (where applicable)			
	Restaurant/Food	4	5	
Sandringham	Overall Interest of the Garden	10	13	4
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	4	11	3
	Restaurant/Food	1	8	16
East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens	Overall Interest of the Garden	33	2	
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	30	3	
	Restaurant/Food	25	7	3
Pensthorpe	Overall Interest of the Garden	30	6	
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	10	5	2
	Restaurant/Food	9	9	2
West Acre gardens and nursery	Overall Interest of the Garden	11	21	
	Plant Sales (where applicable)	33		
	Restaurant/Food	11	9	14
Le Strange Arms Hotel	Overall impressions	22	4	
	Bedrooms	20	6	
	Food	16	5	
	Service	20	5	
Motts coach	Overall impression	35		
	State of vehicle	35		
	Quality of driver	35		

Comments from the forms

Fullers Mill Gardens

Very interesting garden.
 A delightful garden – interesting plants and setting.
 Very calming.
 Interesting garden
 Lovely relaxing garden. Interesting mix of plants and water
 Lovely peaceful unusual garden
 Outstanding garden
 Excellent garden
 Interesting and varied garden beds
 Beautiful and very interesting garden
 A brilliant garden
 Stunning garden with lots of interest. Could have stayed all day!

Well maintained
 An absolutely delightful garden with interesting plants for sale
 Lovely garden full of interest
 Beautiful vision and vista. Delightful. Lost for words.
 Excellent choice
 Very interesting garden – loved its setting and variety
 Beautiful garden and very interesting
 Lovely hearing the cuckoo
 Excellent garden
 Excellent – good planting
 Very interesting garden

Houghton Hall

Very dramatic effects
WOW garden
Walled garden lovely, but some plants had been spoilt by the wind and heavy rain recently.
Formal garden with limited interest in planting
Heart stopping displays!
Lovely fox gloves and roses
Walled garden excellent
Walled garden mainly excellent except fruit and veg

Beautiful gardens with a variety of types.
Flowers/veg/fruit/trees
Charming. Romantic. Stunning herbaceous borders.
Took your breath away
Stunning! Wonderful planting, stocked full.
Fabulous garden – full of colour and shapes.
Enjoyed the model soldiers
We seem to have caught the garden at its best

Holkham Hall

Some interesting areas
Limited interest in productive walled garden – timing about right
Work in progress
Should have used microphone on bus!
Work in progress. Guides should get us out of coach and then give talk
Lots to do both building wise and in walled garden
A good garden but it lacked unusual plants
Lovely place. I'm sure there's still more to see there!

I enjoyed learning about the history of the garden and seeing the restorations. Good vegetables.
Best billionaire's shortbread ever!
Really enjoyed the interesting walled garden – great choice of visit
Interesting. Short time
Impressive.
Walled garden plants were mainly well labelled.
Probably will be good when renovations completed.
Service at snack van slow.

Sandringham

Disappointing – more a spring garden – needs some TLC
Visit too long
Nowhere to sit for lunch presumably Covid restrictions
Glad to have been but wouldn't want to go again
First visit – not sure I would go again
Interesting to see Sandringham, but garden planting was quite ordinary
Parkland rather than garden, a lot of walking, too long a visit

Nowhere to eat food. Greeting guide very bad
Very little choice with food
Spacious interesting plants reasonable
Amazing views
Very enjoyable
Beautiful planting around lake
Garden and grounds need a lot of TLC.
Underwhelming

East Ruston Old Vicarage

Very special garden, lovely staff an excellent day
Very imaginatively designed and constructed, but poorly maintained. Also felt we were not very welcome – shame given they charged a premium (likewise lunch).
Lived up to expectations, lovely, lovely gardens, lots of interest. A very memorable experience, Staff very pleasant and helpful
A very special day
Very enjoyable visit with so much to see. Good refreshments too.
Bit disappointed by certain areas – seemed neglected.
Sorry we weren't greeted

Should have seen owner. No maps. Garden very neglected. Needs urgent attention
Neglected garden in parts, No one present. Not the great tidy garden of old!
Would have been nice to have been welcomed as we were a 'special' group
Beautiful gardens but some areas need TLC!
Stunning display
Sad how ill kempt it was and that we didn't get our introductory talk. Although tasty lunch was really expensive
Generally good but neglected in places

Pensthorpe

More a wildlife park with small garden area
Visited Pensthorpe last September and thoroughly enjoyed revisiting again. Thinking of returning in 2022
Different but amazing place to visit
Enjoyed the natural walk and abundance of water birds

Enjoyed the wooded area with statues and waterfowl
Overall – terrific
Loved the area
Worth a visit as it enabled us to see something other than plants

Interesting to see all the wildlife
Could spend more time there
Really enjoyed the introduction to Pensthorpe – plenty to see on a second visit
A very pleasing visit. Could have done with longer.

West Acre Gardens

They weren't ready for us
Very enjoyable day
Food good. Service awful
Nice fresh roll for lunch. Not their fault card reader not working
Restaurant understaffed
Very fresh salad and cheese bap – worth the wait!
Café service extremely slow
Little choice of food for several people
Not suitable for lunch for a coach
Service needs to improve
Food good but service very slow. No time to see the gardens. Apparently lack of staff in café due to Covid restrictions
Good food. Short staffed. Plant sale tempting. Staff pleasant
Food good. Service poor
Very basic and not enough staff

Hotel

Excellent room, service, food. A great Choice
Excellent and a lovely position
Window side bedside lamp had thick dust below lamp (deep cleaned before our visit?) only one suitcase rack
Could not wish for anything better!
Most Comfortable and enjoyable place to stay
Very adequate for our needs – would have paid for a sea view
Very kind and helpful people
Spacious room, excellent location. Very good value
Excellent level of service and very efficient and helpful.
A very comfortable, pleasant hotel. So nice to be close to the sea.
Lovely situation and did very well managing a group
All the staff were very helpful and personable. Great location

Motts Coach

Brian is probably the best driver in the world
Great to have Brian!
Excellent. Brian is always helpful and cheerful. Drives safely
Always friendly and helpful
A credit to Motts- a true gentleman
Very helpful and considerate driver
A patient friendly driver. Very comfortable safe ride
Brian excellent, safe driver, as always
Superb driver. Very comfortable seats and ride generally
Excellent driver and comfortable coach
Brian is wonderful as always, taking care of us all
Brian is always so well turned out, personable helpful and an extremely careful driver

Lovely to have nature reserve as well as gardens.
Very interesting. Could have spent much longer there
Could have spent longer there
Pleasant wander through the grounds
Much better for a wildlife trip

Good food but poor service
It took so long to get food that barely enough time to see the garden and plant sale area
Not geared up to cater for a coach party. Incredibly slow
Service very slow
Café service slow, but bags provided for plants and a marker pen for writing our name with.
Sadly, not enough time for queuing for plants, loos and food especially very slow. All felt very rushed.
Long queues for lunch – very slow service. Needs better organisation!
Wasted $\frac{3}{4}$ hour waiting for food.
Not long enough – café not expecting us for lunch, therefore less time for viewing plants.
Café not geared for a coach party
Service very slow

Food was excellent but service willing if a little haphazard
Dining table and chair heights needed adjusting. I did smilingly mention this.
Delightful location.
Very impressed
Room needed redecoration. Did not Hoover carpets
Food was good but not enough especially at breakfast
Excellent – would come back again
Generally comfortable older hotel
Pleasant sea-side location
Comfortable, good view, excellent location
Very welcoming hotel with obliging staff
Staff very welcoming and friendly throughout. Very clean and stay most enjoyable
Cold Tea

Would have ticked excellent if there had been an option
Efficient and pleasant as usual.
Very professional and helpful, as usual
Coach clean and comfortable, as always!
Well organised and kept informed by Brian
As always Brian was very helpful and went out of his way to make our trip a great success.
Very good driver. Hoorah for Brian
Excellent – great holiday -Brian, as always, made the holiday with his help and consideration at all times
Brian very helpful, as usual
Driver very helpful and informative
Having Brian as driver is a great bonus

Overall comments

A wonderful 4-day break by the sea, with gardens to crown it.
Super trip, brilliantly organised under very difficult circumstances but very much appreciated
Thank you, Jeanne for all your work putting this together
Thoroughly enjoyed my first 'AGA holiday'. Very much appreciate all the organisation and care which went into it, especially unusual and difficult times. Well chosen visits and hotel etc. It would have been nice to have had some free time to explore Hunstanton in the daytime.
My first gardening holiday was very enjoyable.
Balance of gardens about right, but it would have been good to have had some time to visit Hunstanton.
Do it again soon!
Probably too much walking but interesting visits
A very varied and interesting 4-day visit
Overall a very successful trip. Hotel good and lucky with the weather. It was good to get out after all the lockdown restrictions. Thank you, Jeanne for all your hard work.
A very pleasant break, interesting and varied. I feel invigorated by the fresh air and exercise for body and mind. Hope you do also Jeanne. Thank you
A thoroughly enjoyable and well organised trip
Fabulous trip.

A brilliant holiday – thank you Jeanne. Not a fly in the ointment.
An extremely enjoyable holiday with a good variety of gardens.
Great holiday – thank you! A very pleasant bunch of folks to be away with.
Well thought out and varied holiday. Really enjoyed it.
Very good, welcome holiday. Pretty part of the country. Very good jolly friendly company.
Thank you very much for organising a really enjoyable holiday
A very happy and interesting holiday, very well organised and executed. Well done Jeanne and Thank you.
An excellent four days. I thoroughly enjoyed it all. Driver excellent, great choice of gardens, varied and interesting. Very well done, Jeanne. Many thanks.
Very grateful to Jeanne for this most enjoyable 4 days.
Excellent holiday. Thanks to Jeanne and Brian.
Enjoyable trip. Organised in very difficult circumstances. Well done and thank you.
A wonderful holiday and such a good variety of venues. Thank you for all the hard work in planning and getting it to happen!
A very good range of interesting and varied gardens. Altogether a lovely trip much needed after being locked down for so long. Thank you to all concerned.

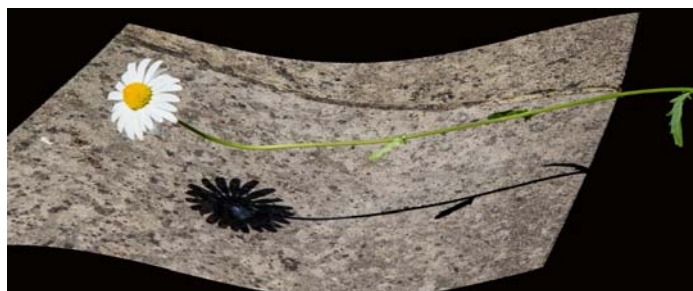
Self seeder did not germinate when sown



We have a splendid line of yellow meconopsis (Welsh poppy) growing in the gravel between the wall of the house and paving stones along the side passage. It began as a single plant, and over the years it has grown as the seeds spread into the gravel. Last year I collected seeds and deliberately scattered them along the new border between the front garden gravel bed and the road. Not a single one germinated.

The clematis montana along the fence is growing some 10 metres from its roots in the back garden, and about half way along it has also grown up to the top of the palm tree, which has now reached the eaves. This is certainly what can be called a vigorous grower.
















David Bender



Fauna in flora, or zoo in a garden

Many plants are named for animals, birds or insects.

Here are a few for you to try and identify the fauna hidden in the floral names. Answers on the last page.

		
<i>Lemna spp.</i>	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	<i>Araucaria araucana</i>
		
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	<i>Antirrhinum spp.</i>	<i>Nepeta cataria</i>
		
<i>Cornus spp.</i>	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	<i>Rosa canina</i>
		
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	<i>Lilium lanceifolium</i>
		
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	<i>Eremurus robustus</i>	<i>Chenopodium album</i>



Galium aparine



Stellaria media



Taraxacum officinale



Ribes uva-crispa



Ophrys apifera



Orchis simia



Tricyrtis hirta



Ageratina altissima



Monarda didyma



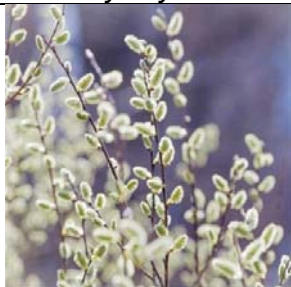
Stachys byzantina



Valeriana locusta



Matteuccia struthiopteris



Salix tetrapla



Typha latifolia



Equisetum spp.

		
<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i>	<i>Erythronium dens-canis</i>	<i>Primula veris</i>
		
<i>Primula elatior</i>	<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i>
		
<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	<i>Rhus typhina (Sumac)</i>	<i>Platycerium bifurcatum</i>
		
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>	<i>Tacca chantrieri</i>
		
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	<i>Mimulus spp.</i>	<i>Acanthus mollis</i>
		
<i>Anigozanthus spp.</i>	<i>Actinidia spp.</i>	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>

Visit to Richard and Jill Jones's garden in Princes Risborough.



On Wednesday 25th August 47 members of the Garden Association were booked to visit Richard and Jill's garden in Princes Risborough.

Richard and Jill moved from Amersham six years ago and started their half acre garden from scratch. What was a large expanse of grass became a wonderful plantsman's garden with so much to see and admire. It was immaculate and hours and hours of hard work produced a wonderful vista of flowering plants, trees and shrubs.

Clematis intermingled with roses and shrubs. Bamboo reached for the sky in a shaded area at the back of the garden. There were many varieties of dahlias and salvias. Cosmos, crocosmia, artichokes and phlox all helped to make a kaleidoscope of colour and height mixed with shrubs and grasses.



Richard proudly showed us his emerging hand of bananas on one of his banana trees and introduced us to his railway! Tony Glyn-Jones took the controls for a time while Richard was busy hosting us in the garden.

There was a bug hotel, a flowerpot man and a pond with tips on how to control blanket weed.

Jill, meanwhile, was busy making cups of tea for everyone. She had made an amazing number and choice of cakes for us which was served by her daughter. Jill's brother was on the plant stall which made in excess of £100.



Our thanks to them both for inviting us to their wonderful garden.

Irene Glyn-Jones
photos by Richard Jones



Fauna in flora, or zoo in a garden – answers

<i>Lemna</i> spp. = duck weed	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i> = frog bit	<i>Araucaria araucana</i> = monkey puzzle
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i> = toad flax	<i>Antirrhinum</i> spp. = snap dragon	<i>Nepeta cataria</i> = cat mint
<i>Cornus</i> spp. = dog wood	<i>Buddleja davidii</i> = butterfly bush	<i>Rosa canina</i> = dog rose
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> = ox eye daisy or dog daisy	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i> = cow parsley	<i>Lilium lancefolium</i> = tiger lily
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> = fox glove	<i>Eremurus robustus</i> = fox tail lily	<i>Chenopodium album</i> = fat hen or goose foot
<i>Galium aparine</i> = goose grass	<i>Stellaria media</i> = chick weed	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> = dandelion
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i> = goose berry	<i>Ophrys apifera</i> = bee orchid	<i>Orchis simia</i> = monkey orchid
<i>Tricyrtis hirta</i> = toad lily	<i>Ageratina altissima</i> = snake root	<i>Monarda didyma</i> = bee balm
<i>Stachys byzantine</i> = lamb's ears	<i>Valeriana locusta</i> = lamb's lettuce	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i> = ostrich fern
<i>Salix tetrapla</i> = pussy willow	<i>Typha latifoli</i> = cattails	<i>Equisetum</i> spp. = horsetail
<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i> = mare's tail	<i>Erythronium dens-canis</i> = dog tooth violet	<i>Primula veris</i> = cow slip
<i>Primula elatior</i> = oxlip	<i>Geranium sanguineum</i> = bloody cranes bill	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i> = red robin
<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i> = snake head fritillary	<i>Rhus typhina</i> (Sumac) = stag horn	<i>Platycerium bifurcatum</i> = stag horn fern
<i>Malus sylvestris</i> = crab apple	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i> = spider plant	<i>Tacca chantrieri</i> = bat flower
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> = hare bell	<i>Mimulus</i> spp. = monkey flower	<i>Acanthus mollis</i> = bear's breeches or oyster plant
<i>Anigozanthus</i> spp. = kangaroo paw	<i>Actinidia</i> spp. = kiwi fruit	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> = bird's foot trefoil

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Local events

If you know of local garden events, open gardens, etc, please email newsletter@amersham-gardening.org.uk to let us know as early as possible, so that information can go out in the newsletter and on the website

Photos from outings

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