



Bridford & Teign Valley Garden Club

2021 April Newsletter

We are delighted to say that our first outing of the year can go ahead on 6th May to Torview, Highweek, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1QQ.

It is run by two semi-retired horticulturists. There is a Mediterranean formal front garden with a wisteria-clad Georgian house and a small alpine house. The rear courtyard has tree ferns, pots/troughs and a lean-to 7m conservatory with tender plants and climbers. There are steps to a 30x20m walled garden with flowers, vegetables and trained fruit. There is a shade tunnel of woodlanders with many rare and unusual plants.

We will need to observe social distancing, so two arrival times will be set up. If you want to attend please send your names to Lindsey, lindseyjones1957@gmail.com or Tel 252451 by April 29th. Entry is £5, tea + biscuit £1. Once Lindsey has names, two groups will be formed and those coming will be advised the time they should arrive. Please note, there is only road side parking, which is limited.

A reminder that our exhibit for the Christow Show will be following a 'hot colours' theme. So consider growing some brightly coloured annuals and perennials in pots for the display.

Mrs Griffin who lives opposite the church in Christow sells tomato plants to raise money for the Air Ambulance and is short of small pots, she'd be grateful for any donations so she can pot on her seedlings for sale.

The June outing is to Wildside, Buckland Monachoram PL20 7NP This will be on the 3rd at 2.30 Please contact Paul French if you'd like to go.

April advice from the R.H.S includes:-
Mulching borders using organic matter such as well rotted compost or wood chippings to a depth of 5-10cm.
Lift and divide water lilies.
Plant your seed potatoes.
Sow vegetables such as: beetroot, carrots, leeks and perpetual spinach into a prepared seedbed.

The club is in need of a new archivist to take photos on our trips out, so if you fancy yourself as a David Bailey or Lord Snowden or if you just enjoy taking pictures on your phone please offer your services for this far from onerous post.

Anything for the next newsletter can be sent to me at hibly@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.