



WHALEY BRIDGE Allotment & Gardeners' Society



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Recent events.

Visit to the Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere Garden Centre – 20th July

Luckily, despite recent changeable weather it was fine for this trip, in contrast to the atrocious wet weather on our previous visit. At Bridgemere we spent the morning viewing the enormous range of plants and garden related products , had refreshments and viewed the interesting varied display gardens. There were some bargains /offers as usual for those who were tempted, and the coach was soon filling with plant acquisitions.



After lunch and a short drive we arrived at the Dorothy Clive Garden to sunnier weather making it look quite colourful and almost sub tropical with banana trees planted in a hot bed near the tearoom. In the lower garden there was much of interest in the mixed borders and down to the pool and new Royal Botanic

Glasshouse. The upper quarry garden was very shady , the large collection of rhododendrons had finished flowering a few months earlier, but the waterfall was quite attractive.



In some areas the display was over, the laburnum arch and hardy geraniums for instance, but overall there was plenty of interest in a lovely setting and members enjoyed the experience and had a good day.



RHS Chatsworth

I know a number of members enjoyed a visit to the new RHS flower show at Chatsworth.

Some had problems with the traffic and the weather. Stephanie and I went early on the Friday and breakfasted on the car park till the gates opened with no problems. Steph. helped me pick out an outfit for my youngest son's wedding in August whilst we waited.

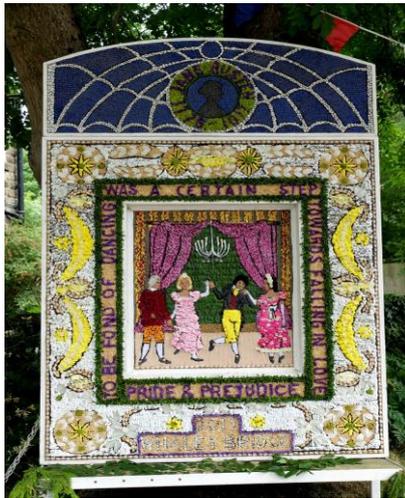


The winning well dressing depicted the grade II listed Burton Closes Hall in Bakewell, designed by Pugin and now a care home.



The team had a lot of practical problems caused by torrential rain. In contrast our own well dressing team in Whaley worked in sweltering heat to produce a

tribute to Jane Austen. Even David Lomax's dog contributed by allowing his hair to be cut to make wigs for the men in the ballroom scene.



Jacqueline Iddon Garden.

Following the talk and demonstration by Jacqueline Iddon three of us took up the invitation to visit her garden and nursery open in aid of Queenscourt Hospice which is well worth a visit.

Coming Events.

Our final visit of the year will be to **Trentham Gardens** on Thursday 14th September. The coach will leave Whaley at 9 a.m. We have a talk from a member of the garden staff scheduled for 10.30 a.m. These revitalised gardens are a must-see. Tom Stuart Smith designed the Italian Garden and the influential Dutch plantsman Piet Oudolf designed the floral labyrinth and rivers of grass which should be at their peak. Both are Chelsea gold medal winners. Capability Brown landscaped Trentham Lake and the circular lakeside walk takes in the new meadows scheme by

Nigel Dunnett who planned the wildflower meadows at Olympic Park.



There is an outlet shopping area adjacent to the gardens as well as a large garden centre. Please contact Rosemary by no later than 7th September to book.

We have a **social meeting on Friday 22nd September** at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church including a quiz, drinks and raffle.



On **Thursday 5th October** we have a **talk** by Ioan Davies of the Japanese Garden Society on Japanese Gardens at 2 p.m. at the Uniting Church.

Your patch.



Our secretary Diane Beever and her husband David, who helps at the store, have been working hard to transform their patch with a colourful mix of shrubs, climbers and perennials.



Store news.

The store is now closed but if you have any out of season requirements for compost etc. please contact David Osborn or Dave Parker on the numbers below.

Out and about.

Chapel gardening club have talks on 30.8.17 by Dr Steve Reynolds on climate change effects on diseases and pests and on 27.9.17 on Alpine and rock gardening. Both talks are at Chapel town hall starting at 7.30 and cost £2 for non-members.

There is a plant hunters fair at Henbury Hall near Macclesfield (SK11 9PJ) on 17.9.17. This 12 acre garden has two large lakes. The original house was demolished and replaced by a copy of the classical Villa Rotondo by Andrea Palladio commissioned by the Ferranti family. The old walled garden remains and also a range of historic grade II listed glasshouses which are being restored and used to grow a range of exotic fruits.