

## **Nadder Valley Gardening Club 2023-2024**

We began the year with our AGM and Quiz in February; bringing and sharing a delicious supper. A good time was had by all.

In March, one of our members, Alex Graham, a County Organiser for the National Garden Scheme, came and told us about how that can be accessed and enjoyed.

We had a visit to Sherborne Castle and Gardens in May. A small select group enjoyed lunch, a walk around the gardens and a bit of a spend up in the Garden Centre!

In June a good crowd attended the sunny evening picnic at Grove House in Semley, and enjoyed the kind hospitality of Judy, who guided us around her beautiful gardens.

July took us to Somerset for an interesting visit to Hauser and Wirth in Bruton, where we braved the rain. ...

As our wet and dreary summer continued we, sadly, had to cancel our picnic and entertainment from the Morris Dancers.

The Teffont Show was again a popular event for our members as they entered into the spirit of the competitions. We decided not to run a stall as it seemed to clash with others. However, it turned out that the plant van wasn't there so we need a re-think about what we might do this year.

Our final visit of the summer was an enjoyable trip to the American Museum and Gardens near Bath.

In October we appreciated a talk from Penelope Ibbs, who spoke to us about the Secret Garden at Bourne Hill in Salisbury, which some of us didn't know was there...

In November, Emily 'taught' us how to produce a Christmas wreath. A fun evening which ended with a raffle of the wonderful flower displays that had been made.

Finally, our bring and share meal completed our programme for the year. Ed Leatham came back, having recovered from his heart problems, to give us an entertaining after-dinner speech.

We are always recruiting new members so do pass word around. Details are available from myself or a member of the committee. Programmes available.

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**Chair NVGC May 2024**