

Baginton Gardeners.

September Meeting. Once again this was a Zoom hosted meeting which lacks the social aspects of meeting together in the RBL. Nevertheless, it's good to see everybody at least in 2 dimensions and **Gary Leaver** of Avondale Nursery gave us a wonderful insight into the history, resurrection of and current planting through the seasons at **Hill Close Gardens** in Warwick. His pictures of the many unusual and Victorian varieties at Hill Close were stunning. For info on opening times, the café etc. visit <http://hillclosegardens.com/> Among many interesting topics were the 150 or so varieties of snowdrops at Hill Close some of which start flowering in November. Gary advised that it is best to split and transplant snowdrops when they are dormant bulbs rather than 'in the green' which was the convention until fairly recently.

The 3 for 2 plant sale at Avondale started on Saturday the 26th of September and we now know that as well as Gary's specialist knowledge on rare perennials he can advise on growing the many wonderfully fragrant and colourful Victorian varieties which are still available and lots more besides.

BG's Summer 2020 Photo Competition. As many of us have had the opportunity to spend much more time in our gardens this year we thought we should have another photo competition so that members can share their successes. The photos must be taken by the member in their own garden in June, July or August. All entries must be with Anne or I by October the 3rd. We have had very few entries so far so if there is not a late surge we will have to consider cancelling the competition.

Advice. If anyone in Baginton is doing more in their garden than usual and needs any advice give us a ring and we'll try and point you in the right direction. Of course there's vast amounts of advice on the internet, the most comprehensive of which is probably the BBC's Gardeners World website - <https://www.gardenersworld.com/>, also our local garden centres are full of experts on all aspects of gardening.

Wildlife. As many of you are aware Tim Jardine and his team have been creating a wildlife haven along the River Sowe at the back of Russell's. Well worth a visit and Tim has been posting some wonderful photos and interesting information about the residents [of the wildlife haven, not the village!] on Facebook. Given the destruction of our greenbelt by developers aided and abetted by WDC, we all need to do what we can to protect wildlife in our part of Warwickshire.

Our Garden. This year's stand out autumn crop are the 12 big yellow butternut squashes. Just like the ones you buy in the shops but no food miles. Apparently I should harvest them soon, leave a good long stalk on them, let the skins harden in the greenhouse and then they should keep for up to 4 months in the garage with plenty air round them.

Christmas Dinner. More in hope than expectation we've booked this for the 17th of December 2020.

Date	Speaker	Topic
23/11/20	Robert Taylor	BG biennial Quiz

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