



# Dawlish Garden Society

## Newsletter Autumn 2024



### Autumn Programme

#### September 26th, Thursday 7.15

Getting Better all the Time, with Nigel West

On taking, improving and sharing garden photos from your mobile phone

#### October 19th, Saturday 10.00

Honeybees at Buckfast Abbey with Clare Densley. The Abbey has a long history of managing bees at Buckfast, come and hear all about it.

#### November 23rd, Saturday 10.00,

Trials and Tribulations of Growing Tea on Dartmoor with Jo Harper The Dartmoor estate are pioneers of growing tea in England, it is delicious, so come and hear all about the hard work needed to produce a cup of Devon Tea.

### Summer Garden Visit

Many of our members enjoyed a sunny evening with wine and cheese at the beautiful gardens overlooking the sea in Teignmouth. It also raised £170 for the National Garden Scheme Charities.

We hope to have another cheese and wine evening in another garden in the summer of 2025.



### Autumn Plant Sale—October 5th

We are having a plant sale as part of the Farmers' Market at the Strand Centre. We will have a mixture of shrubs, perennial plants and house plants

### Our Christmas Tree

After last year's success with our tree as part of St Gregory's Church Christmas Tree Festival, we will be entering again this year. If anyone has new hand made garden themed tree decorations which they would like us to display, please contact Suzanne or June.

### Sowing Seeds in September

You can still sow Parsley, Coriander and Rocket for a winter harvest

### Devon Open Studios—September 7th –22nd

Across Devon artists are opening their studios and exhibiting their work, the full list is at [devonopenstudios.co.uk](http://devonopenstudios.co.uk).

Art is a key part of the summer show and this year's Best in Show judged by the Deputy Mayor was a painting which he referred to as "timeless". Some members of the Dawlish Art Society are exhibiting their work at the Hope Centre, along with other artists in Dawlish and across Teignbridge, locally in Kenton, Luton, and Newton Abbot

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## A Successful Summer

### The Summer Show

We had another bumper Summer Show, with entries from young and old, from across the skills of Dawlish with an increase of entries in art and crafts.

Dawlish in Bloom as part of the Summer Show was very popular with everyone who looked around the show. It showed off the great gardens we have in town.

The plant sale went well, with a wide variety of plants for sale, and lots of helpers.

Thankyou to everyone who helped out on the day, the society could not function without you.



### Carnival Parade

Bill and Ben, along with Little Weed, enjoyed a dry and sunny parade this year, alongside their human escorts.



### Some Gardens to Visit this Autumn

If you are looking for a garden to visit at its best this September, then the Piet Oudolf Garden at Hauser & Wirth, Bruton, Somerset is one where Prairie Gardening is at its best.

Lukesland Gardens at Ivybridge have wonderful autumn colours, it reopens on October 9th on a Wednesday and Sunday, some of you will remember our visit there a couple of years ago.

Marwood Gardens in North Devon are a delight and open until October.

### Preview of 2025

2025 marks the 165th anniversary since the Dawlish Cottagers Society was formed in Dawlish. Our name might have changed several times across the years, but not the purpose of the society. To mark this anniversary, as we could not celebrate 160 years in 2020 as planned, we will have a few extra features in the Calendar for members.

In April we have hired the Shaftesbury Theatre for a talk by Anne Swithinbank, booking details in the new year. Then in September we will visit Rosemoor to see the early autumn planting. The entry to Rosemoor will be free for members, you will only have to pay for the coach.

We also plan to mark the beginning of the year and the end with enhanced meetings—more nearer the time.

The full programme will come out with the winter newsletter at the end of December.

### Crocus Planting

When you walk on the Lawns or visit the Manor House next spring, you should see a new display of crocus brightening up the day. The society this autumn has permission to plant 1,500 crocus across both locations as part of the 165 celebrations. We plan to plant them on October 1st, volunteers will be needed, let Suzanne know if you would like to take part in this mass planting, more hands make lighter work.