



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

Dear Members

The odd weather this year continues. Early autumn has now begun. Trees stressed with lack of water this year are shedding their leaves and are in survival mode. Today, the sun is shining and we need to make the most of the mild autumn days.

At our last meeting on Monday we welcomed Alex New, Head Gardener and Curator of Highdown near Worthing. It was an excellent talk where he told us the history of Highdown. It looks to be a beautiful garden and certainly one we should try and see, especially in the spring, when it is looking its best. A garden really worth preserving.

Our trip to Pashley Manor was yesterday. Frankly it was one of the most beautiful gardens I have seen, and I have seen a few. The weather was very wet as we travelled but as we arrived the sun came out and it was glorious. The gardens were stunning with the dahlias at the height of their glory plus all the other plants that were still holding on. It was all impeccable, the paths were gravelled but the stones have been put onto a membrane so it was easy walking for everyone. Those that were unable to come or decided they didn't want to come really missed something rather special. The cafe was extremely good with lovely food all made at Pashley. What a lovely day and such a good one to finish this year's trip on and worth another visit in the future, perhaps for their tulip festival.

We have decided that the October Meeting will be 'Bring a Friend for Free' night. Our speaker for that evening will be Timothy Walker who will talk about 'A Life Among Plants'. So make a note of the date of 13 October.

Our holiday to Devon next year seems to be selling extremely well with 26 people already having paid their deposits. Wow!

We are coming up to our AGM which is on 10 November and we are putting out an appeal. We desperately need people to come and volunteer to come on to the committee. We need another 2 to come and join us because we are going to be struggling in the very near future to keep the club going. Please seriously think about it. We meet once a month on the first Monday of every month. We need help. The club has 110 members now so we are blessed as an organisation but it is only as good as those that run it and organise things and we don't want to see it decline or even worse, have to close! It's that serious folks!

That's it from me for this month. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Meanwhile, stay well but remember; everyone must make time to watch the leaves change.

Jeni
Chair

