



## JULY NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Members

I am writing this on what now seems to be the hottest day of the year. This makes the fourth hot day this summer so far. Lucky us! One extreme to the other. My heating actually came on in the morning one day last week!

Well our meeting this last Monday ended up being far more stressful than it needed to be. On checking with the SDNP re our booking that day and checking that they were happy to get the sound and screen set up for us, I was informed we were not booked in that day. Way back in November last year when confirming our dates, a phone call I made to agree to the 15th July wasn't logged! We were fortunate that we were able to book the Methodist Church. Big thanks to Di Ponting who is the person to contact to book the church facilities. She pushed hard to make this happen and we were assured at 1pm that we had a home for that evening! The weather was horrendous with really heavy downpours. Eddie Liddle stood by the Memorial Hall to ensure members who were not informed either by phone or urgent email, were directed to the church. And you came, bless you, drenched to the skin. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for braving the elements, you are a hardy lot! Ben Pope was his usual charming self and we all enjoyed his talk on how to make the best of what you have. Needless to add, I contacted the SDNP to ensure that the dates for the rest of the year were in their diary. I have had that assurance and we have agreed that in future they will send an email with all the agreed dates for 2025 so we are all singing from the same hymn sheet.

As you know there is no meeting in August but we have arranged the lunch on 12 August for our members. The form was in your last newsletter and the closing date for booking is 5 August. If you are still interested in attending then please let Angela know.

Our visit to Savill Gardens has been well sold but if you still want to come, there are still some seats available. Again please fill in the form from your last newsletter and send it to Angela.

Our next speaker on 9 September is Tim Woodland who will give a talk 'Spring and Autumn Bulbs'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our programme for next year is now organised so that is another year we have with lots of lovely places to visit and speakers to listen to.

That's me done. I need to find somewhere cool to settle down into!

Take care, and remember.....

If it gets too hot, the cows will be producing evaporated milk!

**Jeni  
Chair**

