

Friends of Valley Gardens

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Programme –August/September

Sunday August 11th

Gardens Survey. Meet Lower Duck Pond at 10am.

Thursday August 22nd

Committee Meeting
Sitwell Library 7pm

Thursday August 29th

Work party – meet Lower Duck Pond at 7pm.

Sunday 8th September

Work party – meet Lower Duck Pond at 10am

September 14th, 15th, 16th.

Fossil Festival

Wednesday September 25th

Brownie Litter Pick – 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Thursday October 10th

AGM

Further details about these events elsewhere in the newsletter.



Planting up the new border

News in Brief

Gardens Survey.

If we are to make a real difference in the Gardens we need a coherent and attainable plan for its future development. The committee thought it would be a good idea to use the next practical session on Sunday August 11th to divide into small groups and go round the gardens to discuss this. We would then meet up at 21 Valley Road to share our ideas over cake and scones.

Festival of Archaeology

Thank you to the eight friends that helped at the Festival. We didn't need to show people between venues but I think we made ourselves useful by encouraging people into the museum buildings, especially during the frequent downpours.

Collections Visit

Seven members of the group visited Woodend and were treated to a trip round the museum collections. Jim Middleton was our guide and he is obviously passionate and incredibly knowledgeable about the objects in his care. Coupled with his wry sense of humour it made for an entertaining and enlightening hour. We finished the tour by looking at the collections of insects, particularly the butterflies.

Afterwards we walked through the park in the hope of seeing some interesting insect life and were rewarded with seeing a number of butterflies including the Ringlet and Speckled Wood butterflies.

Visit to Pannett Park.

This was postponed because of the awful weather forecast for that Saturday morning. I will attempt to rearrange the visit for September or October.

Fossil Festival
September 14th, 15th, 16th
Geology Museum and Surrounds

We have been asked to provide volunteers to help at the Fossil Festival. Friday the 14th is a busy day when local schools are in and as many volunteers as possible will be needed. On the Saturday and Sunday it is open to the general public. I think our role will be very similar to the Archaeology Festival, providing help and guidance to the visitors.

Let me know if you can help on any of the days.
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More News in Brief.

The Ice House

We finally got an answer from the Conservation Officer and we should be meeting with him in the second week of August.

Work Parties

In the two sessions last month we cleared the mass of weeds from either side of the path below Woodend. We also put in Senecio and blue Cranesbill near the Woodend archway. There were about seven of us at each of the sessions.

Look out for the three goldfish that someone has released into the pond.

Martagon Lily

Also known as the Turks Cap Lily, this was spotted in the gardens recently. It is a native of Western Asia and parts of Europe and has become naturalized in Britain.

It grows from a bulb and the flowers are pollinated by butterflies and moths. In common with most lilies it is highly poisonous to cats.



**The Pond
in about
1867**

Valley Bridge Scarborough