

Garden Club Visit to the Botanic Nursery at Atworth

On 3rd June we visited the Botanic nursery on the last day of 'Foxglove Week' to see their national collection. Terry and Mary Baker were freshly back from Chelsea where they won (another) gold medal for their wonder display in the Great Pavilion.

We chose a lovely sunny afternoon and Terry treated us to a guided tour of the garden to see not only the national foxglove collection but also their rare trees, many of which were at their peak. We saw lots of foxgloves, learnt much about their likes and dislikes and about the biennial and perennial varieties. Terry is very knowledgeable and with great humour answered all manner of general tricky gardening questions from the group – giving us helpful tips along the way.

The tour was followed by a very welcome tea and cakes in the sunshine and a spot of shopping in the well-stocked nursery - well we did have the mini-bus and John to drive us home! We had a lovely afternoon and it was completed by Mary's kind donation of a pack of plug foxgloves for each of us. Expect to see some lovely foxgloves in our village gardens this year and next!

We will definitely go back and we recommend the nursery to everyone – they have a great website too.

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