

Quorn Garden Club



Members News: October 2023

Our Next Event: **Change from Programme**

Talk: The Secret Life of the Honey Bee & Their Keepers

Thursday, 19th October 2023, 7.15pm at Church Rooms, Quorn.

We welcome Graham Law, a local beekeeper, to tell us all about bees – so important to our gardens and our environment (not to mention delicious honey to eat!). There may be honey for sale. This replaces the scheduled talk by Ian Retson on the Woodland Trust and National Forest – he is in hospital and unable to give his talk which we hope can take place at a later date (and we wish him a speedy recovery).

We very much hope you can all come to the bees talk and look forward to seeing you there (poster attached). There will be a 'plants table' to give away any of your spare plants – contributions very welcome. If you have been having an 'Autumn sort out' don't throw those unwanted plants on the compost heap, bring them along – they just may be long sort after by another gardener!

Note: Another change to the published programme: on 16th November our scheduled event '*Gardening Abroad*' will be replaced by a talk '*Badgers in the Garden*' (originally programmed for 21st September). Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.



Hannah Sylvester, medicinal herbalist, giving our enjoyable September talk

Badgers

Lots of badgers are now out and about, and some visit our gardens making an awful mess. They have been into the Memorial Garden and dug up parts of the lawn there – a plea has been issued to please close the gate if you visit. It's very hard to deter these determined and strong animals which sometimes visit in family groups. It's important if they are in your area to make sure your garden is as 'secure' as possible. They regularly come into my garden (picture below from my trail cam) in the middle of the night from Leicester Road - I rarely see them!



Date for the Diary

Visit **Tresillian House**, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BQ, on Sunday 29th October (£5 entrance). Beautiful trees, unusual plants and wild water ponds, not to mention stew and dumplings to keep you warm! For full information and more gardens to visit go to www.ngs.org.uk.

It's the time of year to admire and enjoy the colour of autumn trees: try visiting Sherwood Forest, Martinshaw Wood, Abbey Park, or Swithland Wood.

Discount at Six Acres Nurseries

Following Dave Stockdale's talk to us in April, Quorn Garden Club members can benefit from a generous 10% discount on purchases at Six Acres Nurseries (Loughborough Road, Costock, LE12 6XB).