

## November 2025 – Garden Gatherings .....



Our November meeting was a real treat. **Gardens of the Italian Lakes** (via Yorkshire) with **Alan Mason** had us all laughing, learning and admiring some truly stunning photos.

His stories and enthusiasm were infectious.

Alan has had such an interesting life – from his early days as Head Gardener at Harewood House to moving into television gardening programmes (and marrying his co-presenter!) garden design including working one of the villas in Italy that we saw photos of, to living in France, and now taking gardening tours to some of the most beautiful gardens on the planet.

With all that experience behind him it's no wonder his talk was so entertaining and full of wonderful stories.

**Looking back over the year – 2025-2025** we have squeezed in so much!

Lots of interesting and enjoyable **talks** at our monthly meetings.

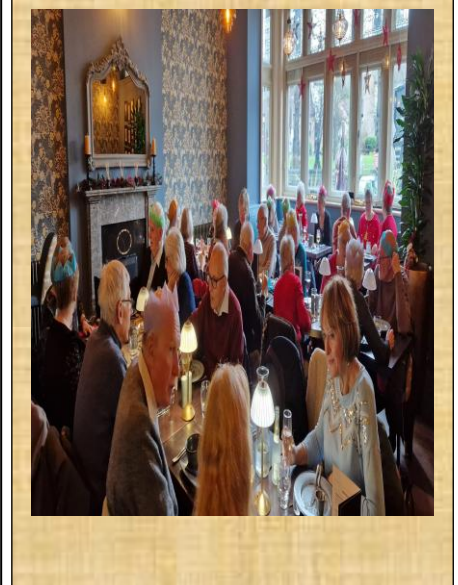
Two **plant sales** this year – our usual lively and very successful one in May and another in August for the opening of the newly refurbished Methodist Church Hall.

**Garden visits** that gave us ideas (and a bit of garden envy).

A great **four-day trip to Hereford** full of gardens and good company

Our fun **Family garden show** in September.

And we wrapped everything up with our **Christmas lunch at Barrington's** which was a lovely chance to relax together and celebrate everything we have done this year.



**Thank you to everyone for joining in and helping out with everything it takes to make our meetings and outings a success – from refreshments to raffle prizes, Facebook and bookings and photos to bringing your stems, and most of all bringing yourselves and making our club such a friendly, welcoming place.**

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and here's to more gardening adventures next year!**



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**Ideas and inspiration wanted!**

We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas for our talks, demonstrations and garden visits.

Is there somewhere that you've been, or perhaps a place you'd love to visit as a group? Maybe you've seen a speaker or demonstration that would be perfect for our club?

Please share your suggestions – we'd love to hear them!

Your ideas help keep our programme interesting, varied, and full of inspiration for everyone.

Email your suggestions to [darleydalehs@gmail.com](mailto:darleydalehs@gmail.com) or talk to one of us at our meetings.



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**November talk – Gardens of the Italian Lakes.**

We'll chase away the November chill with a trip (in spirit!) to the sunny Italian Lakes – join us as we explore the beautiful gardens and pick up plenty of inspiration along the way.

Our garden club is nothing without its members, and we're so grateful for your continued support.

We hope you'll join us for an exciting programme of events throughout the rest of 2025 and into 2026

A huge thank you to all those who have helped at the meetings, to set up, pack away provide raffle prizes, provide refreshments and of course wash up.