

## Rymans Garden U3A Visit in August 2019

We drove in through the impressive gateway. Then, having parked the car we met up with our group

and went to have tea and cake. A priority, of course! Sitting in the warm sunshine at tables laid out



with pretty gold painted china, we were served tea and coffee and a choice of lovely cakes by our attentive hostesses. We enjoyed good company and interesting chat in beautiful surroundings, especially the bright blue Morning Glory twining among the vegetables. Then the inevitable toilet visit before the Head Gardener started his Tour

of the garden.

He recognised some of us who came four years ago in May, which was nice.

How different the garden looked now; it was full summer abundance! Flowers filled the beds and borders.



We noticed the big Paulownia, or foxglove tree, with its pink flowers and the Ginkgo tree, which seems indestructible since it was the first thing to grow again after the Hiroshima nuclear bomb attack.

The Clerodendrum Bungei is another big, powerful, pink flowering plant, which suckers profusely.



Past the pink water lily ponds we turned to get a view of the house built 1410 for the Sheriff of Sussex when the area was a rich hub of trade at Dell Quay.

Then on to the lawn dominated by the 500 year old Holm Oak. Round the back was another lawn with an Indian bean tree, Liquid amber tree, a cheeky plant holder in a niche and gate with spider's web design.



Through more gates was the peaceful view of a poplar avenue. Roses, Japanese anemones, pink and white, tumbled in casual array in the pleached tree walk, mingled with dahlias, salvias and sedums.

We finished up back in the fruitful vegetable garden – a full circle of delight.