

Culm Valley

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The Mimosa tree outside our lounge window. We have been enjoying the beautiful small, yellow puff ball flowers on our lovely tree since the end of November 2020 and it is still going strong. Makes any dull day brighter!

Zoom Events Updates ...

Kevin writes – Our first Zoom meeting was all about Posh Gardens – we had 8 Zoomers including me, the host, although there were a few doubles, so maybe we had more. We had one attendee who managed to see and hear all that was going on, but couldn't find a way to join in, but I had some nice feedback to say that they had enjoyed the session anyway.

I was expecting to just have a chat and a talk, but someone mentioned early on that they were looking forward to seeing some pictures, so a quick lesson on how to share the screen and get a few pictures up from some of the "Gardens" websites and wow, what a difference that made.

We had some very knowledgeable attendees, which was great, and it was nice that they were happy to share that knowledge and some of the descriptions of the gardens has certainly inspired me to visit a few, once we are allowed out again.

One of my favourite gardens is Marwood Hill Gardens, just outside Barnstaple, a bit of a trek but well worth it – we talked about the two NT gardens within striking distance (Killerton & Knightshayes), and of course RHS Rosemoor, near Torrington.

It being snowdrop season we also talked briefly about Snowdrop Valley – on the way to Lynton I think it was, and also Hartland Abbey.

I learned a bit about two gardens that are now on my wish list to go see, Burrow Farm Gardens & Bicton Botanical Gardens, apparently good places to take the grandchildren.

All this in just over 40 minutes, time seemed to pass quickly. Many thanks for all of our attendees, who will remain nameless for confidentiality reasons, and I look forward to the next one. Maybe, this would be a good group to have a little photo competition in too - watch this space.

Coffee and Chat about books ...

12 members joined Gill for coffee and to chat about books they had been reading during lockdown. We enjoyed chatting about the books we'd been reading with everyone contributing. Lengthy new reading lists were created and all are looking forward to the next session.

Upcoming Zoom events ...

Please try to join the events in good time as they will start at the stated time.

20 Question Quiz - Saturday 20th February 4.00pm hosted by Sue
(Winner to set the next 20 question quiz)

Favourite Local Walks - Friday 26th February at 2.30pm hosted by Kevin

Your Life History in 10 minutes - Friday 5th March at 2.30pm hosted by Kevin

Coffee and Chat about Books - Wednesday 10th March at 11.00am hosted by Gill.

20 Question Quiz - Saturday 20th March at 4.00pm hosted by winner of previous quiz.
(PLEASE NOTE date and time subject to change depending on availability of previous winner).

General Gardening Chat - Friday 26th March at 2.30pm hosted by Kevin

The **IT Group** has continued to meet throughout the pandemic. They meet on Zoom every Wednesday afternoon at 4pm. They chat about all sorts of things.... Not just IT! If you are interested in joining this group please let Sue know and she will pass your contact information on to Andy.

If you have an idea for a topic, or you would like to host a zoom event?
Please get in touch with Kevin at llamakevin@gmail.com

IF YOU NEED HELP USING ZOOM PLEASE GET IN TOUCH
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Coming soon on Zoom ...

Ashley Jones is the Regional Fraud Protect Advisor employed by the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU), funded by the Home Office Law Enforcement for the police force areas of the South West of England.

Ashley will advise on how we can reduce economic crime (fraud), through improving awareness and promoting preventative measures enabling us to better protect ourselves from economic crime.

Vaccinations

Have you had your Covid vaccination yet? I should think by now quite a few CVu3a members have had their first vaccination and I hope you did not experience any adverse side effects.

Stay Home Stay Well Stay Safe