

Over Peover WI enjoy the David Austin Rose Gardens, Shropshire

On a grey Monday, thirty-eight members of Over Peover WI and friends set off by coach to visit The David Austin Rose Gardens. Expectations were high as everyone was looking forward to seeing the array of beautiful roses in their original setting at Albrighton, Shropshire.

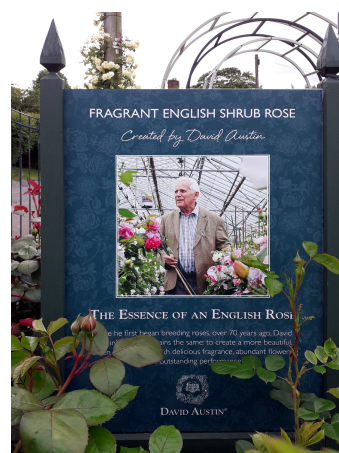
A stop on the way for coffee and an early lunch, ensured the group reached Albrighton refreshed. Rain started to fall as they arrived however, once the escorted tour of the gardens commenced the rain ceased, umbrellas were closed, and the group could really appreciate the vast display of roses

The gardens were originally created to show off the variety of roses which David Austin was introducing; the first rose was Constance Spry in 1961, since then over 200 new roses have been released. The gardens attract visitors from all over the world, they come to see the magnificent displays, the colours and experience the fragrance. The tour guide pointed out the different varieties of roses and offered handy hints on how to keep the pesky aphids and blackspot at bay!

With heads still spinning from the vast choice, the ladies pondered which roses to purchase over a delicious cream tea. Decisions made, roses were carefully packed and stored away in the coach before the journey home. The weather may have been grey, but it was far outweighed by memories of an afternoon spent amongst the 'stars' of the garden.



The Over Peover ladies manage to dodge the showers and enjoy the magnificent rose displays.



Visitors travel from all round the globe to see the gardens.