



The day before the summer solstice and the weather is cooler, so ideal for gardening. The Wild Flower Meadow is looking good and has the addition of poppies. In addition, Mellitof is sprouting alongside the meadow flowers. It grows both yellow and white along Hengistbury Head. It grows into a large bush, so we will need to remove it from the meadow. Black Medick has also crept in a lot of areas, with its little yellow 'pompom' flowers which turn into grape life seeds. Gardening is about making decisions what to leave and what to control, that's part of the pleasure. We are always delighted to see what nature grows for us.

We had some visitors from Australia in the garden today. In the pond, a beautiful water lily is in bloom. While the yellow Fringe Water Lilies open in the sunshine.

We are often asked if these are frogs in the pond. The pond was designed to discourage frogs as they can mate with Natterjack Toads. The conversation pond for them is on Hengistbury Head and it is why frogs are discouraged. The Sticklebacks, Whirligig Beetles and Newfs make up for the absence.

Enjoy the largest day tomorrow and look forward to seeing you any Wednesday morning.

