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It is well known that visiting gardens and talking with gardeners adds to what we already know and gives us confidence that we are developing the garden at Hengistbury Head effectively. The advantage of having a guided tour at Knoll Gardens was that we were directed to plants and garden management that would be overlooked by simple wandering around. Our guide, Judy, is also a volunteer with many years of experience and an amazing knowledge of plants and their names. It was inspiring to listen.

It was encouraging to find that there are some plants which cannot be named at Knoll due to the varied history of the garden. How wonderful that our gardens build a history to keep us guessing.

Last week we held an Open Morning which was fun in spite of the rotten weather. It became quite cold by the end of the morning. Suggestions were made to have a similar event again and we look forward to it. However tending the garden is our first care and it does take time.



We always enjoy chatting to visitors in the garden and often the questions we are asked take us on a journey to discover a response. Last year I was asked about a shrub near the moth traps and we may be nearing an answer. It may well be a Buddleia even with its straggly branches, thin leaves and small bunches of little purple flowers along the stems. When we have checked with another source the mystery will be uncovered in this very blog space.

We look forward to chatting to you in the garden which continues to change and delight us. The volunteer gardeners at Hengistbury Head Visitors Centre Garden.