THE ROSE GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 13TH 2026



What a super meeting we had for the final one of the Rose Group season, held in St Severin.

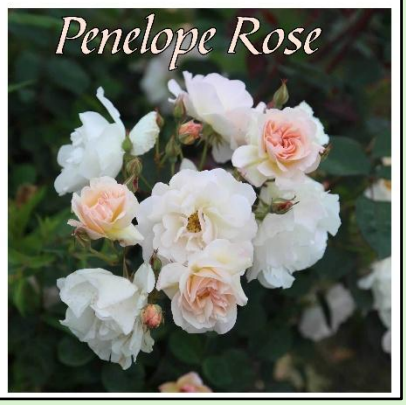
A huge hug and a thank you to our host Hilary Henry for the amazing afternoon tea, cake and biccies all homemade and delicious.

Considering the awful weather this summer (for gardeners) we had some beautiful roses on show for discussion, and a good scent sniffing session was in order.

Ian had his usual gorgeous selection, climbers **Coral Dawn, Penelope** an ivory semi double flower, the drought tolerant **Persica Babylon Eyes, Happy Memories** a small flowering pale pink shrub rose, **Prieure de St Cosme** a yellow with shades of pink and a heavenly old fashion scent.

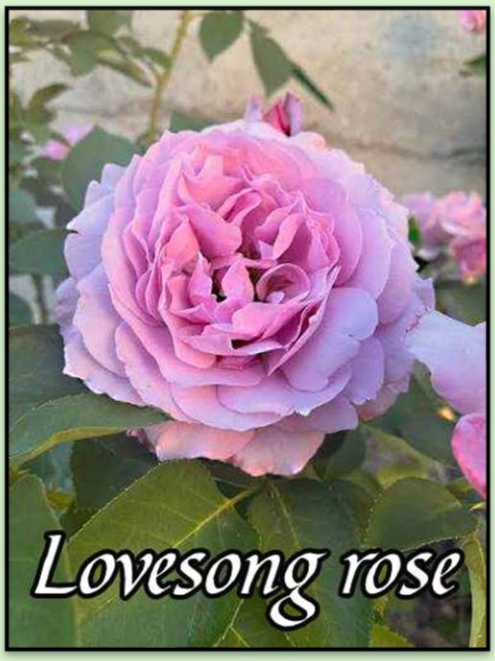








Rosa chinensis Viridiflora very interesting moss green coloured unusual shaped rose that flowers all season.



Nevelee brought along the gorgeous quite tall shrub rose **Lovesong**. It is a stunning shade of smoky soft blue/mauve cup rose.

Hilary produced the lovely old fashioned heavily scented **Etoile de Holland** a deep red climber. Jan and Paul Bailey (welcome Paul) brought along an unknown mid pink possible County rose plus an unknown yellow bloom.



Caz produced a full bloom scented tall T rose.

Me. I climbed up the wall to chop off the last of the hooligan **Pierre de Ronsard**, it doesn't droop in the rain too much or worry how much rubbish soil he has roots in.

Also the pale yellow **Molineux** has struggled but managed a few blooms later than usual, also two delightful pale to mid pink shallow cupped blooms that were obviously mislabelled at birth?



We were delighted to welcome **Michael Chance** into our group, after his wonderful and knowledgeable talk that he brought to us on the history of roses last week. I was somewhat in awe, worry I need not, we had a lively meeting lots to learn plus male support for Ian and Paul.





I can't wait for **2027 ROSE SEASON** and of course **OPEN GARDENS** starting again, both of which Ian and Michael are supporters with the opening of their totally different gardens to the public.

Jane Hickey