



Girton Garden Society

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2015



April Competition table

Dear Member,

I hope you have enjoyed the Spring Programme and are looking forward to a summer of rewarding gardening. This newsletter is just a reminder of things that are happening over the summer.

THE PLANT SALE

First of all I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to making this a success again. From those who were there setting it all up at 8.30am and still there at 4pm packing everything away to those who donated some wonderful plants and seedlings and/or helped on the day. You know who you are and I won't list all the names in case I commit the unforgivable sin of forgetting someone! As I said at the last meeting it is never too early to think about next year, especially when dividing and splitting plants that have outgrown their allotted space. A few pots left in a corner in the autumn can become the showstoppers of the sale and surplus annuals sown in early spring are always popular. We sold out in less than half an hour this year so let's try to pull out all the stops and produce a bit more for next year. All the money we raise goes back into providing a better GGS for us all.

OUTINGS

Hyde Hall

Hopefully everyone who has signed up for the visit to Hyde Hall is looking forward to the day. All the arrangements seem to be in hand so let's hope for some good weather and a great day out. See you all at 9am on Wednesday 17th June at the Rec car park. Any problems phone Janet 01223 276393 or e-mail girtongardensociety@outlook.com

Clare College Gardens

Chris Pittock has all the details for this trip on Wednesday July 22nd at 6pm so phone her on 01223 277182 or e-mail as above if you need a lift down to the Backs. Don't forget that parking is free after 5pm on the Backs which makes access to the rear entrance of Clare very easy.

OPEN GARDENS

This is taking place on Sunday 5th July from 2 - 5 pm and to date there are about 13 gardens, including the Allotment site, to visit all round the village, all will have yellow signs outside. Maps will be available from the first garden you visit at a cost of £3 which covers entry to all of them. All proceeds to St. Andrews Church. Come along and be inspired or just use it as an excuse for a good walk round the village, some excellent tea and cake and a chance to be really nosy.

FEAST WEEK

Our combined stall with the Allotment Society at the Feast Week Fun Day on Saturday 11th July from 11am until 4pm has the theme 'Girton Remembers' and 'Dig for Victory'. One important reason for doing this is to raise awareness in the village as a whole about the GGS and what it does. Volunteers on the day are able to talk to visitors about what we do and show them our Programme.

The fund raising part will come from donated baskets and tubs and some herbs and plants that we will sell, ready for collection towards the end of the afternoon so that we don't lose half our display by 12.30.

The other part will be the mini competition. The June Parish News has a list of all classes so I won't reproduce them here. I will just remind you that all entries need to be brought to the stall by 12 noon, vegetables and fruit displayed on plain white paper plates (which can be provided at the stall) flowers displayed in jam jars and mini gardens in foil or seed trays. All entrants will fill in a card with the class and variety being entered on one side and their name and telephone number on the other (hidden from view).

Peter Seaber has agreed to do the judging at 12 noon and rosettes will be awarded then so that all visitors to the stall in the afternoon will be able to see the award winning entries.

These will also be announced over the sound system later in the afternoon.

So, whatever your speciality is, straight beans, funny carrots or beautiful flowers get growing and bring something to the stall.

If you have already volunteered a basket or tub to be sold then many thanks, if you haven't but are willing to - then give me a ring on 01223 276819 as I have the list. If possible these should be brought to the stall between 9 - 10.30 am so we have plenty of time to display them. We hope to have some old tools on display and a very old lawn mower to help make the stall look authentic and Judith Addison is providing some bunting. Any volunteers to help on the day (phone or e-mail us) will be most welcome in appropriate 1940's dress if possible. Also can we make another request for lightweight tables for the competition? Between the two societies we will need 6 in total. We have a lot to live up to, having won 'the best dressed stall' last year.

SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

If you have grown a sunflower don't forget to send a picture later in the summer with the approximate height to our e-mail address girtongardensociety@outlook.com and you might win a prize. The prizes have been donated and the event sponsored by Girton Town Charity. It is a lovely idea to unify the village through flowers.

Our autumn programme starts again on 9th October with a talk by Mr David White called 'A packet of parsley!' This will cover his time as a gardener in London parks.

The competition is 5 stems of one autumn flower and/or a plate of 5 apples or pears (dessert or cooking)

Donations of garden related items for the raffle are always welcome.

Remember that friends and neighbours can join for just £5 for the rest of the year.

Until then, enjoy a wonderful summer of gardens, gardening and other related events.



The Plant sale annuals and perennials



The Plant Sale Vegetables and herbs

All the best,

Kay Green and all the committee