

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021



Girton Garden Society



Dear Member,

Piet Oudorf Garden at Pensthorpe in September

At long last I think I can bring some positive news towards the end of another strange year. Covid has invaded every aspect of our lives yet somehow we have managed to cope and many of us have relished the extra time in the garden. It has also been a strange gardening year, a dry April, a cold wet May followed by an almost complete lack of both rain and sunshine apart from late July and the first week in September. Some plants thrived, others died. Today it is pouring with rain for the first time for weeks. The good news is that meetings will restart in October but first a quick recap of the summer.

Summer Plant sale The rather impromptu sale on Janet's forecourt on Saturday 10th July raised another £54.74 to add to the total from spring. Thanks to everyone who donated plants and helped on the day. It was good to talk to younger gardeners in the village and encourage them. It is also a useful way to raise our profile and attract new members.

Girton Open Gardens Sunday 18th July was an extremely hot day (30degrees) but plenty of people braved the heat and raised funds for the Floral Phone box which has lifted our spirits throughout this year.

Summer Garden Meetings



The summer meetings in Kay and Chris's gardens in July and August were really successful. People seemed so relieved to be able to get out and talk to others again in a safe outdoor setting. We hope they will become a regular summer feature in addition to our long awaited coach trips.

Tea rota

Ruth Reynolds will be organising the tea rota so please contact her on 01223 476511 or at ruthreynolds135@btinternet.com to volunteer your services or speak to her at the first meeting. There is no washing up to do so it is quite an easy task.

The Autumn

Our meetings will resume at 7.30pm from October 13th on the second Wednesday of every month at the William Collyn Community Centre. Our first talk will be by Tim Fuller on Naturalistic Planting. He will be bringing plants for sale and you will be able to pay for these either by cash or with contactless payment.

Similarly the raffle prizes will be on a separate table and Janet will circulate, wearing a mask, to offer tickets so you will need cash, ideally small change, (a rare thing these days) for that.

There will also be the usual Competition Table and hopefully you will bring some colourful autumn flowers and plates of apples or pears to adorn it.

All the tables will be well spaced but please think of social distancing as you approach them.

To ensure everyone's safety as far as possible please read the following very carefully.

1. To prevent a queue on the first evening we would like you to e-mail us at girtongardensociety@outlook.com to confirm that you are double vaccinated (unless exempt on medical grounds) otherwise you will need to show your vaccination card to Chris when you arrive. Letting us know that you are coming will help us to lay the room out appropriately. Any friends or visitors must pre book by phone or e-mail.
2. Chris will be seated at the entrance to the room (wearing a mask) and will record all attendees. We have a duty to inform NHS Test and Trace should anyone become ill later.
3. Windows and doors will need to be open to provide adequate ventilation so make sure you bring suitable clothing.
4. WCCC request us to wear masks when moving around in the public spaces and using the toilets. Once seated it is your personal choice. Please take personal responsibility for your own safety and have regard for others who may be older or more vulnerable.
5. We will arrange seats in a semi circle facing the front at each table for the talk and then one person can collect a tray of teas, coffees and biscuits for their table. This will reduce the amount of close contact.
6. Obviously do not come if you have any Covid symptoms.

With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

Kay Green, Chris Pittock, Corinna Tabor, Felicia Moor and Ruth Reynolds
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