

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2022



## Girton Garden Society



Dear Member,

### Mini Show flower entries

What an extraordinary gardening year. The extremely high temperatures combined with weeks of drought have been challenging to say the least and even now as I write in September it hasn't rained properly for two weeks. There will need to be a lot of rain this winter to restore underground reserves in this area.

**Summer Plant sale** Our final total, after further sales on the Jubilee Weekend and an honesty box, is now £423.20p. Thanks to everyone who donated plants and helped on the day.

**Girton Feast Week and Mini Show** This event was very successful. We shared a stall with the Allotment Society and were able to sell a range of small plants, herbs and succulents, which raised another £73 for our funds. It was also an opportunity to advertise our presence in the village and talk to potential new members. In addition we jointly organised the Mini Show which was well supported. It was a difficult year for the vegetable and rose growers but overall the entries looked good and there were many worthy winners as reported in the GPN. Thanks everyone who helped set up and then clear away on the day.

**Summer visit to Markshall Arboretum and Garden** This was another trip extremely well organised by Margaret, Wendy and Chris. It was a hot day (but not 40 degrees C) and the effects of the drought and high temperatures were much in evidence but the day was enjoyed by all. The sculpture exhibition added a different dimension to the gardens and the cafe and plant nursery provided plenty of distraction.



## Summer Garden Meetings



The summer meetings in Kay and Gina's gardens in August and September were, once again, really successful. About 30 people attended over the course of each afternoon and enjoyed being able to sit and chat in comfortable surroundings.

**Tea rota** Karen Richardson will be taking over the organisation of the tea rota so please contact her at [k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com](mailto:k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com) or on 01223 520584 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 Programme

Our meetings will resume at 7.30pm from October 12<sup>th</sup> on the second Wednesday of every month at the William Collyn Community Centre. Our first talk will be by Roger Harvey from Harvey's Garden Plants near Bury St. Edmunds on 'Colour in the Autumn Garden'. He may be bringing plants for sale so some cash might be useful.

The raffle will be organised by Janet as usual so bring some change.

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. The number of entries for the competitions has steadily been diminishing and it may be time to have a rethink and abandon the competitive element.

As we move into autumn many of us will be considering ways to insulate our gardens against the changing climate, saving water, using more drought tolerant plants and mulching more deeply after rain. On a more positive note some things did really well- French beans, canna lilies and succulents like aeoniums and echeveria.

However, one note of caution I'd like to make is that Covid has not disappeared. Many of us will by now have had booster jabs but if you feel at all unwell you should not come to meetings.

Looking forward to an enjoyable, colourful and peaceful autumn on our little patch of the planet.

With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

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

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