



**Girton Garden Society**

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023



Dear Member,

Mini Show flower entries

This has been yet another extraordinary gardening year. It was certainly cooler and wetter than last year early on which did create germination problems, but the heat wave in September was hotter and longer than ever before. I wonder what this winter will bring. I will certainly be more careful about what I leave outside or in an unheated greenhouse.

**Girton Feast Week and Mini Show** This event was very successful as usual. Our stall with the Allotment Society sold a range of small plants, herbs and succulents, which raised another £144.40 for our funds. Despite it being a very hot day and hard work for everyone involved, 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 with more entries than ever before. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day. The pictures and results are on our web site. [www.girtongardensociety.co.uk](http://www.girtongardensociety.co.uk)

### Summer visits to Pensthorpe Nature Reserve and Beth Chatto's Garden

These trips were both extremely well organised by Margaret, Wendy and Chris. Pensthorpe had something for everyone, birds, wildlife, sculpture gardens and the Piet Oudorf Millenium garden (a little early to see that at its best). It was very enjoyable day out. Beth Chatto's Garden was just beautiful with so many different environments from the famous dry garden to the lakes and wooded areas. The nursery was well stocked and much of it ended up in our coach home.

Pensthorpe



Beth Chatto's



## Summer Garden Meetings

Our summer garden meetings at Chris's and Kay's gardens were very well attended. The weather was perfect for Chris and everyone enjoyed her lovely garden and being able to sit and chat with other members. It was much hotter for Kay's meeting but at least 30 members braved the heat and enjoyed tea and cold drinks in the shade.



**Tea rota** Please contact Karen 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 11<sup>th</sup> on the second Wednesday of every month at the William Collyn Community Centre. Our first talk will be by Peter Jackson explaining all we need to know about propagation and how to save our favourite plants if we have another bad winter.

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

As we move into autumn many of us will be considering ways to insulate our gardens against the changing climate but, as we discovered last winter, Mediterranean and succulent plants that would withstand drought couldn't cope with -10 degrees for several days and/or torrential rain and wind. I think I would describe the situation as work in progress!

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

If anyone has difficulty getting to meetings please get in touch with us as I am sure there are members who would be willing to pick up an extra person on the way.

Enjoy the autumn, whatever the weather may bring. If you have a particularly lovely flower or plant that you would like to share then bring it along to the meeting for us all to see.

With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

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

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