

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2022



Girton Garden Society



RHS Wisley 8th June

Dear Member,

It finally feels as though summer has arrived. We had a very successful trip to RHS Wisley and managed to avoid most of the showers. It looked magnificent and we were able to enjoy the beautiful roses in the Bowes-Lyon Garden, see the remarkable new Hilltop building with the World Garden, a new cafe amongst the flowers and a wonderful wildflower area. The emphasis on wellbeing was evident throughout the new planting in this area. The traditional borders were stunning as usual and though we can't all have borders 2 metres deep in our own gardens and many gardeners to remove the weeds, we can take ideas for planting combinations on a smaller scale. Many thanks are due to Margaret, Wendy and Chris for the excellent organisation of this trip.

Spring Plant sale This was held on Saturday 7th May on Janet's front drive and really felt like a return to normal with people queuing up with wheelbarrows and large bags. In total we raised over £390 including the table sale on the jubilee weekend. Many thanks again to all who donated plants or bought plants or helped on the day. I don't think I have ever seen so many tomato plants -let's hope they are all thriving around the village.

Girton Open Gardens These were held on Sunday 12th June from 2-5pm. There were eleven gardens open and we enjoyed good weather and plenty of cake. They were attended by a wide variety of people, both local and from further afield. It really is a good way to get some inspiration for your own garden by seeing what other people do and how they cope with problem areas.

Summer The rest of our summer programme is now looking good. Although Sylvia Newman had to cancel our visit at short notice, her garden at Green End Farm in Longstanton is open on Sunday 19th June from 11-4pm through the National Open Garden Scheme and entry costs £5 so do try to go. The booklet is available at local garden centres and contains many very different gardens, often with magnificent teas so well worth a few visits over the summer.

Feast Week Fete and Mini Show Saturday 9th July

We share a stall with the Allotment Society at the fete. This is an opportunity to publicise the society and talk to visitors about what we do. We also sell some small pots of herbs and late flowering plants so if you have any spares, please bring them in the morning. We really need some volunteers to help set up the stall from 10.30 am onwards, especially to help put up the gazebos, and also volunteers for an hour or so from midday to help with sales and talk to visitors.

Please contact us if you can spare an hour.

Coach trip to Markshall Arboretum and Gardens in Essex Wednesday 20th July

This trip is fully booked and we are looking forward to another good day out with a shorter journey time.

Garden Meetings After the success of these last year we are organising a couple of informal meetings in members' gardens again during the summer. Such meetings will, of course, be weather dependent but they are a chance to see another garden and sit and chat with other members over a cup of tea.

Wednesday 10th August from 2-4pm Gina Lane's garden at 6, St Margaret's Road

Wednesday 14th September from 2-4pm Kay will host the second one at 43, Fairway

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. There is plenty of space and quite a few chairs. If you have a light weight folding chair you might like to bring one to be sure of a seat. These are drop-in events so you can decide on the day depending on the weather.

The Autumn Our meetings resume at 7.30pm from October 12th on the second Wednesday of the month at the William Collyn Centre. Our first talk will be by Roger Harvey on 'Colour in the autumn garden'. This talk looks at some of the plants we can use to extend colour and pollen for insects in our gardens through to the first frosts.

Meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer.

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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RHS Wisley

New natural planting

