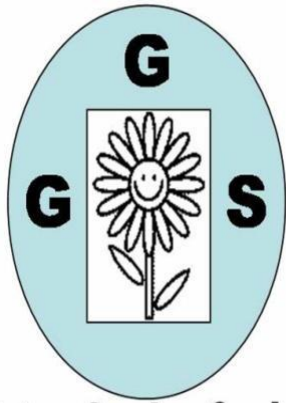


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Girton Garden Society



Childerley 6th June

Dear Member,

What a strange gardening year so far. It was so cold and wet in early spring and now everything is growing extremely fast but there is no rain and it is getting much warmer.

Our visit to Childerley on June 6th was a huge success. We were made very welcome and visited the historical, highly decorated Charles Room where Charles 1st once stayed. Then we wandered round the beautiful gardens created by Chloe Jenkins after they took on the challenge of Childerley in 1957. Today the family still farm the estate, run events in the Long Barn and attend to the buildings and grounds. You can join their mailing list at events@childerley.org. Many thanks to Chris for the excellent organisation of this trip.

Meetings Our programme since January has been varied and meetings have been well attended. The final meeting in May found us smelling and tasting herbs brought by Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven and marvelling at the bonsai trees so lovingly created by Venu Kumar. A hobby requiring a level of patience and skill that I am sure most of us don't possess.

Spring Plant sale This was held on Saturday 13th 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 £458 and were nearly sold out by 2.25pm. Many thanks again to all who donated or bought plants or helped on the day. It showcases what a successful society we are with so many people willing to give their time and energy to make it work.

Girton Open Gardens are on Sunday 18th June from 2-5pm. There are eleven gardens open plus the allotments, Girton College and the Sensory Garden. Tea, cake, soft drinks and ice cream will be available at some gardens. 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.



<Zsuzsa's wonderful herbs



Venu's amazing bonsai>

Summer

Coach trip to Pensthorpe Nature reserve and Gardens on Wednesday 21st June

This trip will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.15am, returning around 5pm. Let's hope for fine weather, no heat wave and a good day out for all.

Coach trip to Beth Chatto's Garden on Wednesday 19th July. This trip also leaves from Girton Church bus stop at 9.15am, returning around 5pm. It is fully booked and we look forward to a master class in garden design for a whole range of different environments.

Feast Week Fete and Mini Show Saturday 8th 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. Don't forget to enter the **Mini Show**; the schedule is on the website <https://girtongardensociety.co.uk/diary/>

Garden Meetings After last year's success 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 9th August from 2-4pm Chris's garden at 6, Bandon Road

Wednesday 6th 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. 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 13th on the second Wednesday of the month at the William Collyn Centre. Our first talk will be by Peter Jackson on 'Propagation in its many forms'. Peter will look at how we can increase our supply of plants cheaply by taking cuttings. After the losses of last winter it may be just what we need.

Meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer.

With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

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

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Childerley elephant sculptures >

