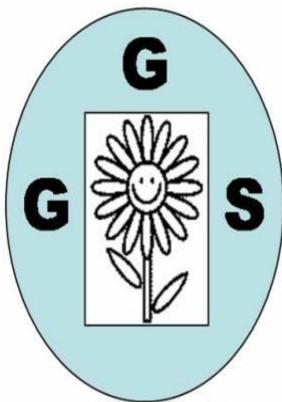


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Girton Garden Society



Dear Member,

An amazing rainbow - Saturday 6th Feb

This feels rather like *déjà vu*, I wish I had some good news but as things stand there is so much uncertainty over vaccination efficiency, new variants and how long lockdown might last that the committee feels there is no alternative but to postpone indoor meetings yet again. I have contacted the scheduled speakers for spring and they have all agreed to take the same slots next year. This means that our meetings at WCCC will not start again until October 2021.

Plant sale

For the same reasons we will try to do a similar plant sale to last year, probably over the first week in May when limited outdoor meeting may be allowed. Several people have offered to sell plants from their driveways and if you are willing to do the same we will organise it. Sellers will need to send their email and/or phone number to Corinna with details of the plants they can offer with prices and if possible some pictures. Nearer the time we can send an email to members who can negotiate directly with the sellers. Friends and neighbours can also be included so contact details may be shared wider than just the membership. Email girtongardensociety@outlook.com with details. I have just sown tomato and chilli seeds indoors and hopefully will have various seedlings and small plants by May.

Summer

We will reschedule the summer trips to RHS Wisley, Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum and Sylvia Newman's garden to 2022 if possible. If it's permitted, we'll try to plan a late summer or autumn GGS visit to a college or local garden.

However we don't want members of GGS not to be able to meet at all until October so, having watched the Government guidelines on easing lockdown, it does look as though we will be able to have informal meetings in members' gardens during the summer. These could simply be an opportunity to meet up socially distanced with other members, or we could make them slightly more formal by suggesting a discussion topic and for people to come with questions. Such meetings would, of course, be weather dependent and subject to Government guidelines but we feel they are worth considering in order to keep the society alive.

Re-wilding scheme

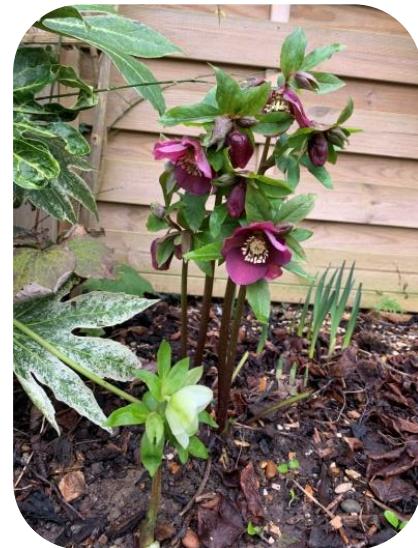
Some of you may have noticed in the GPN that the Parish Council have agreed some funds to start a small re-wilding project on the triangle of land by Mayfield in the centre of the village. Next year we hope to create a strip of wildflower meadow in the centre but this year are just going to mark out the area and leave it to grow long and see what is there. The circular bed will be weeded and pruned then extra plants that attract bees and butterflies will be added. Shade loving wildflower plug plants will be added to the spaces between the trees near the road to give interest throughout the year. If anyone would like to be involved in this please contact Mary Rodger on 277316.

Activities

There is still plenty to see at all our local National Trust properties and the Botanic Gardens. Booking tickets is very easy online or by phone. Madingley Hall gardens are also open daily from 9am-3pm and there is a cafe offering a takeaway service.



Snow drops in the Botanic Gardens
and
an early hellebore



St Ives at the flood peak



With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

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