



Girton Garden Society

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Dear Member,

The Windmill Impington

Another strange gardening year seems to be happening. We've had so much rain everything is twice its normal size and all looking very healthy but rather untidy and slugs and snails are off the scale.

Meetings Our programme since January has been varied and meetings have been well attended. At the final meeting in May we welcomed Sharka Baxter who showed how difficult areas in any garden can be transformed into attractive spaces.

Spring Plant sale This year it was held on Saturday 5th May on Janet's front drive. In total we raised £626.80 and were nearly sold out by 2.25pm. Many thanks again to all who donated or bought plants or helped on the day and especially to Janet for allowing us to use her drive with all the work that it entails in storing plants beforehand and displaying them on the day. It certainly 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. Sunday 16th June from 2-5pm. There are fifteen 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. Look out for the yellow signs around the village. Donations welcome supporting the floral phone box.

Our Early Summer visit to The Windmill in Impington on June 5th was very successful. 28 members came and were treated to the delights of a wonderful garden and some even ventured up the windmill. It is a beautiful garden, providing a huge range of different colour schemes, planting themes and seasonal displays. It needs to be visited every month to get the full impact. We missed the remarkable white wisteria and the rosa banksia lutea on the house (see photo at the top) but there was plenty more to see. Many thanks to Pippa and Steve.

Strictly Day Lilies Open Days. Following our talk from Paula Dyason in April I now have the dates for her open days at 2 Primes Corner, Cottenham Road, Histon CB24 9AG Fri/Sat July 5th/6th 9am-4pm, Sun July 7th 10am-3pm then the same times Fri/Sat/Sun the following weekend July 12th-14th. For more information contact info@strictlydaylilies.com .

Coach trip to Easton Walled Garden on Wednesday 26th June This trip will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.30am, returning around 5pm. Let's hope for fine weather, no heat wave and a good day out for all.

Coach trip to Wrest Park on Wednesday 17th July This trip leaves from Girton Church bus stop at 9.15am, returning around 5pm. We look forward to a master class in garden design for a whole range of different environments.

There are a few places left on both trips. To book - contact Wendy Cattell on 01223 277534

Feast Week Fete and Mini Show Saturday 13th 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 their success again last year we will meet informally 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 14th August from 2-4pm at Kay's garden at 43, Fairway.

Wednesday 11th September from 2-4pm Chris will host the second one at 6, Bandon Rd
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 9th on the second Wednesday of the month at the William Collyn Centre. Our first talk will be by Robert Brett (curator, RHS Hyde Hall) on 'Yours and my need for plants'. This will cover our incredible link and need for plants within our world and how important our gardens are as havens both for us and wildlife.

Meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer.

With very best wishes from Kay and all the committee

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