



**Girton Garden Society**

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2024



Oakington pollinator flower show



Mini Show flower entries

Dear Member,

This has been yet another extraordinary gardening year, so much rain, so little sun and giant plants everywhere. A cold snap early in September was a reminder that climate change also seems to be about more unreliability and heavier rain showers, stronger winds and larger hailstones! Still the garden survives and we gardeners seem to be an adaptable species.

**Girton Feast Week Fete 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 £87.90 for our funds. It was a cooler day than last year but many people came to our stall and were able to talk to us about what we do. In addition we jointly organised the Mini Show which was well supported with more entries than ever before. As always we would like to thank all those who helped on the day. The pictures and results are on our web site. <https://girtongardensociety.co.uk/gallery/feast-week-show-entries/>

**Summer visits to Easton Walled Garden and Wrest Park.** These trips were both extremely well organised by Margaret, Wendy and Chris. Easton Walled Garden allowed us to admire and smell the many varieties of sweet peas that they grow. The garden has been restored by the Cholmeley family since 2001 and now provides a variety of different planting schemes and areas. Wrest Park was a very different experience with elegant formal gardens in different styles, extensive parklands and many statues. Both gardens were enjoyed by everyone who went and we were lucky to have good weather for both.

Easton Walled Garden



Wrest Park



## Summer Garden Meetings

We had very mixed weather for our summer garden meetings this year. In August we had a bright sunny day but in September we had the coldest day of the month with heavy thundery rain. Despite this a stalwart 18 members turned up for very welcome tea and cakes provided by Chris.



**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. It is quite an easy task and if we have enough volunteers you only have to do it once a year.

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

## The Autumn Programme

Our meetings will resume at 7.30pm from October 9<sup>th</sup> on the second Wednesday of every month at the William Collyn Community Centre. Our first talk will be by Robert Brett, curator at RHS Hyde Hall, exploring our incredible link with and need for plants within our world.

As we move into autumn many of us will be considering ways to insulate our gardens against the changing climate and our society provides a platform for discussion of these issues, so do come along to meetings and share your successes and failures with others.

## AGM 2025

As New Year's Day falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> January the WI will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> and we will have our AGM, social and light buffet supper on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. The date will be printed in our new programme but please make a note of it now.

One note of caution I'd like to continue to make 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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