



Girton Garden Society

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Foxgloves Hyde Hall

Dear Member,

First we had a heat wave and drought, now we have rain. What a difference from last year. The bonus has been far fewer slugs plus rapid growth in the heat with wildflower meadows absolutely full of buttercups, ox-eye daisies and yellow rattle, the downside is not yet clear as the rain may make up for the lack of water earlier.

Meetings Our programme since January has been varied and meetings have been well attended and now we can look forward to summer visits and more time in our gardens.

Spring Plant sale This year it was held on Saturday 3rd May on Janet's front drive. In total we raised £604.70 and were nearly sold out by 2.25pm as usual. 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. A donation to NGS will be made as they support a number of worthy charities and it is good to feel that our efforts can support others as well as our own society.

Coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall on Wednesday 11th June This trip will leave Girton Church bus stop at 9.15 am, returning around 5pm. We last went to Hyde Hall 7 years ago and there have been many changes since, more trees planted, a lawn maze and many new plants in all the different areas which will be coming into their own in mid June. Let's hope for good weather and a great day out for all. The trip is now fully booked.

Oakington Flower Show Saturday 21st June Firstly 'Congratulations' to Patricia and Melanie for their Silver Gilt medal at Chelsea. What a great achievement for our local garden centre. Patricia is booked to talk to us next year. I will enter a White display on behalf of GGS so if anyone has some white flowers I can use please let me know on Friday 20th June.

Girton Open Gardens Sunday 22nd June from 2-5pm There are sixteen gardens open plus 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 are welcome and support the floral phone box.

Do also look in the NGS yellow booklet (ngs.org.uk) for other gardens to visit. Also Childerley Hall (www.childerley.org) 2-5pm Sunday 15th June.

Feast Week Fete and Mini Show Saturday 12th 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, succulents 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 9.00 am onwards, especially to help put up the gazebos, and also volunteers to help take everything down around 4pm. **Please contact us if you can spare an hour.** Don't forget to enter the **Mini Show** - the schedule is at <https://girtongardensociety.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-feast-week-competition.pdf>

Coach trip to Coton Manor on Wednesday 16th July This trip leaves from Girton Church bus stop at 10.15am, returning around 5pm. This delightful garden provides inspiration for all gardeners with beautiful colour combinations in borders, delicate wildflower areas and resident flamingos. A reminder that the cafe is quite small and we need to stagger our lunch times so as not to overwhelm them. We can try and organise this on the coach. The trip is fully booked. Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and efficiency in dealing with the new booking scheme.

Garden Meetings We will meet informally in members' gardens again during the summer. Such meetings will, of course, be weather dependent but offer a chance to see another garden and sit and chat with other members over a cup of tea.

Wednesday 6th August from 2-4pm at Chris's garden, 6, Bandon Rd.

Wednesday 10th September from 2-4pm at Kay's garden 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 on the second Wednesday of the month at the William Collyn Community Centre resume at 7.30pm on 8th October when Twigs Way, a garden historian and writer, will explore the history of women's involvement in gardens and shine a spotlight on the unsung heroines of the border!

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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