

SUMMER NEWSLETTER.



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Programme

July 15th 2023

Garden Visit to the Walled Garden in Worcester.

This 19th century Walled Kitchen Garden of Julia and Will Scott's is formal in layout, with relaxed chemical free planting. There is a camellia walk, with soft fruit cordons, compost heaps, an area awaiting archeological investigation, and bees in a new bee garden. The admission is £4.00, tea and biscuits will be extra. Details of how to get there given below

Aug 19th 2023

Coach Visit to RHS Bridgewater, Salford. The cost will be £20 for members and £27.50 for non-members. More details below.

Sept 16th 2023

Winter to Spring with Julie Richie – This is a presentation on what type of perennials and bulbs of interest are available over the quiet time in the garden.

Oct 21st 2023

The History and Restoration of Painswick Rococo Garden with Dominic Hamilton -

Dominic has been director of the Rococo Garden since 2015 and with his expert team, has started a new chapter in the garden's history.

Nov 18th 2023

An Afternoon with Reg Moule and club AGM

Dec 2023

Christmas Lunch - date to be arranged

2024

The 2024 programme is currently being finalized. Some of the proposed programme highlights are Trug Making in January 2024, a talk by Nicola Hope on no dig and composting in April 2024, and a talk on "Land Girls" in November 2024 to be given by Fiona Warin.

Chairs Notes and Notices

Dear Members

We now have a full complement of twelve Club Committee members as detailed in our constitution. These together with their roles and specific responsibilities are:-

Chair and Newsletter Editor	Larry Gleaves
Secretary	Lesley Rowley
Treasurer	Cathy Snelgar
Membership Co-ordinator	David Wackett
Administration	Brian Skeys
Club Visits Co-ordinator	Leonie Crighton
Club Programme Co-ordinator	Mary Gleaves
Elected Member	Janet Taylor
Elected Member	Janet Berkimisher
Elected Member	Julie Munn
Elected Member	Diana Elt
Co-Opted Member	Gill Maclaren

The Return of the Gardeners Market

This was held at our last meeting on Saturday 12 of May 2023 and everyone felt that the event was a great success with lots of plants and cakes bought and sold and members had time to chat and get to know each other better.

In this vein we are looking at perhaps doing something similar at our September meeting but this time without the plants!

Directions to the Worcester Walled Garden Visit on the 15th July 2023

The Walled Garden can be found at No. 6 Rose Terrace, off of Fort Royal Hill, Worcester, WR5 1BU. From the traffic lights at Sidbury turn into Wyld's Lane situated between the Thai On 7evern Restaurant and the China City Worcester takeout on the London Road going towards Red Hill. From Wyld's Lane take the first turning on the right into Fort Royal Hill and take the second left into Rose Terrace. The garden entrance is at the top of the hill on the right. There is street parking only.

Coach Visit to RHS Bridgewater, Salford on the 19th August 2023

There are now 52 confirmed bookings for this visit and the itinerary is as follows:-

The coach will depart from Upton on Severn at 8 am
 There is an additional pick up at Croft Road car park at 8:30am
 A 20/30 minute stop on route to and from Bridgewater
 Arrival at Bridgewater at 11:00am
 Departure at 4:00pm
 Arrival back at Croft Road at 6:35pm
 Arrival back at Upton on Severn at 7:00pm

The RHS Spring Show Plant Creche

This was a great success and raised much needed funds for the club and many thanks to those who participated.

The Worcester Show Sponsorship

The club have been approached by the organisers of the Worcester Show to sponsor a couple of classes in the fruit and vegetable section. The club committee have discussed and agreed to offer free membership to the winners in each class we agree to sponsor plus a £10 gardening voucher. The website link for further details of the event is:- [Get involved and volunteer - Worcester Show](#) . We were surprised to be told that Worcester does not have its own garden club.

Events for Your Diaries:-

Various RHS shows and festivals for 2023:-

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival - Tuesday 4th to Sunday 9th July 2023

RHS Tatton Park Flower Show – Wednesday 19th to Sunday 23rd July 2023

RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show – Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th August 2023

RHS Garden Rosemoor Flower Show – Friday 18th to Sunday 20 August 2023

RHS Wisley Garden Flower Show – Tuesday 5th to Sunday 10th September 2023

Malvern Autumn Show – Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September 2023

All the local NGS open gardens in the area :- <https://ngs.org.uk>

Quiz Night in Martley

Finally, 12 of our club members went on a gardening quiz night at Martley Village Hall on the 25th May 2023. This was organised by the Martley Gardening Club. We formed 3 teams of 4 and acquitted ourselves well. Team “Luck for Some” came in 2nd, “The Floral Four” came in at 3rd place and the “Garden Gnomes” were 5th. The hall was packed with teams from gardening clubs from all around the area.

Larry

The Old Rectory at Eastnor Visit on the 17th of June 2023

The 17th June 2023 saw the first club garden visit of our summer season. The Herefordshire garden "The Old Rectory" is nestled into the base of the Malvern Hills. The garden is a mix of semiformal planting, kitchen garden and developing wild flower meadow. It is beautifully maintained and is planted with many roses providing soft colour and scent.



Warm weather, tea and cake and an impossibly sweet puppy made for an excellent afternoon.

Mary