

Charing Gardeners' Society

June 2017

Newsletter



Charing Church Fete Saturday 17th June - Noon Charing Gardeners' Society Flower Marquee Presents a celebration of Summer Gardens.

Following on from the success of last year's wonderful display in our smart new marquee we would like to invite you once again to show off what we grow in our gardens in and around the village. We were overwhelmed last year by the generosity of members and friends, whether they brought along arm fulls of glorious blooms and foliage or a tiny handful of garden treasures.



Our aim is to fill our marquee again this year with a wonderful display of flowers, foliage, fruit, vegetables or any other garden produce that is looking good at the time - we would also ask you to bring along jars of jam or chutney, eggs, homemade wine, bread, craft items, art or photographs based on the classes in the show schedule.

Please bring something along, however small, and join in the fun. All contributions will be gratefully received at the marquee between 9.00am and 11.45am on the morning of the fete. These offerings will then be combined into a beautiful display within the marquee. Everything will be sold or auctioned at the end of the day, around 3.30 - 4pm, to raise money for the church - so please be there for that.

If anyone is able to help put up and take down the marquee we would be glad of your help. Please give me a call. Any queries regarding our marquee display at the fete please contact Aly Pinnock 01233 712840 or Heather Button 01233 635777.

A great afternoon for family and friends – bring them all along. We look forward to sharing this wonderful event with you again this year.

Wine and Wander

**Saturday 24th June. 2 - 4pm
Pear Tree Cottage, Hothfield.**

We are delighted that Phil and Sue have invited us back to their beautiful garden for another Wine and Wander.



A mature garden, having evolved over thirty years, a two-thirds of an acre site is divided into various sections. It is still constantly evolving. In the herb garden the spent Hidcote lavender has been replaced by Lavenite Petite and on the patio the collection of hostas has been added to and new St Swithuns roses established. These areas abut the main lawn which is surrounded by "stuffed" herbaceous borders, with phlox and monarda featuring especially. The productive vegetable garden leads into a small, quiet white garden.

The early season makes it difficult to predict what will be at its best in late June, particularly so for the roses, but in any event, make sure that you bring the sun with you on the 24th!

"Car parking at Pear Tree Cottage is limited. If you need to park on site please let us know in advance (713103) and we will arrange a space, but otherwise we suggest guests park at Tutt Hill (near to Hothfield Car sales and the Yellow Fisherman) and walk down. We do not recommend parking on the other side of the A20 - crossing the road is hazardous with fast moving traffic. We look forward to seeing everyone."

We ask for donations of £3 per head from members for Wine and Wander events.

Plant Donations – Please bring along any plant donations for the stall. This continues to be a valuable fund raiser for the society and gives the opportunity to share plants with other members.

Fete helpers

As many of you know the church fete is one of our biggest events of the year and therefore requires a lot of planning and manpower, especially on the evening before, to set up, and after the fete ends on Saturday afternoon, to clear away. If you could spare a little time to come along and help that would be much appreciated. We will be setting up on the afternoon of Friday 16th around 5.00pm and clearing away after the fete ends.

Please give me a call to confirm times for set up if you are able to come along.

Thank you.

Sundial Garden Working Party

Friday 9th June, between 5pm – 7pm

Let's make sure this lovely little garden looks great for the church fete weekend and we can impress the many visitors who come to the village for the fete. Things are coming along well; let's keep up the good work.

If you can come along just for an hour we would appreciate your help. Please bring your own hand tools and gloves. **If you require any more details contact Hilary on 712280.**

Fabulous Ferns

It was indeed a pleasure to have Jude Lawton with us again last month to inspire us about growing ferns in our gardens. There is a fern for pretty much every location in your garden. Easy, no nonsense sort of plants it seems.

It would be great to see some ferns at our shows – either in pots or in the classes for foliage. The foliage class at the spring show had a sizable number of very high quality and attractive entries. Why not give this a go, I certainly will?

Godinton Visit

Around 22 members spent a wonderful afternoon admiring some of the most amazing trees on the estate. Nick, the estate manager, who has such wonderful vision for the future of this estate, is looking forward a hundred years to maintain and restore the fabric of the house and buildings by growing the trees/timber needed by the various craftsmen in the near and distant future. Truly inspiring.



Summer Show Saturday 15th July Parish Hall, Charing

Make sure you have this date in your diary. **A great day for you, your family and friends.**

More details about the summer show in next month's newsletter – in the meantime it's never too early to see which classes you might enter next month – have a look around your garden and browse through the schedule in your annual, there is something for everyone whether you are a plantsman, a cook, are crafty, a photographer, a floral artist or you have a child or grandchild child who can produce a garden on a tray.

If you are not sure what, or how to enter, give Aly Pinnock, Show Secretary, a call 01233 712840 or email alypinnock@btinternet.com.

We look forward to seeing you there, even if you are none of the above please come and support those who are, and enjoy some delicious tea/coffee and cake, have a natter and enjoy the wonderful displays from our summer gardens.

The plant stall will be in operation so please bring along any plants etc. that need adopting.

Visit to Kew Gardens Saturday 5th August

This trip is now sold out but if you would like to put your name on the reserve list please contact Chris Flannery

A full day trip to Kew with a one hour guided tour included

(see page 61 of the annual for full details)

Coach leaves Charing School at 8.30am

£25 for members - £28 for non-members

Christine Flannery 714160

Wine and Wander

**Kelmescott, Pluckley Rd, Charing
Friday 7th July. 6.30 – 8.30pm**

Another date for your diary, please see page 62 and 47 of the annual for more details. One not to be missed – our first visit to this very special garden.

Discounts

Don't forget to support those advertisers and local businesses who offer discounts to society members – see page 6 and 8 of your annual.

Plants at the Swan - The Potted Garden

Fixings Warehouse - Madrona Nursery

Ville de Fleurs

Don't miss out on any of our events please ask for a lift.

Email heather.button@sky.com
or phone me on 01233 635777

Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market Day

Sunday 25th June 10am – 5pm

Explore more than 30 private and community gardens in the heart of historic Faversham.

£6 per person or £10 for 2 children under 12 free.
www.favershamsociety.org

A Festival of Flowers and Flour

The life of a Country Church

St. Margaret's Church, Hothfield

Sat and Sun 10th and 11th June

10.30 - 4.30pm

(Evensong at 4.30 on Sunday 11th)

Free Entry – Floral Café serving light lunches, cakes and cream teas.

Plant and produce stall. Children's Competition – Make a garden on a dinner plate. Prizes to be won.

Do come along and support one of your neighbouring churches.

Delphinium Week

Godinton House and Gardens

June 23rd – July 2nd

Facebook

Please join us on social media - post pictures of your garden successes, comment on existing topics and see what events are up and coming.

<https://www.facebook.com/Charing-Gardeners-Society->

Plants for Sale

Hilary and Keith have rather a lot of young plants which are looking for a home. As usual we have planted far too many for our needs and due to other commitments haven't been able to attend any recent Society meetings to pass them on. However, if you would like any please give us a call – 712280 come and collect and leave a donation for the Society.

We have available:

Dahlia's – large well established
Achillea – Summer Berries
Penstemon
Rudbeckia – Cutting Mix
Gaura – The Bride
Aster – Ostrich Plume
Tomatoes – various varieties
Chillies – Red & Yellow
Peppers
Cucumbers - Diva

Boughton and Eastwell Gardening Club

Boughton and Eastwell Gardening Club have been in touch to enquire if any of our members would be interested in the trip below.

Saturday 1 July to Burwash Garden Safari (8 gardens open) in Sussex (there will be a stop at Petals Garden Centre for shopping/lunch break) and a drop off at Batemans for those preferring to visit Rudyard Kipling's home. Coach costs £12.50 and entry to the garden safari is £6 to be paid by the individual. There is a pick up at Wye Church at 9.45am or Boughton Lees Village Green at 10am (outside Bumbles).

Cheques should be made payable to Boughton and Eastwell Gardening Club and sent to Barbara Britton, Tower Farm, Boughton Lees, Nr Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HT. Or for more details call Barbara on 07719 908396

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