

Charing Gardeners' Society

May 2017

Newsletter



Godinton Park Estate

A Guided Walk with Nick Sandford – Estate Manager

Friday May 5th – 3pm



A guided walk around the estate which will cost £7 per person (members and guests) and includes tea and cake. The walk is limited to 25 people so everyone can hear. The walk will take approximately an hour with lots of stops.

What better way to spend an afternoon – discovering the delights of this wonderful local estate – wildlife, woodland, river, flora and fauna, history and the running of the estate.

Please see full details of this event on page 60 of the annual. Any queries please contact Christine Flannery 714160.

Please meet at Godinton promptly for a 3pm start. We look forward to you joining us there.

Growing Ferns for the Garden

Wednesday 17th May - Church Barn, Charing. 7.30pm.



This month we welcome back Jude Lawton, a retired landscape gardener and chair of the Plant Heritage Kent Group. This is a highly informative and entertaining talk on successfully growing ferns in the garden - a fascinating a varied group of plants which we should all find a space for.

Entrance is £2 for members and £3 for non-members and includes refreshments. New members always welcome. There will be a raffle and please remember our **plant and seed re-homing stall** - so please bring along any contributions, clearly labelled, plus some loose change and a carrier bag to take home plants etc. that you adopt. Thank you.

Sundial Garden Working Party

Thursday 11th May - 5pm - 7pm

Please note this tidy up in on a Thursday this time.

We look forward to seeing some new people coming along to help. Please bring your own hand tools and gloves. Any queries please contact Hilary 712280.

Visit to Kew Gardens

Saturday 5th August

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

Only a few tickets remaining

Book now with Christine Flannery
714160

Orchid Talk

Some 40 members joined us for the April talk about Growing Orchids in your Garden.

Daniel Denness spoke passionately about this wonderful group of plants, of which there are 57 species native to the British Isles and 47,000 species worldwide.

We have an orchid class in the spring show and classes for flowers and flowering plants in all the shows. Maybe we will see more orchids at our shows in the future.

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

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Stunning Spring Show

This was by far the best spring show for many years. Thank you and well done to all those who entered or came along in the afternoon to enjoy the displays. The judge was impressed with the excellent quality and presentation of the entries again this year and thoroughly enjoyed his time judging.



We were delighted that thirty-two members took part filling the show tables with 130 entries. A wonderful display. Thank you all. Karen Saunders won the Kay Bagshaw Cup for the best vase of daffodils and Shelia Ferries won the Pattinson Trophy for her magnificent pot of red tulips.



Thank you also to our lovely tea ladies Janet and Jill and to those who made the delicious cakes for the refreshments or donated plants etc. to the stall.

Visit our Facebook page to see more pictures of the show. Your comments would be welcome too.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Show in July. Classes to suit everyone. Never too early to start planning although the weather might challenge us again this year!

Wonderful Woodland and Summer Show

Class 64 at the summer show. While the woodlands are looking fresh and exciting let's get out there snapping some great photographs to enter the summer show. The photographic entries for the spring show were very creative and much admired by the judge. So why not give it a go. Also, take a look at the rest of the schedule too and see what you could enter – flowers, veg, fruit, floral art, cookery, crafts and photography. Give it a go!

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

Charing Church Fete

Saturday 17th June,

Make sure you have this date in your diary. Thanks to your wonderful generosity last year our smart new marquee looked stunning – filled with an array of colourful flowers, garden produce and bunting. We hope to repeat this for the 2017 fete. More details about our flower show marquee in next month's newsletter.

Plant Re-Homing Stall

Thank you to those who have donated plants, cuttings, seeds and magazines to the stall this year. Margery still has a little cardamine plant which someone bought and forgot to take. Please remember small change for your purchases and a carrier bag to take your adopted plants home in.

No-dig Gardening Guru Charles Dowding

Talk and Lunch at the Blooming Green Flower Pot

Sunday May 14th – 11am – 3pm

Lunch by Home Gurr'own – Tickets £60

For more information and to book visit

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Dates for your Diary

Godinton House and Gardens Plant Fair
Sunday May 7th + Lots more events in 2017.

Hothfield Church Flower Festival
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June

Plant ID – Can you help?

Please see our Facebook page to see if you can help identify a plant Amanda Sargeant has asked for help with. To date remains a mystery!

Support Local Businesses

The committee would like to thank all the local businesses who have supported the society by advertising in this year's annual. We would therefore encourage you to support them in return. Remember to shop local to help smaller businesses survive.

Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society

The society supports this charity by purchasing their show stationary. Please visit perennial.org.uk to find out more about the wonderful work they do to support gardeners.

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. Also, see more photographs from the Spring Show.

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