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From the Chair - June 2023

Another good trip to Wisley took place last month and we were lucky with a nice sunny day. It was lovely to see so many members on the trip. Thanks to Mark Richards for organising this.

We need a few more for the Olney trip to make it viable. So if you are interested please fill in and submit the form below.

Hope that you are thinking about entering the show, John Windass has written in this month's newsletter about a new floral art class with dahlias.



Committee member Maureen Stevens on a buggy at Wisley.

Photo topics for the Autumn Show

- 100. Bees.
- 101. Stairs or steps.
- 102. Rows of things.
- 103. Open

AUTUMN SHOW: NEW CLASS ALERT YOU ONLY NEED ONE!

Members are advised that there will be a new "Dahlias As Art" class in the Autumn Show especially for those who love the perfection, vibrancy and drama of these summer stunners!

Taking a "leaf" out of the National Dahlia Society book this class is however all about displaying a single dahlia bloom to be mounted on 20x15cm picture frame obtainable from Colin Mather or on Show Day from the administrator's desk. Whilst you must still grow this bloom yourself, it will be judged principally for what looks fantastic against a matt black background. So what type of dahlia it is doesn't matter and for once size doesn't matter.....too big might look all wrong on the frame!

As this class is all about dahlia beauty you will find it in the Floral Art section of the Show.

Please remember also that to enter this class you only need one perfect bloom on show day! So whether you have just one carefully nurtured dahlia plant in a container on your patio or devote your allotment to dozens you still have a chance! Good luck!

John Windass



Picture Frame Challenge at NDS Show at Wisley 2022

Saturday June 17th.

Visit to The Manor House Garden and market town of Olney, North Buckinghamshire.

The Manor House Garden is a private garden owned by Kathy and Simon Brown who have agreed to open their garden to us only and provide homemade tea and cake and a 45 minute tour of the garden by Kathy and Simon showing the highlights . The rest of the visit we can explore the garden at our own pace. We arrive at the garden at 2pm. The garden is 4.5 acres containing formal garden, herbaceous borders, art garden, containers, cottage garden and wild flower meadow. All designed and cared for by Kathy. Kathy also has a small shop on site. Website is www.kathybrownsgarden.com

In the morning we are stopping at the nearby Georgian market town of Olney (north Buckinghamshire) which has plenty of tea shops and cafes and shops as well as a museum called Cowper and Newton. The museum has a historic garden and celebrates Olney and the two historical figures of Mr Cowper a historical poet and the Slave abolitionist Mr Newton who penned the hymn *Amazing Grace*. You will have the morning to explore the towns facilities and visit the museum (there is an entry charge which is not included)if you wish.

The cost per person is £31.00 each to include coach, drivers tip, entry to The Manor House Garden , **tea and cake** and the tour.

Please advise of any dietary requirements for the tea and home made cakes.

Mark Richards

"What a Beautiful Day"

(by the Levellers 1997)

On 20th May 2023, we were indeed blessed with a beautiful day. A slightly anxious start however, as the new (to us) coach driver had been advised by one of his colleagues to do the pick-ups in reverse order! (There followed a nerve-tingling half hour for the organiser, Nigel.) Once we were all safely aboard, we made our way through the countryside to Surrey ... destination 'Wisley'.



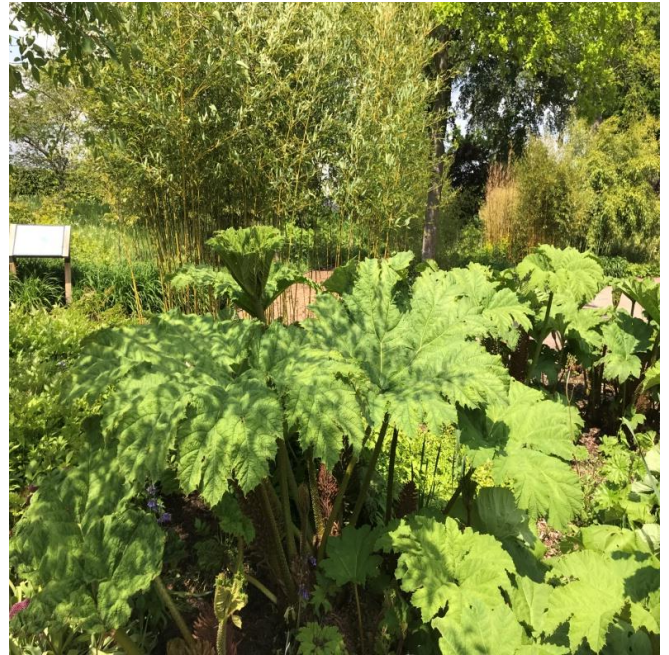
From the moment we arrived, our senses were overwhelmed with the beauty of the place. The only decision to make was which direction to go in first!



The rhododendrons were truly magnificent and surely at their peak; as was the spectacular wisteria arch, which had purple alliums as companion.



It won't take long to become a giant, dominating the side of the walkway!



And there were two of these bright pink specimens standing like sentries at the base of the hill climb.



Just a couple of the many colours

Inside the Palm House there were many fine specimens of all type of gorgeous hot house plants. Including this unusual chap

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Outside again, the young Gunnera looked vibrant and fresh in its late Spring glory.



There were fantastic views and such a great variety of beautiful plants at each and every turn.

RHS Gardening in June

Summer arrives

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Top gardening jobs this month

1 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside

Choose vibrant bedding plants for a short-term show or herbs, shrubs and evergreens for a long-lasting display.

2 Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas

3 Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes

Removing the side-shoots is simple - every time you water, check the plant for any shoots sprouting just above each leaf, from the joint between the leaf and the stem.

4 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes

5 Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds

6 Mow lawns at least once a week - but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife

7 Plant out summer bedding

8 Stake tall or floppy plants

9 Prune many spring-flowering shrubs

10 Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch



We had a super day, returned to the coach foot sore and weary, but very happy. Many thank the organisers for taking us on this lovely trip.

Sue J.

RHS Entry Discount Card



The Society now has a discount card which offers two adults a 50% discount off entry to any RHS Garden (Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley).

The card is currently held at 18 Kennylands.

Contact the Chairman if you want to borrow it. It can be posted to you if you do not live locally.

We welcome your comments/articles/letters these can be sent to CEHS at cehs561@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

COACH OUTING The Manor House Garden and market town of Olney, North Buckinghamshire.

Saturday June 17th.

Pick up points are Kidmore End turn (9.00am), Sonning Common Post Office (9.05 am), and Peppard Stores (9.10am) returning at approximately 5.45pm

Name	Phone number	Pickup Point

Members/Non-members £31.00 Deadline 6th June 2023

I enclose cheque/cash in the sum of £ _____ Please make cheques payable to C.E.H.S

Signature: Tel No: _____

Please return completed form to Mark Richards c/o, 18 Kennylands Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9JT

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