



JUNE NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Members

Well what a merry-go-round we are having with the weather. It is more like April at the moment than flaming June! One minute we all in a sauna and the next minute we are wet, shivering and cold. Our gardens must be extremely confused.

The tickets for Parham House and Gardens will be closing on 18 June so if you haven't got your tickets then you had better contact Nel as soon as possible.

We had an excellent time on our holiday to Devon. The weather was kind, the hotel was very good. We all saw some lovely gardens and had time in Dartmouth to do a little bit of shopping. Our huge thanks to Alison and Sue for all the hard work they have done to make this the success it was. Those on holiday raised money as a thank you to them both. They were both presented with a bouquet of flowers and Alison was given a book token and Sue a garden token also.

At our meeting on 8 June we welcomed Elizabeth Mooney of the RHS who gave an interesting and enthusiastic talk on the growing of fruit and vegetables. Poor Elizabeth got caught up in long delay on the A3 and was stuck for 2 hours. However, although she arrived 20 minutes late, she more than made up for it as her talk really brought home to us how climate change really is putting food production at risk and encouraged us to try and grow as much of our own produce as possible.

Tickets for Wisley on 15 September will be on sale at our next meeting in July but a reminder that we won't be able to sell tickets at our meeting in September as that will only be the day before our visit and Wisley want the final numbers by 1 September. As we don't have a meeting in August either, you only have the July meeting to obtain your tickets, otherwise it will all need to be done by post to Nel. The form for Wisley is enclosed with this Newsletter. The form is somewhat complicated as those members with an RHS card are able to bring a guest for free. Please read the form carefully. You can also pay for these tickets on line.

Our speaker for our meeting on 13 July is Sally Botwright. Sally is a born Londoner and loves her city enough for her to pass her City of London exams and the London Blue Badge Tour Guide. Her talk will be on the City of London Gardens. In between the skyscrapers and medieval passageways are many green spaces of varying styles and sizes. I'm sure her talk will be a fascinating visit to a London most of us will not know.

Some mixed news. Some of you might already know that our speaker for December was Matthew Biggs. Matthew died very suddenly a week ago so Annie has been looking for a speaker to replace him. We are delighted to inform you that we now have Nick Bailey of BBC Gardener's World fame who will be giving a talk on The Perfume Garden. So put December 14 in your diaries as this will be an extremely popular talk. It will of course be a ticketed event. Details later in the year.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

**Jeni
Chair**