



June 2024

Saturday, 8th June - Molesey Carnival

Tuesday, 18th June 2024, 7 for 7.30 pm Peter Almond talking about 'Gardening for wildlife'.

Saturday, 17th August 2024 Annual Flower Show, St Nicholas Church Hall, Summer Road, Thames Ditton 2-4 p.m.

Friday, 27th September - Visit to Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire. Fabulous autumn asters and much more. For more information and booking form please visit Events and Trips.

Tuesday, 15th October 2024, 7 for 7.30 pm Avis Marshall on 'Wonder of Bees'.

Tuesday, 26th November 2024, AGM 7 for 7.30 pm. Refreshments and Quiz

Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter

As gardeners we have struggled this Spring with the daily changes in the weather, but our gardens have still produced some lovely displays despite the weather.

Are you aware of our flower bed at the Thames Ditton Coop car park off Hampton Court Way? This flower bed was planted by members of the society. It was an area of grass and weeds, but I am glad to report that it is now a beautiful display of perennial plants (this is a garden that has benefitted from all the rain). If you have not seen it, please do make time to take a look.

Molesey Carnival

This year's Molesey Carnival is being held on 8th June, this is the Society's main fund-raising event where we have our plant stall. Many thanks to all our members who have been helping to grow on plug plants, but we do need extra plants to sell, so if you have any spare plants raised from seedlings or have divided your perennials and potted them on, they would be very welcome on our stall. Also, your help is needed on the day either from 9 a.m. to help arrange the stall and price up the plants or any time during the day to help with selling the plants. Even if you can only spare an hour your help would be greatly appreciated.

Garden Talks

We have already had two garden talks this year and the third one will be on Tuesday 18th June 7 for 7.30. For this we have invited back Peter Almond and he will be talking about 'Gardening for wildlife'. These talks are an opportunity to hear interesting speakers and after the talk to meet and get to know, over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit, other like-minded people who share your interest in gardening.

We really would like more people to come and attend these talks so please try and encourage family and friends come along. We hope to see you there.

EMGS GARDEN DAYS OUT IN 2024

For the Autumn of 2024, we have chosen to visit Waterperry Gardens, near Oxford. We'll leave by coach as usual from the Marquis of Granby car park. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone is welcome so do bring friends too.

Friday Sept 27 - Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire.

Known for its fabulous autumn asters, and much more. The garden was made famous by Beatrix Havergal who established and ran her *School of Horticulture for Ladies* here from 1932 to 1971. It's now home to 8 acres of beautifully landscaped ornamental gardens, a quality plant centre and garden shop, gallery and gift shop, museum, and tea shop. We have chosen the date on the advice of the Head Gardener so that hopefully we will see the best display of their outstandingly 'blousy' Waterperry asters.

Our day includes access to the grounds, plant shop, gift barn, gallery, and café. By visiting on a Friday, the ornamental garden is free with a current RHS card, and there is an afternoon house fresco tour too.

The cost of the day is £45. The ornamental garden free with an RHS card, or £11:50 and entry is optional. The afternoon fresco tour, also optional, is £5.00. Booking form attached to this email. Find out more: <https://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk/>

Flower Show 2024

The Society's annual flower show will take place on Saturday, 17th August at St Nicolas Church Hall, Thames Ditton. Information with the Schedule, Rules and Entry forms will be sent out via email at the beginning of July. If you wish to look at the Schedule and Rules before July in order to plan your entries, these can now be viewed and downloaded from the website www.emgs.co.uk. If you have never entered the flower show before, please do think about entering, its your entries that make our show a success.

Wildlife Hospital in Leatherhead

A message from Renee Fisher

I volunteer at the Wildlife Hospital in Leatherhead and have been asked whether anyone has any spare of the following plants:

Foxgloves

Poppies

Hollyhocks

The hospital needs hundreds for their new site, and if anyone feels like helping the team plant them too – please don't be shy!