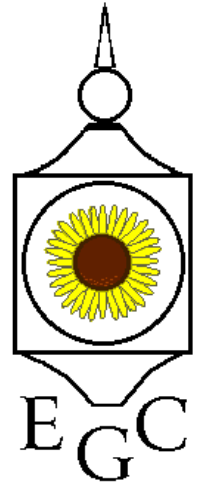


EARLSDON GARDENING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023



It's been a good year, numbers are picking up again, we've had two enjoyable outings and listened to some interesting speakers. The "Colour in the Garden" competition has been well subscribed with lots of lovely examples from your gardens. The raffle continues to do well and thanks to those who have donated some great prizes. We organised a very successful "Gardener's Question Time" recording which was well attended by members and lots of keen gardeners from Coventry and surrounding areas.

So, our thoughts turn to the 2023/24 season and the committee has been very active in drawing up another great programme of speakers for you to enjoy. We are also planning next years' trips, with a visit to Batsford Arboretum already booked for October. We are also thinking about another of our annual visits to one of the RHS gardens possibly Harlow Carr in Harrogate. Don't forget we are always keen to hear from you about places you would like to visit or have visited and would recommend to others.



The club's membership process is going to be slightly different this year as we need to streamline things and provide you with more options. The fee for membership will be £18 which is slightly up on last year but needs to reflect our increased costs.

Talks and activities for 2023/2024

2 nd September		Earlsdon Flower and Produce Show at St. Barbara's Church Hall.
11 th September	Paul Williams	'A look at Solanaceae - Potatoes, Peppers, Petunias and Poisons'. An intriguing topic to start the year!
9 th October	Charlotte Ridpath	'The Sherbourne Valley Project'. The aim of this project is to restore and revitalise the river Sherbourne which runs through the heart of Coventry. Funding of £3m has been secured and the project is planned to take up to 4 years to complete.
13 th November plus AGM	Sarah Ridgeway	We will start the meeting with the Annual General Meeting and then go on to hear about 'Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden, Warwick'. This was originally the kitchen garden to Guy's Cliffe House. It is being brought back to life by a dedicated team of volunteers.
11 th December	Sophie Harris	'Christmas Flower Arrangements'. Always a popular choice with members!
12 th February	Geoff Hodge	'Happy Houseplants – The indoor jungle'. Interest in houseplants has really increased and the choice is much bigger than ever.
11 th March	Russell Attwood	'Soil – More than just dirt'. A look at no-dig gardening and soil improvement.
8 th April	Ian Thwaites	'Cacti and Succulents'. Ian is an award-winning botanical photographer and has a particular interest in this topic.
13 th May	Paul Green	'Dark and Desirable!' What can this be about?!!
10 th June	Dr Anton Rosenfeld	'Best Peat free growing'. Compost containing peat will soon be unavailable for domestic garden use, so this is an opportunity to look at alternatives.
8 th July	Pip Smith	'The drought resilient garden'. A pertinent topic particularly after the extreme temperatures experienced in 2022 and looks like 2023 as well.

Venue: St. Barbara's Church Hall, Rochester Road, Earlsdon.

Doors open at 7.30 pm, notices at 7.45 pm followed by the Visiting Speaker. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

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