



CUDDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

NEWSLETTER – June 2017

Christian Aid – A big thank you to all those of you who donated all the lovely plants and/or came and bought many of the plants for Christian Aid on Monday, 15th May at Wellfield House. Sales went swimmingly – quite literally at one point. The few plants that were left went either to Nether Winchendon Fête (those that would not last until July) or stayed with Jennifer until Cuddington Fête!

Forthcoming Events (All visitors very welcome)

Monday, 12th June: A talk by Timothy Walker, who has been Curator of the Oxford Botanic Gardens. “A Blaze of Glory – how to have continuous colour from autumn through to winter”. For further information, contact Maria Allen mariaeallen@hotmail.com Tel . 01844 208774

Sunday, 25th June: Visit to the Savill Gardens in Windsor by coach – a flyer will be circulated in the next few days. For more information contact Jennifer jschramdejong@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 01844 291501

Saturday, 8th July: CGC Plant Stall – Plants and Help needed. The more helpers we have the less time on the stall! If you are able to give some help on the stall – say an hour to an hour and a half, please contact Gilly gilycottman@live.co.uk Tel. 01844 292650. Gilly will be making a roster for the afternoon; help will also be needed to set up and dismantle the stall.

After Kathy Brown’s great talk to us on 8th May, a goodly number of members expressed the wish to visit Kathy’s garden. Jennifer promised the Committee would plan a visit either in late summer this year or in the Spring/early summer next year. She will contact Kathy and see what can be arranged and when would be an ideal time to visit. Should you like this idea, let Jennifer or a member of the committee know.

I look forward to seeing you on 12th June for Timothy Walker’s talk and very much hope you will also join our visit to The Savill Garden in Windsor on 25th June, which should be a most enjoyable day out. We needed the rain, but please, no rain dances on these two dates!!

Things to do at the moment:

Keep listening to the weather forecasts in case we get more late frosts. It is worth waiting a little longer before planting out tender plants such as runner and french beans, dahlias, etc. However, you can put out some tender plants if you can cover them with a cloche!

Keep an eye out for vine weevils as I mentioned last month. Provada systemic vine weevil killer from the garden centre is very effective. A liquid fertiliser made from seaweed is a good all round fertiliser but then so is tomato feed – it is good for tomatoes too! Watch out for slugs as well – they seem to be extremely hungry at the moment. They don’t particularly like gravel but a slug will travel anywhere if it is really hungry!

With best wishes and continue to enjoy your gardening,

Jennifer