

Hill Rise Allotment Association

St. Ives [Cambridgeshire] Gardening Club

Newsletter

June 2023

Hi Everyone, What a month that was May. Last year we enjoyed balmy temperatures in the mid 20'sC, yesterday felt like 10C with the cool northerly wind. Plants are in a state of confusion, our Pauls Himalayan Musk straddling our 18 metre high Sorbus, though full of bud for the last 2 weeks have failed so far to open. Sweet Peas are barely moving, French and Borlotti Beans took 4 weeks to emerge, Beetroot are still at cotyledon stage after 3 weeks, Chard is at last on the move yet, in my glasshouse I have picked 3 'mini muncher' Cucumbers and the Tomatoes are flowering and first trusses beginning to set. Let's hope June is indeed a blazing one, though looking at this morning nothing has changed and unlikely for a few days yet!

Some of us went over to Buckden Towers for their annual rare plants sale. Whilst there I made contact with the lead tour guide volunteer and I am hopeful that we might be able to get a speaker over in 2024 followed up by a visit in June 2024. It is only 11 miles away, a 20 minute drive, so we could visit via car sharing as we did a few years ago for the Swiss garden at Old Warden. The Walled Garden comprises a Tudor Knot Garden, see below.



Invitation from Hill Rise Allotment Association to members of HRAA St Ives Gardening club

HRAA~Summer Event

Sunday 11th June 2023 a free event from 2.30 pm to 5 pm
on Plot 92, Hill Rise Allotments



~Afternoon Tea~

with sandwiches and cake, tea or coffee, and soft drinks.

We would be so pleased if you could come and bring along your family and friends.

There will be

~Plants for Sale~ and the *Swop Bench*~

~a chance to *Meet the Experts* with your questions~

~ *Worm Activities* for the Children ~

~*All About Bees* where you can see equipment and honeycomb~

~*Match the Seed to the Plant* game~

~*Find the Photo* game~



What a lovely way to meet your allotment neighbours and their families.
Looking forward to seeing you there.



If you wish to attend please advise me by Wednesday 7th June at robin.bletsoe@yahoo.com in order I may confirm our numbers

Our next meeting on Wednesday 21st June is an opportunity for Gardener's Question time, but as advised at the last meeting as I have had no questions as such there will be 2 subjects which will be addressed via a powerpoint presentation – (a) Pot culture for those with small gardens and (b) What use can be made of 'Clouches'.

Finally from Dawn at Cranbrook:

I have advised Dawn that the Garden Club Membership would visit as a group on Friday 23rd June at 2.00pm, though individuals may go at other times during the 4 day event. Please let me know by **Friday 16th June** if you would like to attend in order I may let Dawn know numbers for catering and seating.



Come and see our
Summer Sensations event

The display will be held between 22nd & 25th June

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Hopefully have a good summer, see some of you on the 21st June

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