

Quorn Garden Club



Members News: June 2023

Our Next Event: Plant Swap

Thursday, 15th June 2023, 7.00 pm

Our next event is our annual Plant Swap/summer social. This will be held in my garden: 82A Leicester Road, Quorn, LE12 8BB. Please access the garden via the driveway between nos 80 and 82 Leicester Road. My house is on the right at the end of the drive. Do not bring your car down the drive.

For the Plant Swap – **everyone** is asked to **bring a plant** (any plant you like!). You will be given a raffle ticket and then asked to choose a plant to take home when your ticket is drawn.

We very much hope you can all come and look forward to seeing you all there.

Note: A change from the published programme. The talk originally planned for May was *Medicinal Plants: A Medicine Chest in your Back Garden*. This has been re-programmed for **21st September** (replacing Badgers in the Garden, which will be a bit later on 16th November). Apologies for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

Quorn Roadside Verge Survey

Re-wilding Initiative in Quorn

A Quorn roadside verge survey is to be held on 1st July. This will be a baseline survey of wildflowers to establish the current value of the verges for wildlife. It will lead to recommendations on how best to manage them in the future in order to retain, enhance and protect them and the wildlife they support. Garden Club members are encouraged to take part.

Short courses (as attached) have been organised. All courses are led by exceptionally knowledgeable county recorders at NatureSpot and are intended to be enjoyable and knowledgeable experiences. Booking is essential and all the details can be found in the attached leaflet.

Verge Survey Open Days 2023 - for our new re-wilding verges: Northage Close 10am, Wood Lane 11.30am, Gamble Way 1.30pm.

Visit a Local Garden

10th & 11th June & 16th July: The Secret Garden of the Wigston Framework Knitters Museum. Victorian walled cottage garden, referred to as ‘Higgledy Piggledy’.

11th June: 4 Packman Green, Countesthorpe, Leicester LE8 5WS. Town house garden, lots of plants for sale!

11th June: Nevill Holt Hall, Market Harborough, LE16 6EG. Walled gardens & sculpture.

24th June/22nd July: The Secret Garden, Glenfield Hospital, LE12 9QP. Walled /Victorian.

24th & 25th June: The Old Barn, Swadlincote, DE12 8AF. 2-acre garden with wildlife meadow. Plenty of drinks, cakes and seats!

Every Wednesday, 7 June to 26 July: Stoke Albany House, Market Harborough LE16 8PT. 4-acre country house garden, display of roses, topiary, and water features.

For full information and more gardens go to www.ngs.org.uk.

RHS Harlow Carr – 7th July

You are invited to join Barrow Garden Club on their visit to RHS Harlow Carr – a glorious garden in beautiful Yorkshire countryside. Lots of wonderful highlights including running and still water, woodland and wildflower meadows. Cost £26 – bookings now being taken: email jeanettehollis53@yahoo.co.uk or phone Maggie on 01509 812213. Coach leaves Barrow (Bishop Beveridge) at 8am & North Street at 8.10am. Estimated time to visit the gardens is 5 hours, leaving at 4pm.

Plant Hunters’ Fairs - Reminder

Taking place on Sunday 30th July, at Donington Le Heath House, LE67 2FW, 10am-4pm, entrance £1. For full details of all the 2023 the Plants Hunters Fairs nationwide go to www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk.

Discount at Six Acres Nurseries

Following Dave Stockdale’s talk to us in April, Quorn Garden Club members can benefit from a generous 10% discount on purchases at Six Acres Nurseries (Loughborough Road, Costock, LE12 6XB).

Ann Brown, Chairman