

COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY COTSWOLD GROUP JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



SMALL GROUP VISITS

3pm Tuesday 16th June Moor Wood, Woodmancote GL7 7EB (3.5 miles NW of Cirencester) The visit includes a tour led by the owner, Henry Robinson.
www.moorwoodroses.co.uk

June is a month for roses and our small group visit is to Moor Wood, Woodmancote near North Cerney, which holds the National Collection of Rambler Roses within two acres of shrub, orchard and wildflower gardens in a valley setting.



The cost will be £17 per head including tour and tea & cake. Please let Natalie know if you would like to come along - Natalie@lestones.plus.com

Cotswold Farm

Those of you who missed our last small group visit can still enjoy Cotswold Farm's gardens on 5th and 6th September when it opens for the NGS from 2pm to 5pm

MALVERN SPRING SHOW 2026



While not mounting a display at this year's Malvern Spring Show, we did provide an information stand to publicise the Cottage Garden Society, in its local and national forms. This stand was staffed by volunteers, to whom very many thanks.

MALVERN SPRING SHOW 2027

Natalie and Robert went to Somerset in May to visit East Lambrook garden and a nursery which specialises in Margery Fish's plants. The aim is to create a display for next year's Malvern Spring Show focusing on important gardeners in cottage garden history, especially Margery Fish.

We will need folk to nurture plants; to help set up; and to staff the stand. Watch this space to find out how you can get involved!

LOCAL NGS GARDENS OPEN IN JUNE

Open on Sunday 14th June from 1pm to 6pm, a star attraction this month will be Stanton Village Gardens. This beautiful village has gardens of all sizes and is always a delight with the huge variety of gardens and the quality of their planning, planting and maintenance. The lovely church is open too.

The Mount Inn with its panoramic views is open for lunch, while several gardens provide home-made teas.

Combined admission £10 adult; child free. Stanton, Near Broadway, WR12 7NE.

Similarly enticing, Blockley has 6 individual gardens and the large allotment site open on Sunday 21st June from 1pm to 6pm.

As with Stanton, the gardens offer great variety and some have stunning views. Combined admission: adult £10; child free. Home-made teas at St George's Hall and the Allotments. Blockley, Moreton in Marsh, GL56 9DB

VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

Held in aid of local churches and charities, these are always good value and Beckford is no exception.

BECKFORD OPEN VILLAGE

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 1pm to 6pm. Adult £8; child free. Dogs on leads welcome. Free parking. GL20 7AD

As always, lovely open gardens, plant sales, church flower displays, teas, home-made cakes, Champagne bar, BBQ, music, classic cars and lots more! The theme this year is bees and bats as pollinators.

www.beckfordopenvillage.org.uk

CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL

www.cheltenhamfestivals.org

This runs from 2nd to 7th June and includes several talks likely to appeal to gardeners:

- **Re-naturing: Small Acts to Help Nature** James Canton & Daze Aghaji 4.15 – 5.15pm Tuesday 2nd June in the Pillar Room at the Town Hall £12.
- **Planting for Pollinators** Amy Chapman 4.00 – 5.30pm Thursday 4th June in the Maker Shack in the Imperial Gardens £19.
- **Bat Box Workshop and Walk** Bat Conservation Trust Gloucestershire Bat Group 7pm – 9pm Starts in the Maker Shack. £19
- **Could Insects Save the World?** Jules Howard & Erica McAllister 7pm – 8pm Parabola Arts Centre £12.
- **For children age 5+: Big Bug Show** Simon Mole & Gecko 12pm – 1pm Sunday 7th June Main Hall of Town Hall £9.



The blowsiest of peonies?

THE GENEROUS GARDENER

Thursday, 4th June

- **Rosy Hardy: Attracting Beneficial Insects Through Seasonal Perennials**
- **Rachel Golding Barrett of the Tetbury Flower Company: The Dahlia Diaries: Everything you need to know about growing and cutting these show-stopping flowers**

The lecture day includes lunch by Mary Rose and private access to Rodmarton Manor Garden, plus plants for sale from Rosy Hardy.

For full details and to book: sarah@thegenerousgardener.co.uk



RARE PLANT FAIR AT WATERPERRY GARDENS

7th June 10am – 4pm Waterperry Gardens, Near Wheatley, Waterperry, OX33 1JZ. Adult t £12.95 includes the Gardens and Fair; Children 16 years and under free. No need to pre-book.

Stalls with experts specialising in both rare and traditional plants, all in the beautiful setting of Waterperry Gardens.

For more information:

<https://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk/event/rare-plant-fair-2026/>

Tel. 01844 339254

DON'T FORGET!

On Midsummer Day, Sunday the 21st June, 'Win Green Town' will be running the **Nature Garden Trail** again across Winchcombe.



SCULPTURE GARDEN TRAIL

'Creating Spaces' Miserden Estate, near Stroud 3rd June to 2nd August every week from 10am to 5pm Wednesday to Sunday. £12 adults, child free, for entry to garden and outdoor exhibition. Indoor exhibition free.

The Cotswold Sculptors' Association will provide a contemporary sculpture trail featuring more than 200 works, with nearly 120 sculptures in the stunning garden and a further 90 in the village's nearby Club Room venue.

For full details visit:

<http://www.cotswoldsculptorsassociation.com/miserden>

*NB Visitors can get a 10 per cent discount on entry to the Garden at Miserden when booking tickets online via <https://www.miserden.org/garden/> using the code CSA26 at checkout, **BUT** this discount is only valid on Creating Spaces exhibition days, must be booked at least one day in advance and cannot be used for groups of 10 or more.*

NATURE IN ART

Nature in Art hosts many exhibitions and provides art and craft courses throughout the year, some with a botanic focus.

On June 20th and 21st Rosalind Wise will lead a course on 'painting a garden escape'. www.natureinart.org.uk/artcourses

For full details of the programme and to book go to www.natureinart.org.uk

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GEORGIE NEWBERY, COMMON FARM FLOWERS

Individual online demos and packages can be put together to form a sustainable floristry course. (Book all the sessions or pick the ones you need / want to do individually) Alongside these sustainably floristry sessions, there are 3 other online demos. Sessions cost £45 each (paid subscribers on Substack get 10% discount) but some sessions have been bundled together at a discounted price.

Sustainable floristry demos online

6 sustainable floristry demonstrations over 2 days. Pick and mix which you'd like to do and all these sessions are recorded so if you can't attend live you can still take part.

Just book and Georgie will send out recordings as soon as possible after the demos have taken place. You can book the 3 sessions on the same date as a discounted package.

Tuesday 2nd June

- **The Floral Tablescaping**
- **The Big Urn**
- **The Flying Arch of Flowers**

Wednesday 3rd June

- **The Flowers Crowns and Corsages**
- **The Mossed Summer Wreath**
- **The Broken Arch of Flowers**

Friday 12th June The Sowing Biennials Demo: lots of tips and tricks to make sure seed germinates in the heat of the summer, and seedlings flourish for planting out in late summer or autumn.

Tuesday 23rd June The Rose Demo: how to grow, harvest and arrange your own garden roses.

Wednesday 24th June The Seed Saving Demo: how to save, clean and store seed.

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<https://www.commonfarmflowers.com/>



THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK, STROUD

Don't forget! The 88th Annual Exhibition of the Society of Wood Engravers is here until the 21st June, showcasing the best contemporary work from international artists and displaying original prints.

COMING SOON

RHS Badminton Flower Show 8th – 12th July www.rhs.org.uk/shows

DID YOU KNOW?

- **The Chelsea flower show's gold medal Tate Britain garden** will be open next spring as part of the major re-design of the gallery's Millbank garden.
- **Production of British cut flowers rose by 55% in 2025** with revenue for the mostly small-scale growers up by 12%. Traditionally, more than 80% of cut flowers sold here have been imported, but the value of those imports dropped by 8.2% from 2019 to 2024.



NB Photos in our newsletters are either from members or from the NGS. We would love more of your photos to use in the newsletter or in our show displays or information leaflets. This month's are from Nan, Natalie and Sue. Email yours to Sue!

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