

## COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY COTSWOLD GROUP JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER



### SMALL GROUP VISIT

Tuesday 16th June saw our visit to Moor Wood, Woodmancote, which included a tour led by the very welcoming owner, Henry Robinson. An extensive garden set in a peaceful valley, Moor Wood holds the only National Collection of Rambler Roses. The owners say they landscape, rather than garden!



Roses climb up fences, through trees and shrubs and along buildings. The old vegetable garden is now a wildflower area with apple trees and there is an extraordinary multi-stemmed cedar and a range of lovely old stone buildings.



## **RHS BADMINTON FLOWER SHOW**

**Open Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 am to 5:30 pm with 'The Great Plant Sell Off' at 4:30 pm.**

Display gardens, floral marquee and so much more.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-badminton-flower-show/news>

Badminton Estate, South Gloucestershire GL9 1DD

*NB At time of writing, a support/assistance dog charity was seeking volunteers on its stand. If you are interested, contact Canine Partners [vol-mids-reception5@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:vol-mids-reception5@caninepartners.org.uk)*

## **THE ART OF ESPALIER: MASTER THE TIMELESS CRAFT OF ESPALIER**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am to 2.30 pm at Painswick Rococo Garden, GL6 6TH**

A gardening workshop led by Head Gardener, Roger Standley

£45 info@rococogarden.org.uk 01452 813204

<https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/events/the-art-of-espalier>

## **CONFETTI FLOWER FIELD CONCERT**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July** Enjoy the splendid flower field and a live concert from Abba Tribute band, the Super Swedes (!) in the Wyke Manor Estate at Wick near Pershore, WR10 3NZ. Tel. 01386 555045.

Tickets £35. Gates open 6pm and concert starts at 8pm, lasting about 90 minutes with an interval, closing at about 10pm.

If you just want to savour the flower fields peacefully, they are open until 5<sup>th</sup> July. Check the weather and book online. [www.confettidirect.co.uk](http://www.confettidirect.co.uk)

### LOCAL NGS GARDENS OPEN IN JULY

July and August are challenging months in the garden, after the triumphant flush of June flowers has faded. But National Garden Scheme gardeners in Gloucestershire are not daunted, as you can see from the range of gardens to be visited across the county in the late season.

The extensive country house gardens at **Charlton Down House** (below), Tetbury, GL8 8TZ, are set in an 180-acre equestrian estate. Around the house are formal, colour-themed borders and a walled topiary garden, plus a large walled cutting garden and glasshouse. Further afield, you can wander through wild flower meadows and the Jubilee copse. The garden will be open on **Thursdays 2nd, 16th and 23rd July and on 13th, 20th and 27th August (1-5pm; adult, £7, child, free).**



**Woodchester Park House**, Nympsfield, Stonehouse, GL10 3UN (below) is a gorgeously romantic three-acre garden, with a wide variety of plants and settings.

Developed with great love and care over the past 20 years, it features extensive herbaceous borders, a yew walk, a rose-covered belvedere overlooking a large pond, a woodland garden, rose walk and vegetable garden. It will be open on **Sunday 5th July (12-5pm; adult, £7, child, free).**



New to the scheme this year is **Rose Farm**, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote, Cheltenham, GL52 9QE. Opening for the second time on **Saturday 11th July (11am-4pm)**, this compact garden surrounds a listed former farmhouse and outbuildings. It has a lovely cottage garden feel, with a fine display of small-flowered salvias in the mixed borders around the lawn, and beyond that are wild flower meadows, a wildlife pond and a potager. (Adult, £4, child, free)



## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm to 5pm.** Traditional flower show held on Badsey Recreation Ground (Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham WR11 7EU) with stalls, entertainment, games and classes to enter. Entry £5 adults, £1 children.  
[www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk)

## NATURE IN ART

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

Course prices are:

Members of Nature in Art: 1 day course £62; 2 day course £124 3 day course £186.

Non-members of Nature in Art: 1 day course £79; 2 day course £158; 3 day course £237.

[www.natureinart.org.uk/artcourses](http://www.natureinart.org.uk/artcourses)

For full details of the programme and to book go to [www.natureinart.org.uk](http://www.natureinart.org.uk)

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**Postcode: GL2 9PG.** Tel. 01452 731422

**British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition opens on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am.**

Prizewinning entries from both adult and young people. The 11 adult competition categories include Botanical Britain, Coast & Marine, Habitat, and Wild Woods, with British Seasons and Documentary Series making up the special awards.

**Creative workshop coming soon:**

**Botanical Ceramics with Clare Mahoney**

**1<sup>st</sup> August 10.00 am to 5.00 pm**

This workshop for a maximum of 12 people highlights our connection to the natural world, encouraging us to slow down, and look closely at nature.

The process begins with a clay impression which is used to form a mould. This is then flooded with plaster and Cornish stone, creating a positive mirror image of the clay piece. When the clay is removed, the botanical relief is revealed. It is a simple and effective, technique bringing out unnoticed detail.

All materials will be supplied at a charge of £7.50, paid on the day.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**A Wellbeing Garden Blueprint, based on 12 years of scientific and practical research, is available free to download from the RHS.** It has ideas for gardens of all sizes, drawing on 85 different studies, clearly identifying types of garden that maximise wellbeing – for you and for nature.

[www.rhs.org.uk/wellbeinggardenblueprint](http://www.rhs.org.uk/wellbeinggardenblueprint)

Clearly, we need the above! We have struggled a little this month with illness and injury limiting our usual activities! It would be lovely to have more members willing and able to offer ideas or practical help with planning and organising events – you need not commit to any formal role or amount of time. Fresh ideas and input invited!

Looking ahead, the national body of the Cottage Garden Society plans to hold its AGM in our area in June 2027 in the village hall at Toddington. If you would like to help with that, please let us know!

Contact Sue about any of the above.



*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 Vanessa and Sue. Email yours to Sue!*

**TO SEND ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER, IDEAS FOR VISITS OR SPEAKERS - OR WITH ANY QUERIES, call 01242 602384 or email:**

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