

WALTHAM GARDENERS' SOCIETY
FOR WALTHAM AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

Visit to Godinton House Gardens
Tuesday 11th June 2019

A party of 11 members met at Godinton House Gardens at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 11th June for a guided tour of the Gardens by Viv Hunt the Head Gardener.

For once the weather was kind to us and the tour was blessed with clear blue skies and pleasantly warm.

Viv Hunt has been Head Gardener at Godinton House for 20 years and during that time has managed an evolution of a neglected garden to a horticultural jewel.

The garden offers something for every Season of the year, in Spring the wild garden is a riot of narcissus and fritillaries and when we visited the rose gardens were just about to burst into a riot of colour predominantly with moss and shrub roses some of which were already demonstrating the wonderful scents from older roses.

The herbaceous and mixed borders to the west of the House and along the outside south west side of the walled garden were looking amazing.

The Walled Garden is home to a wonderful collection of Bearded and Sibirica Irises most of which had already finished their annual display but the striking display was of the collection of Delphiniums which were just about perfect.

Viv Hunt guided us around the garden with historical facts and the story of the development of the garden.

Clearly dedicated to the garden with a small team she still has many ideas for its improvement.

The visit was concluded by a visit to the nursery and most came away with a selection of plants.

Our thanks to Viv Hunt for a wonderful tour of the garden.

On **Tuesday 9th July** our speaker will be **Cicely Finnis**. Cicely will be providing inspiration for the **Show's Floral Art Classes** particularly on the theme of "The Shape of Water". We look forward to welcoming Cicely on 9th July.

We look forward to welcoming you at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. on **Tuesday 9th July at Waltham Village Hall.**