

## West Bergholt Gardeners Newsletter May 2023

Dear Members

I think we could now say that Spring is here (hooray!) and as evidence of this quite a few of us visited Ulting Wick Gardens a week ago to see a wonderful display of Tulips some of which are in the attached picture. It wasn't a sunny day but this didn't detract from the beautiful colours and combinations that our Host had carefully planted for all her visitors' enjoyment. As a visual bonus the meadow was steeped in Cowslips - such a natural beauty to see. We were made very welcome and I think some of you bought some plants.

Our Host donates a portion of her income from visits like ours to the National Garden Scheme and the whole amount on specific NGS days which allows that Organisation to support some wonderful causes. So the £12 each of us paid for the pleasure of walking round and enjoying a garden such as Ulting Wick PLUS having tea/coffee and scrummy cake is really a no-brainer to me! Please have a look at the NGS website and hopefully you will find a garden(s) to visit and enjoy over the next months in our county and the surrounding ones .....or if you are on holiday in this country, perhaps plan to see one wherever you are!

In this context, can I remind you of our planned NGS self-drive trip to Blunts Hall Gardens, Witham, on Friday 30th June for the little cost of £10pp! We're sure you will enjoy the gardens that have been created by our Hosts so please come and see me at our next (and last!) meeting of this season on 15th May and book a ticket. Please bring a friend if you'd like to!

I also have just a few seats left for the Wisley trip on 12 June at £20 for Members and £25 for guests so if you'd like a day out, please contact me or see me on 15th May.

I'd like to remind everyone who isn't an RHS Member that WBGA Members have been allocated the FREE use of 2 tickets to RHS gardens this year and if you'd like to book them for a particular day, can you please contact Terry Claydon who is holding them.

On a personal note, I would like to invite you to come and see the Vocal Zones Choir sing a 'Celebration for the Coronation' at St Mary's Church this coming Friday at 7.30pm. The entrance is £3 which includes a glass of wine and light refreshment and there will be a wonderful Raffle at £1 for 5 tickets. As a member of the choir I'm quite sure you will enjoy some 'light' music to herald the beginning of the Coronation Weekend so do come .....and feel the community spirit of song!

Best wishes to everyone  
Shirley