The June outing of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was to Sandy Lodge NGS garden in Halstead. We had a good turnout with many friends as well as members of the gardening club enjoying the beautiful garden on a hot and sunny day.

The owner, Emma made us all feel very welcome and we spent a lovely afternoon wandering around the various areas of the garden, including the woodlands walk, the stumpery, the long border and the two tier gravel garden. The latter was completed in 2012 and was inspired by Beth Chatto's gravel garden.

The next outing of the gardening club will be a visit to Strandland in Manningtree on 5th July. This is a four acre decorative garden with a formal courtyard and wildlife meadow.