

2nd July 2025 - Visit to Dragons Garden

On Wednesday afternoon 17 of Little Waltham Gardening Club visited the garden at Dragons. The weather was very cool, a change from the previous day which was recorded as the hottest day of the year so far. A pleasant two hours were spent looking around the three quarters of an acre garden crammed with herbaceous borders and lovely trees bordered by a brook which I believe is the Roxwell brook. The owner Margot was on hand to answer questions about her garden. We were able to see a pictorial record of the development of the garden from when she first bought the property.

To the side of the drive was a small wooded area with some interesting trees and shrubs. As we ventured to the side of the property there was a greenhouse where she potted on plants and had some plants for sale. There were wide herbaceous borders some with coloured themes one with Crocosmia, Day lilies and Dahlias in vibrant shades of yellow and orange. Small pathways led to almost secret seating where one could look at different vista of the garden and the brook. A sloping bank just near the house was designated as a dry area, where there were many plants that thrive in drier soil. Lots of small pots with Sempervivums and succulents were close to the house and there was always something to catch the eye, like the bell flowered Clematis climbing across the shed. There were several varieties of Clematis rambling through the borders and some interesting grass called "frosted explosion" leaping from the cracks between the paving stones. As the afternoon wore on the sun came out and we enjoyed tea and cake seated on the lawn or by the house. A pleasant afternoon was had by all.