

Report from Little Waltham Gardening Club

On 4th June 20 of Little Waltham Gardening Club members visited the gardens of Feeringbury Manor. The weather was kind and a pleasant hour and half was spent b exploring the grounds of this almost 8 acre garden. The owners of the garden employ 4 part time gardeners to maintain the gardens.

To the front of the house there was a large circular bed of Ox Eye Daisies. There were wide herbaceous borders with different planting schemes. Beautiful climbing roses, large peonies, candelabra primroses and many other varieties of perennial plants. Areas of long grass where nature was allowed free rein. A large pond which supported wildlife, with some beautiful Iris round the edge. There were yew hedges making wind breaks and smaller garden rooms. The woodland dell led to a small river running around the edge of the garden. A small vegetable patch was sited near the house with a greenhouse and raised beds which contained potatoes broad and runner beans and peas.

The grounds also contained many large unusual sculptures made by the owners son. As the owners were unable to be there, the group then went to visit Poplars Nursery, where we had tables booked in the conservatory for the members to enjoy tea and large slices of cake which they purchased there.

The destination for the next afternoon outing is 'Dragons', Boyton Cross (CM1 4LS) on Wednesday 2nd July. For more information, please phone Caroline Boyd 07732 405048 or Maggie Williams (07772 463397)

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