

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

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Due to the current situation, no meetings will be taking place at our usual venue in Ickleton.

We have had several new members join us recently...welcome to you all. The topics for our meetings are very varied...sometimes practical, sometimes linked to the arts, sometimes historical....but I think most members would agree that Cali, our Programme Secretary, almost always finds a Speaker who is both knowledgeable & entertaining.

Meeting for June TBA.

FACEBOOK – Join the Great Chesterford & District Garden Society Group on Facebook.

We have now arranged 3 outings for those who are interested.

1. Brent Pelham Hall. Wed 26th May, **2.30pm**.

£10 p.p. book directly with catherine.cocks@enactorsupport.com (Brent Pelham Hall head gardener)

2. Thursday 10th June, **6:30pm** Bishops House, Great Chesterford (Donation to NGS)

Rosemary Day rosemaryday2@me.com is taking names of those who would like to attend.

3. Tom Stuart Smith & sister Kate's gardens near St Albans on **Friday 16th July**. Interested? Please contact Pauline.

RECENT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

Thirty four people joined the May 'Zoom' Meeting (thank you to Eddie for hosting). Andrew Sankey is an accomplished and well-known speaker who gave a very interesting talk entitled. *'The Gardens of William Morris'*.

William Morris was a 19th C British textile designer, poet and novelist, associated with the British Arts and Crafts Movement. He was part of the Arts & Crafts garden movement where the designs showed a unity of house and garden, and with the garden fading into the landscape beyond.

Drawing inspiration from medieval and Tudor gardens, he favoured old fashioned flowers such as roses, lavender and honeysuckle, thus inspiring many of his designs for wallpapers and textiles. His ideas influenced many architects and gardeners who produced some wonderful Arts & Crafts gardens in Britain.

Andrew illustrated his talk with slides of Morris's houses and gardens - the Red House at Bexleyheath and Kelmscott Manor, Lechlade. *Note - whilst Kelmscott Manor is currently closed for conservation and improvement, The Red House (National Trust) is due to reopen from 17 May subject to government confirmation.*



FOR INFORMATION - LOCAL OPEN GARDENS (NGS) - BOOK IN ADVANCE ONLINE

Ickleton – 30th May – 2 – 5 pm, Hinxton – 30th May – 2 – 5 pm

Duxford - 6 June 2 – 6 pm, Great Chesterford - 13 June 1 – 5 pm