

19th July 2023

This year's annual event was a coach trip to the **Cambridge Botanical Gardens**. The trip was met with enthusiasm, as we had a full coach of 35 participants and even a waiting list of 7 members. The trip's popularity was evident in that we experienced very few cancellations. Thankfully, the weather was on our side, providing the perfect setting for a enjoyable outing.

During the trip, 13 of our members had the opportunity to partake in a 90-minute guided tour, full of fascinating information about the beautiful gardens. There are

numerous trees from around the world all with different characteristics . Most fascinating was the tree that fuses its branches. The flower beds are laid out in families and we were surprised to learn that the use of DNA in plants is showing that some plants that were not previously put together in the same family do actually belong together.

There was plenty to see for those who did not participate in the tour including the lake, the green houses and the spiral walkway through plant time. The shop and café were both well supported and some of us will be returning to see things we missed as time passed all too quickly.





Pictures.....

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