

DEDHAM AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Meetings are held in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham, at 7.30 pm with speakers' evenings on the first Wednesday of most months. The Society has a varied programme of talks and events including a spring and autumn show each year and one or more outings; see below for more information or the Society's Spring Newsletter. The annual subscription is £6 and new members are always welcome.

After the AGM in May the 2016/17 season started well with the ever-popular **Plant Sale** in front of Dedham Church where members donated surplus perennials, shrubs, annual and vegetable plants; many a bargain was to be found which all helped to raise money for the Society. The June Coffee Morning (plus cakes!) was held at Grove Hill House courtesy of Lyn West and her husband; members and friends enjoyed a slightly different garden (more of a smallholding) practising self-sufficiency in vegetables, fruit, meat and eggs with a polytunnel for salad crops. There was also the usual plant stall for members and guests to take advantage of.

Recent talks have covered the following topics: **THE A-Z OF ROSES, MALMAISON CARNATIONS, HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR FUCHSIAS, and COMPANION PLANTING.**

The Autumn Show took place on 10 September with classes covering Vegetables, Flowers, Decorative Art, Cookery and Photography – all in all it was a very colourful display in the Assembly Rooms.

Outside visits are also very popular and in the last few years members have been to Wisley, Kew Gardens, Wakehurst Place, Nymans, Hever Castle, Somerleyton Hall and Copped Hall. Last June the choice was Capel Manor Gardens which also is home to the RHS trial grounds; members were able to draw on the many individual show gardens for ideas. Just after that Mark Cable took several members on two guided walks from Dedham to Flatford, via East Bergholt, to see many of the scenes painted by John Constable.

Non-members are welcome to join in all the Society's activities; however there is a £2 entry fee (which includes refreshments) for the speakers' evenings.

THE 2016/17 PROGRAMME CONTINUES WITH:

- 5 October **THE WORK OF THE EDEN ROSE COPPICE BURES** – talk by Rob Brooks
2 November **TO BE ADVISED**
7 December **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** – a demonstration – to be followed by wine and mince pies

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- 1 February **GARDEN ANTIQUES** - talk by David Holmes
1 March Mike Warren (Garden Media Guild) will talk on: **CLIMBERS, CREEPERS AND CRAWLERS**
5 April **LOST GARDENS OF SUFFOLK** by archaeologist Edward Martin
8 April **SPRING FLOWER SHOW** in the Assembly Rooms at 2 pm.
3 May **AGM** Afterwards John Mead will talk on **JUDGING OF A HORTICULTURAL SHOW**
13 May **PLANT SALE** at Dedham Church 9 – 11.30 am

Venues for outings and coffee mornings in 2017 are being organised – more information later on.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME

For more information about the Society or any of its events, please contact Chairman, Colin Biggins, on 01206 322565 or Secretary, Elizabeth Ellis, on 01206 231164.

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