



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 Newsletter. The annual subscription is £6 and new members are always welcome.

After the AGM in May the 2015/16 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 was held at Pond Farm House courtesy of Paw Slings; members and friends enjoyed her lovely garden, chatted with fellow gardeners and took advantage of the plant stall.

Recent talks have covered the following topics: **THE A-Z OF ROSES, MARKS HALL - THEN AND NOW, MALMAISON CARNATIONS, FUCHSIAS, DAHLIAS, COMPANION PLANTING and JOHN CNSTABLE AND THE STOUR VALLEY**

The 2015 Autumn Show took place at the beginning of September with classes covering Vegetables, Flowers, Decorative Art, Cookery, Photography and a section for Juniors - 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 and Somerleyton Hall. Last June members visited Copped Hall near Epping, enjoyed the gardens and toured the house (currently under restoration). *Peter Beales Roses* was the venue for a September trip: members and friends toured the display gardens and were given a practical demonstration on rose growing. This year's visit in June will be to Capel Manor Gardens at Enfield.

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

THE 2016 PROGRAMME CONTINUES WITH:

- 3 February** **A WALK ROUND A PLANTSWOMAN'S GARDEN** by Lucy Redman
- 2 March** Peter Morris will talk on: **DEEP BED VEGETABLES. HOW TO RE-CLAIM AN ALLOTMENT. A TRADITIONAL ALLOTMENT**
- 2 April** **SPRING SHOW** in the Assembly Rooms at 2 pm.
- 6 April** **SILK FROM CHINA TO ESSEX** - talk by Francis Harper
- 11 May** **AGM** Afterwards David Morgan will talk on **ESSEX WIND AND WATER MILLS**
- 14 May** **PLANT SALE** in Dedham Church 9 - 11.30 am

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME

For more information about the Society or any of its events, please contact
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