

NEWSLETTER.

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Membership subscriptions

The annual subscription of £7.50 per person can be paid to the membership secretary at the AGM, at monthly meetings, online or by post. For online payment please ask for details.

Acting Chair Report

I cannot begin this report without paying tribute to Brian and Jill Finbow. Their tireless work for the Society created happy memories of garden's visited and evenings enjoyed with interesting and entertaining speakers. Brian's untimely death was a shock; many members paid tribute to him amid a carpet of bluebells at his funeral. Jill has moved South to be closer to her daughter; we send our good wishes and will remember them with a tree planting event in Earl Stonham's Community Garden in Spring 2023. Bob Lott moved to Kent in March so could not continue as Chairman. Nigel Smart asked me to take on the role of interim Chair and I am willing to stand as Chair in 2023 to ensure the continuity of the Society. Our 2022 programme of speakers has been stimulating and the Society raised a magnificent £180 for the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service 50th anniversary.

We trialled the use of an external company for an outing to the Shuttleworth Estate in September. Those attending enjoyed a smoothly run day at an attractive and fascinating venue.

I'd also like to thank our Committee. Some are standing down and I would like to acknowledge that Pamela Cook will be missed as Events Co-ordinator; also Jan Coward, who has efficiently ensured we have teas and biscuits at our meeting and Angela Fowler our long serving Membership Secretary. To those continuing and to new Committee Members, "thank you". I hope you enjoy the 2023 programme and fingers crossed for a little more rain this year.

Hazel Mackintosh, Acting Chair

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INFORMATION EVENING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, all Society evening meetings will be held in the Burton Room, Needham Market Community Centre IP6 8BB, commencing at 7.30pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits are served and there is a raffle. A plant/seed bring and buy table may be available at any meeting

The Society is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. This enables us to one free group visit a year to an RHS garden and to receive free advice from them on gardening problems and plant identification.

WEBSITE

The Society's website is regularly updated with information regarding meetings, outings and items of interest.

COACH OUTINGS with WINDMILL TOURS.

This year we will be working with Gill Denny of Windmill Tours to organise a selection of day trips and overnight stays designed especially for us. All trips will be arranged by Windmill Tours and booking will be directly with them. www.windmilltours.co.uk or e mail info@windmilltours.co.uk or phone 07734 722484.

2023 trips:-

Thursday 8th June – Audley End House & Gardens with Saffron Walden.
£38 (English Heritage members £22)

Wednesday 19th – Saturday 22nd July

Staying at Best Western Forest Hills Hotel in Frodsham with visits to Trentham Gardens, RHS Bridgewater, Tatton Park flower Show and the National Arboretum.

Three nights dinner, bed and breakfast and all entrances £395 with £50 supplement for single occupancy. There is a rebate for RHS members.

Sunday 1st October – Barnsdale Gardens inc. tour with Head Gardener. £35.

MEETINGS 2023.

FEBRUARY 2ND - Activ Gardens, followed By AGM
Suzanna Robirosa.

MARCH 2nd – Birds, Bees and Insects in the Garden
Genevieve Broad.

APRIL 13th – Perennial Mr Potter
Bryan Thurlow.

MAY 4th – Climate Change
Jim Paine.

JUNE 1st – Asian Plants
Helen Chen

JULY 6TH – Bonsai
David Fryer

SEPTEMBER 7th – Wild Flowers and Orchids
Roger Hance

OCTOBER 5th – Wasps
Hawk Honey

ANNUAL SUPPER - TBC

NOVEMBER 2nd - TBC
Ruth Goudy

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45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30pm
IN THE BURTON ROOM,
COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEEDHAM MARKET

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held 3rd Feb 2022
3. Matters arising
4. Annual report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Committee
 - (a) Officers:- President, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Events organiser, Membership Secretary.
 - (b) Retiring Officers:- Secretary (Pam Rushbrook) Treasurer (Anne Perkins), Speaker organiser, (Mike Suffing), Membership Secretary (Angela Fowler)
 - (c) Up to 8 Committee Members:- Retiring:- Jo Horstead, Jan Coward, Joselyn Horstead, Josephine Mitson
7. Election of Auditor
8. Any Other Business

Nominations for officers and members of the Committee and any Resolutions should be given to the Secretary prior to the AGM.