

DEDHAM



**HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

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Dear Dedham Resident,

July 2017

If you are new to the area, or already a resident, we wanted to tell you more about **The Dedham Horticultural Society (DHS)**, in case you are unaware that Dedham has a gardening club.

DHS holds **speakers' evenings** in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham High Street, at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, except for January and the summer months. Evening meetings are friendly and comprise a varied programme of talks and presentations about a variety of horticultural topics and are a good way to meet other people interested in all aspects of gardening and related subjects. Recent DHS speakers' evenings have covered the following topics: **Dahlias, Companion Planting, Vegetable Growing and Lost Gardens of Suffolk**. **Planned speakers for 2017/18 include Gardening for Wildlife, Bulbs for Spring Colour and a Horticultural Christmas Quiz at our December meeting.**

The Society organises **one or more outings** per year to gardens of interest, on a non-profit basis for members, with a small supplement for non-members. These are always extremely interesting and a good day out. In the last few years members have been to **Somerleyton Hall, Peter Beales Roses, Capel Manor Gardens at Enfield and Wrest Park, an English Heritage property in Bedfordshire.**

Additionally the Society presents a **Spring and Autumn Show** for all ages in the Assembly Rooms where, you can enter (**free of charge**) your own produce, flowers, cookery or photographs to compete for various trophies, held for one year on loan, by each Class winner until the next year. Or you can just come along and see the wonderful show and enjoy a cup of tea.

The Society's annual subscription is only £6 and entitles you to free entry to the **seven** speakers evenings including tea, coffee and biscuits; non-members are always welcome at a small fee of £2 each session.

In May there is the ever-popular **Plant Sale** in front of Dedham Church where members' donated surplus perennials, shrubs, annuals and vegetable plants are on sale at very reasonable prices; many a bargain is to be found! The money raised is used to fund the activities of the Society, help keep membership fees to a minimum and to subsidise outings.

Similarly a fund-raising **Coffee Morning** is held in June, where members and friends can get together and enjoy a lovely local garden belonging to one of our members.

We also have a close relationship with the Dedham Allotment Association (DAA); a number of DHS members are also members of the DAA, and vice versa. This usefully enables both associations to offer horticultural tips to each other. To contact DAA Email dedhamaa@btinternet.com

NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME

For more information about the Society or if you would like to become a member please contact

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Also see our website, above. Or our page on Dedham Parish Council website www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

Thank You for reading this letter and we do hope to see you soon at some, if not all, of our forthcoming events.