
PLUCKLEY WITH EGERTON GARDENING SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2018

Welcome to our first Newsletter, we hope you enjoy it. We'd love to get your feedback - see us at the Autumn Show on Saturday 1 September or the AGM on Thursday 25th October and let us know what you think. We plan to publish 2-3 times a year and look forward to your suggestions for content.

PEGS Autumn Show – Come and Join Us!

Pluckley Village Hall - Saturday 1st September 2018

We want to see all the wonderful things you have grown this year – bring them along to enter the show or just visit in the afternoon and see the marvellous displays.

Setting up is from 10.15am – 11.45am, viewing from 2.45pm and the Prize Giving at 3.30pm.

Entry fees: 20p per entry class for members or 50p per class for non-members

The different entry classes and the RHS show rules are in the Green Booklet mailed to all members earlier in the year. A PDF of the booklet can be found on both Pluckley and Egerton village websites under Clubs.

Note - a change to Class 61; the Cherry and Marzipan Cake. The printed recipe lacks 100g ground almonds in its list of ingredients although they are referred to in the method.

Newcomers are very welcome and if you need a bit of advice then contact our show coordinator, Val Smith on 01233 756317 or john.val@btinternet.com

Last year we had a lovely display of flowers, fruit and vegetables and home produce.



Review of Our Summer 2018 Events

Garden Visit to Timbers, Tuesday 15 May

The sun shone as members enjoyed our first trip of the year to the garden of Sue Robinson in Dean Street, East Farleigh. The 5 acre garden has been developed by Sue over the last 16 years and includes specimen trees and borders planted with a wonderful array of perennials, annuals and shrubs. The wisteria was flowering as were early species roses nestled on a warm bank overlooking an ancient Roman quarry. Among the garden's many features was a new partly-walled garden with a raised pond, water features and a 100 year old Kentish cobnut plat.



Visit to Hever Castle Garden, Saturday 16th June

Just before mid summer a coach load of society members headed off for a day trip to Hever Castle's award winning gardens. The gardens which are planted with over 4,000 roses were at their peak in time for a flower show starting a week or so later. The grounds provided Members with plenty to explore including the Tudor Garden, the Yew Maze and the Italian Gardens with its classical sculpture. There were opportunities to explore the castle and to buy plants from the shop and needless to say the coach home was packed with purchases.

Wine and Wander at Mundy Bois House, Egerton, Thursday 5th July



This early evening event saw members enjoying the warm weather and a glass of wine and nibbles in the garden of Kathy Hooke and Simon Berti. There was still plenty of colour in the garden notwithstanding the early summer heat and their field was full of wild flowers, butterflies and the sound of grasshoppers in the long grass for those who ventured that way.

Garden Visit to Rock Cottage, Bilsington, Thursday 19th July



Members enjoyed a delightful afternoon visit to the gardens of Rock Cottage created by Bill and Penny Sisley. The 2 acre garden sitting on the edge of Romney Marsh just below Bilsington, is designed as a series of garden rooms, all sheltering from the marsh winds behind high hedges. Narrow paths led us from the house past lush borders, into gardens planted in an array of different styles; a Mediterranean garden; a wild garden; a topiary garden; a lime walkway to name just a few. Homemade cakes washed down by tea rounded off an interesting afternoon.

Pimms Evening at 3 Water Villas, Egerton, Thursday 16th August

Mary Walker's lovely garden in Egerton was the location for this year's Pimms Evening. After a day of rain, the skies cleared just in time for members to enjoy their drinks with nibbles prepared by the committee as they wandered through her garden enjoying the colourful planting. Even after all the summer's heat and long dry spells, the garden was looking fabulous. Late flowering perennials, dahlias, shrubs and climbers were all giving their best in this immaculately maintained garden. A real end of summer treat.



Future Events

PEGS Calendar of Events

Sat 1 September Pluckley Village Hall	Autumn Show
Thurs 6 Sept 9am – approx. 4.30pm Call Sue Steward to book 840320	Pashley Manor Dahlia Days £12
Thurs 25 Oct 7pm for 7.30pm Pluckley Village Hall Call Sue 840320 to book food	AGM Craft Competition Quiz Fish & Chips Supper
Wed 21 Nov 7pm for 7.30pm Egerton Millenium Hall	Talk by Helen Yemm £5 tickets available in advance*
Wed 20 Feb 2019 7pm for 7.30pm Egerton Millenium Hall	Talk by Pippa Greenwood £7.50 tickets available in advance*

*Tickets can be bought at the Autumn Show, AGM or from
PEGS Committee members including Sue Steward on
01233 840320

Talk by Helen Yemm

Wednesday 21 November 2018

Gardener and writer extraordinaire

Helen Yemm is an author, journalist, radio & tv broadcaster and lecturer. She has been demystifying gardening through her amusing but very helpful Daily Telegraph page for more than a decade and writes for a number of garden magazines.

Some of us visited her lovely garden in Wadhurst some years ago and now she is talking to PEGS on Early Season Flowers for a Cottage Garden. She will also answer our Thorny Problems and give us a very entertaining evening.

Tickets can be bought at the Autumn Show and the AGM and cost £5. 7pm for a 7.30pm start in Egerton Millenium Hall.



Talk by Pippa Greenwood – Wednesday 20 Feb 2019

Garden Presenter and Botanist

Pippa Greenwood is a trained botanist and specialist in crop rotation, but we all know her from Gardeners Question Time and her own series Pippa's Pests. She is coming to talk to PEGS about Growing Great Veg and Having Fun. She will also be answering questions on our own pesty problems and much else. Tickets will be on sale at the Autumn Show and the AGM and cost £7.50. 7pm for 7.30pm start in Egerton Millenium Hall.



Useful Information

Local Events To Enjoy This Autumn

Godinton House

Autumn Week 22-26 October 1-4pm. Activities daily for all the family

Estate Walk 1 November 3-4pm

Christmas Wreath Workshop 8 December

Sissinghurst

Early Bird Walk Sat 6 Oct 7-9am

Leeds Castle

Glorious Gardens Tour Sept 19 11am

Festival of Flowers 15-20 Sept

Willow Weaving Workshop 20 Sept

Belmont House

28/10 10-3 Halloween

3/12, 4/12, 6/12 – Christmas Wreath Making

Great Comp (nr Borough Green)

Autumn Extravaganza 13-14 October

The Salutation Gardens (Sandwich)

Dahlia Festival 15&16th September

Borde Hill Garden (nr Haywards Heath)

Specialist Plant Fair Sept 16

Canterbury Festival

23 Oct Guided Tour of Chilham Castle and Gardens

Prices and times are shown on the relevant websites

Autumn Gardens To Visit

There are still some gardens open over the next month or two that might be worth a visit – check websites for more information.

Local National Garden Scheme Gardens

30 Sept Nettlestead Place

14 Oct Eagleswood

Other Gardens within 25 miles

Godinton House – open until 1 Nov

Hole Park – open Sundays in Oct

Sissinghurst Gardens – garden closed from 1 Nov

Great Dixter – closes 28 Oct (Nursery open all year round see website for hours)

Boldshaves – open Mon – Fri 2-6pm until 12 Oct

Belmont House –gardens open all year round.

Smallhythe Place – open Wed to Sun until 28 Oct

Stoneacre – open Saturdays until 22 Sept

Mount Ephraim – open until 30 Sept

Doddington Place Garden - open Wed & Sun until 30 Sept

Goodnestone Park Gardens – Tues- Fri, plus Sun & bank holiday until 30 Sept

Scotney Castle - open all year

Chiddingstone Castle and Grounds open until 31st October

Chilham Castle Gardens – open every Tues until 25 Sept 10am-4pm

Making the Most of Your Greenhouse

Gardeners Question Time regular Matthew Biggs is providing expert advice on growing under glass in a monthly feature for Hartley Botanic.

Matthew will also be sharing seasonal tips and ideas on topics, such as how to make the most of your space and unusual planting suggestions.

The features are published on the first of every month at www.hartley-botanic.co.uk

Gardening Advice on the Radio

Gardeners Question Time on BBC Radio 4 Friday 3pm or available to download with BBC i-player

Sunday Gardening on BBC Radio Kent

8am – 11am