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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR RAYLEIGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

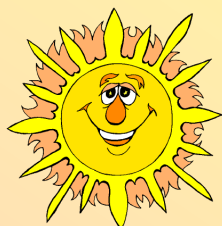
Members may be aware that a new law - the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect in May and that this affects the way voluntary groups, charities and companies keep information about their members/supporters.

We want to reassure all members that the Society does not and will not share your personal information with any other organisation or any other individual outside of our Committee. The information we hold about members, ie names, addresses, contact telephone numbers, is purely for membership purposes only and is kept secure. You receive regular newsletters and of course we rely on members to inform us of any changes to these details. You do of course, have the right to change any of your personal information (i.e. addresses etc) that the Society holds. This may seem just common sense to you, but as an organisation, we now have to show that we are specifically complying with this new legislation by bringing it to your attention.

This means more than ever you will need to carry your membership card with you at all times when you wish to purchase goods from our store and also on show days if you wish to enter classes – as we will no longer be able to keep membership records at the store or have members lists on show days.

Rayleigh Horticultural Society works hard to keep your personal data secure. As a membership organisation we do not and will not share your data with any other organisation or individual who is not a member of our Committee.

The full code of Practice Guidelines can be seen on the Information Commissioners website.



SUNDAY 24th JUNE THE RHS SUMMER SHOW

MILL HALL, RAYLEIGH

*Every member welcome to exhibit Flowers, Fruit,
Vegetables, Craft & Cakes*

(Not shown before? — now is the time, if you need help phone a committee member, call in the store or just turn up on show day, we are only too pleased to help)

Children's Potato Challenge

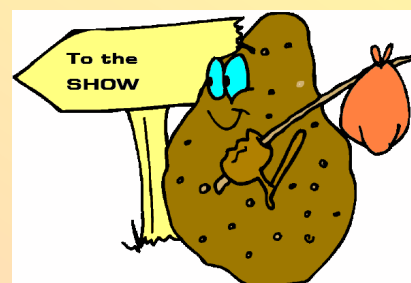
FOR ALL AGES UP TO 16 YEARS

1st PRIZE £5.00 2nd PRIZE £3.00 3rd PRIZE £2.00

Sponsored by Viv Irvine

Bring the pot to Mill Hall on the morning of the show before 11.30

Doors open to the public 2pm



Hi

Thanks to everyone who helped to make a great Spring show, considering the weather on the day. The Summer Show is soon, 24th June which is worth a visit for the sight and smells from the Sweet peas and Roses. Please look at your year book and enter and support your society, help will be given to anyone who is new to showing. And the usual plea for help to set up the show 7.30 a.m. at the store 8 a.m. at Mill Hall.

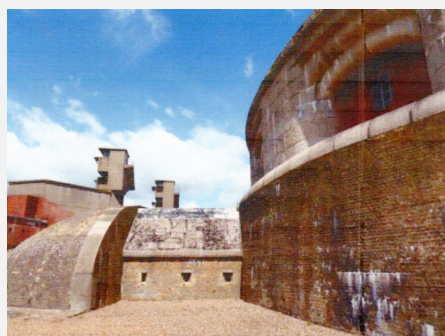
Peter Noble *Show Manager*



JULY 2018 COACH TRIP FELIXSTOWE

By the time you are reading this, the sun will be shining the rain will have stopped pouring and Summer will be here!! Or maybe one of the above. So let me talk about our Summer Coach Trip, A Day Out in Felixstowe, Friday 20th July, with of course, a mid-morning coffee and cake stop at Tiptree.

There's quite a bit to do in Felixstowe including visiting their recently re-opened pier, admiring the lovely seafront gardens, spending your money in the amusement arcades and of course sampling the local cuisine for snacks or lunch. The Promenade itself is a fine example of Edwardian architecture with colourful beach huts spread over four miles of beaches. To the North end of the town is the fishing and sailing hamlet of Felixstowe Ferry but the coach will drop us off at a point within easy reach of the



pier and the gardens. For those of us liking a walk, there is an 18th century fort, museum and a Nature Reserve within reach.

For those of us looking for a bargain and a bit of retail therapy there are THE SHOPS with an abundance of big name stores and independent shops with locally produced foodie treats.

The cost for this trip is £19.00 per person inclusive and tickets are available as usual from the Trading Store (or from me if you can't get to the store). I hope you can come.

Ann



Trading Store News

PRODUCTS IN STORE

We still have a few packs of bulbs and dahlia's available at discount prices so don't miss out!!

New stocks of Farmyard Manure are now in store.

In our push to reduce the use of plastics in the garden and help save the planet we have a range of Biodegradable Fibre Pots available

If you cannot see what you require please ask and if not stocked we most probably can get it for you if you contact the Trading Secretary 01702 527456. E&OE



Prize Winner Mike Jollands

OUR 2018 SPRING SHOW



A little more of our history thanks to
the **EVENING ECHO** from 1985

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Holidays are sow good



GERHARD and Win Rehaag have enjoyed several Mediterranean holidays on the proceeds of their home-grown vegetables.

But they only go away in winter — there is no time during the summer season.

This week the couple collected Rochford Council's Beryl Lyett award for having the best garden in the district.

They have a clear division of chores for all their hours in the garden.

Win said: "We sometimes have arguments, but only friendly ones. He likes growing vegetables and I like flowers."

"He mows the lawn, I look after the pond, fountain and waterfall."

She has never had to buy vegetables since they were married. There is enough produce left over from their garden in The Drive, Hullbridge, to sell on the WI stall at Rayleigh market every Wednesday.

Win said: "We've had several Mediterranean holidays on the proceeds, only in the winter of course. We are too busy to go in the summer."

German-born Mr Rehaag is retiring this month from his work for the North Thames Gas Board in Rayleigh.



PASHLEY MANOR COACH TRIP

Although it wasn't the best of days as far as the weather goes, the trip to Pashley Manor Gardens was a success. We had a coachload of relaxed people being driven to Sussex to see the tulips and what a wonderful sight they were. How do they do it?? There they were, all colours of the rainbow, all standing to attention and most of them either open or on the point of opening, just as we came to see them. Isn't nature wonderful? Nature, and of course all the hard work that goes into producing such a display. Pashley Manor is a family concern and chatting to members of the family and local staff, they all seem passionate about the gardens and about providing a friendly and efficient service to visitors. Maybe we will visit again. They tell me they have a rose festival as well so maybe next year... Watch this space.

I have a question for all readers - Would you be interested in having a 'Quiz Nite' as one of our monthly Club Nights? If so please let me know either by email - annbaughen@vahoo.co.uk or by phone 01702 527456 or if you are in the shop please let one of our volunteers know (get them to pass the information on to me).

Speaking of Club Nights, early in 2019, probably either January or February, we will be having a Question and Answer Panel to take questions (relating to horticulture of course) from members. To help me organise this if you have a question you would like to put to the Panel could you send it to me so we can ensure we provide helpful responses. Again, either email or phone or pop your questions into the store marked for my attention and I will do my best to organise the event.

Thank you to those members who have supported our coach trips in the past and if you haven't yet, maybe you will soon. The second one for 2018 is **A Day Out in Felixstowe**, with a morning coffee/cake stop at Wilkins in Tiptree. *Ann*

Proud of Your Garden?



The Friends of Holy Trinity, our Parish Church, are looking for people with gardens willing to open for their Garden Trail on August Bank Holiday Sunday 26th and Monday 27th August.

If you own such a garden or know of one, please contact Jane Brown 01268 742215 or e-mail sydenham@talktalk.net.

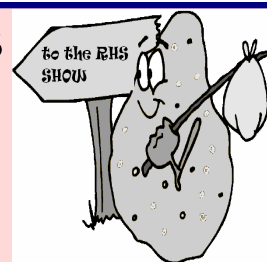
I can recommend it, it's a good cause, you meet lots of nice people and it's good to get a few accolades for your hard work. *Geoff Blower*

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Pats Club Night Report



LBJ's (little brown jobs)

March Club Night started as usual with our AGM. Luckily all the committee were willing to stand again (no doubt to the relief of the audience) so after a few questions from the floor we moved on to the advertised talk. Alex Bass came along with some very impressive slides and told us about Minsmere - the RSPB reserve on the Suffolk coast. I have been to this area of Suffolk on several occasions but haven't bothered to go to Minsmere as neither my husband or I are 'birdy' people. To us most of them are, as Bill Oddie used to say, LBJ's (little brown jobs) so as we wouldn't have known what we were looking at we didn't bother.

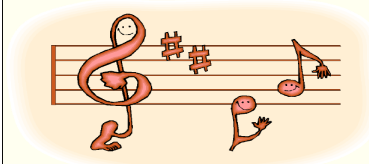
However I was pleasantly surprised to see from the photo's that the reserve has many walking trails varying from 1 to 2 miles with the option to extend your walk on public footpaths to the villages of Westleton and Dunwich. I thought Minsmere was only wetlands but the area includes quite a lot of woodland and in addition to birds, butterflies and rare wildflowers you are now likely to see wild ponies, highland cattle, deer and if you're really lucky, otters.

(airbrushed from history)

David Williams is my favourite speaker, and his April Club Night talk did not disappoint. Slavery of vulnerable people has been in the news a lot recently but it is nothing new, having been around for about three centuries. Britain was at the forefront of the triangular shipping route taking goods produced in the UK, such as textiles, rum and manufactured goods to West Africa, then slaves were shipped to South America and the Caribbean where they were sold, and sugar, tobacco and cotton were brought back to Europe. It is estimated that 3.1 million slaves were transported but only 2.7 arrived -the conditions on the ships must have been horrendous. However, Britain's part in this trade has been largely airbrushed from history. Many well respected companies have their 'history' on their websites but there is a lack of information about their activities between 1720 and 1800. Many of the



ship owners were respected men, including many Lord Mayors of London and philanthropists, and many of the stately homes we now visit and admire were built with the profits from slavery. Sir Francis Drake made 3 voyages taking slaves to be sold, and this was seen as a business opportunity, not exploitation. It was a very interesting talk, and I enjoyed it.



--vicar on the horse

Martyn Harrison came along to May Club Night, sang a variety of songs - vaguely on a gardening theme - and told a lot of jokes, some of which were quite funny (I liked the one about the vicar on the horse). He had a good voice and from a quick look round seemed to be well received. There was some audience participation but I was rather perturbed to discover that I actually knew the words of some very old songs..... Says it all really!

Club night reports by Pat Hill

NEXT CLUB NIGHT

26th JUNE

**BOB
DELDERFIELD**



The White Wizard of Hadleigh

Bob Delderfield is a retired teacher who has been giving talks on local history for the last 45 years. His interests include history, archaeology, wildlife and English literature. He is also one of the editors of the on-line Hadleigh & Thundersley Community Archive [www.hadleighhistory.org.uk]. This talk is about the life and activities of James Murrell, a "cunning-man", who lived in Hadleigh in the first half of the nineteenth century. He was a man of many parts; herbalist, animal doctor, finder of lost items and a destroyer of the power of witches. His fame and clientele were widespread including customers in Suffolk, Kent, London and Essex. Was he a charlatan, a quack or a valuable member of society?