

# Mepal Gardening Club



The Mepal Gardening Club was started in 2004 by a handful of enthusiasts who felt that it would be a good idea to get together to discuss gardening issues whilst, at the same time, enjoying themselves in a friendly and sociable atmosphere. It soon became obvious that there were others in the Village who were of like mind so the Gardening Club was born. Membership has grown steadily and now includes, not only residents of Mepal, but also some from Sutton, Wilburton and Manea.

For ten months of the year we meet on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall where speakers are invited to give talks or demonstrations on a wide variety of gardening subjects.



In July we always have a summer B.B.Q. and in December a Christmas party. There are also a number of other social events throughout the year.

Membership is £10.00. p.a. (July to June) which contributes to the costs of the regular meetings. Non members are welcome to come along at an entrance fee of just £2.00.

To find out more about the club please call:

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## Diary of events July 2011 - December 2011

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011

#### **Summer B.B.Q.**

3 p.m. at Paul's place, 67 Meadow Way. Entry £6.00 for garden club members, £6.50 for guests. Free welcoming glass of wine or soft drink on arrival but bring your own favourite tippie for the rest of the afternoon.

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 7.30 p.m.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Nominations are invited to fill the Committee offices for the ensuing year.

A fun quiz will be held with prize(s) for the winner(s).  
Free cheese and wine.

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 7.30 p.m.

#### **Hyacinths**

**Alan Shipp** of Waterbeach is keeper of the national collection of Hyacinths. His presentation will include examples of his work in developing new varieties as the Hyacinth makes a comeback in both house and garden. Which variety is closest to black?

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 7.30 p.m.

#### **Indoor plants**

**Mark Ekin** from the College of Agriculture will give a presentation on plants for the home.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011, 7.30 p.m.

**Growing vegetables in containers**

Not everybody has an allotment but would never-the-less like to grow a few vegetables for themselves. We welcome the return of **Angela Whiting** of D'arcy Everest who will show us how to get the most from the least by growing in containers.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**Christmas Party and Dance**

Mepal Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. featuring the music of **Leigh Murfet**.

Members £7.00, guests £8.00. Includes food. A welcoming glass of wine or soft drink will be offered on arrival. Bring your own drinks for the evening.

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**Mepal Gardening Club Sales**

**Mepal Gardening Club is now offering premium quality bird seed (delivered free locally) as follows:**

<b>Wild Bird Seed</b>	-	<b>£1.00 per kg</b>
<b>Sunflower Hearts</b>	-	<b>£2.00 per kg</b>
<b>Niger Seed</b>	-	<b>£2.00 per kg</b>
<b>Peanuts</b>	-	<b>£1.80 per kg</b>

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