

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 stands at 42 full members with others dropping in on an ad-hoc basis whenever there is a topic of particular interest.

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. 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:

Paul Driver (Chairman) - 01353 777692
June Sallis (Secretary) - 01353 775302
Allen Sallis (Treasurer) - 01353 775302



Special Events !!!!

Friday 21st May 2010

Coach trip to Barnesdale Gardens, Rutland.

Following the highly successful presentation last September by Nick Hamilton, son of Geoff Hamilton and owner of Barnesdale Gardens, a visit to the Gardens has been arranged as above. The coach leaves Mepal at 09.30 and the cost is £15.00 p.p. including entry to the gardens. If anybody is interested in joining the party please contact Allen Sallis on 01353 775302.

Monday 14th June - Friday 18th June 2110

Holiday to the Great Gardens of Cornwall

A mid-week coach trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Eden Project and Trebah. The cost is £319.00 p.p. which includes transport, a 4 night stay at the California Hotel (Newquay) including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and all admission charges. For further details please call Rowena Pleasance on 01353 777275.

Diary of events May - December 2010

Monday 17th May 2010, 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

The Life and Times of an Eel Catcher

A presentation by **Peter Carter**, the last Eel catcher of Ely.

Friday 21st May 2010, 9.30 a.m. - Barnesdale Gardens

Please see Special Events page above. For further information or to make a reservation please call Allen Sallis on 01353 775302 or Rowena Pleasance on 01353 777275.

Monday 21st June 2010, 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

The gardens of Peckover House

Allison Napier, Head Gardener at Peckover House, will give a presentation about past, present and future changes to the gardens as well as an insight to the House itself. She will also give information with regard to the many events scheduled for this year.

Monday 14th - Friday 18th June 2010 - Great Gardens of Cornwall.

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Wednesday 7th July 2010.

Visit to the Botanic Gardens - Cambridge.

Leaving from Trumpington Park and Ride a 10.00 a.m. Entry for adults £4.00, concessions £3.50.

Saturday 17th July 2010.

Summer B.B.Q.

3.00 p.m. at Pal Driver's house, 67 Meadow Way. Food and a welcoming glass of wine included in the cost of entry (£6.00 members, £6.50 guests) but bring your own favourite tipples.

Monday 16th August 2010.

Annual General Meeting

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

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

Monday 20th September 2010.

Shrubs.

Peter Jackson of Scotsdales Garden Centre will give a presentation on 'Shrubs for all Seasons'.

Monday 18th October 2010.

Birds in our Gardens

Edwin Frear will give an illustrated talk about the birds in our region and building nesting boxes to attract the different varieties.

Monday 15th November 2010

Allotments

Mike Thurlow, Head Gardener at Audley End, will give a presentation on how to get the best from your vegetable patch or allotment.

Friday 3rd December 2010

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 and a welcoming glass of wine. Bring your own drinks.

Mepal Gardening Club Sales

Mepal Gardening Club is now offering premium quality bird seed as follows:

Wild Bird Seed	-	£1.00 per kg
Sunflower Hearts	-	£2.00 per kg
Niger Seed	-	£2.00 per kg
Peanuts	-	£1.50 per kg

In addition we can offer 100-litre blue plastic barrels, fitted with taps, suitable for use as water butts at £14.00 each.

All products delivered within Mepal free of charge.

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