

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. 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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Special Events !!!!

Tuesday 23rd November 2010

Coach trip to Scotsdales Garden Centre,
Great Shelford, Cambridge.

Following the highly successful presentation by Peter Jackson of Scotsdales Garden Centre in September 2010 we have organised a coach trip to Scotsdales open evening on 23rd November 2010. The coach will leave Mepal at 5 p.m. and the fare is £5.00 per person. Tea/coffee and mince pies will be provided and there are discounts on goods purchased (excluding gift vouchers). If anybody is interested in joining the party please contact Rowena Pleasance on 01353 777275

Friday 3rd June 2011

Coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall and Beth Chatto
gardens

A coach trip to the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Hyde Hall followed by a visit to Beth Chatto gardens has been arranged. We will be visiting Hyde Hall in the morning with lunch in the Barn Restaurant, then on to Beth Chatto gardens in the afternoon. The coach will leave Mepal at 8.30

a.m. The fare is free to Mepal Garden Club members, £10.00 for non-members. Entry to Hyde Hall is £6.00 (free for RHS members) and £5.00 to Beth Chatto. (£4.50 if the party exceeds 25 members) For further details please call Rowena Pleasance on 01353 777275.

Diary of events November 2010 - December 2011

Tuesday 23rd November 2010

Visit to Scotsdales' open evening. See details above in 'Special Events'

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. A welcoming glass of wine or soft drink will be offered on arrival. Bring your own drinks for the evening.

Monday 17th January 2011, 7.30 p.m.

Working with Willow

Jane Frost will talk about, and demonstrate, the use of willow in the making of various plant containers. Products will be for sale afterwards.

Monday 21st February 2011, 7.30 p.m.
Gardeners Question Time

David White and Ray Edwards will be discussing a whole host of gardening topics whilst taking questions from the floor.

Monday 21st March 2011, 7.30 p.m.
"What's in a Name?"

Welcome return of Bill Morris who will talk about the names of plants and their meanings.

Monday 18th April 2011, 7.30 p.m.
Tubs and Baskets

Spring is sprung and it's time to think about filling those containers which have been lying in the corner over the winter months. Andrew Harper-Scott of Notcutts garden centre at Horningsea will be giving us ideas for creating wonderful displays.

Saturday 7th May 2011
Plant sale

Outside the Village Store from 8 a.m. All donations gratefully received.

Monday 16th May 2011, 7.30 p.m.
Bonsai for beginners

Sandy Reid, from the Fenland Bonsai Club, will reveal all with regard to the successful culture of Bonsai trees. It's not rocket science but you do need to know the conditions under which bonsai will flourish.

Friday 3rd June 2011

RHS Hyde Hall and Beth Chatto gardens

See 'Special Events' above for details of this coach trip.

Monday 20th June 2011, 7.30 p.m.

To Be Advised!

Saturday 16th 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 15th 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 prizes for the winner(s).

Free cheese and wine.

Monday 19th 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 17th 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 21st 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 9th 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.

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.

Call Allen Sallis on 01353 775302