

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 Pentire Hotel (Newquay) including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and all admission charges. For further details please call Rowena Pleasance on 01353 777275.

Diary of events January - June 2010

Monday January 18th 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

A Packet of Parsley

The life and times of **David White** of DJ's Garden Centre and how it all started as a child with a packet of Parsley seed.

Monday 15th February 2010, 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

Garden Design part II

In October 2008, **Mary Larham** gave us an introduction to Garden design. Tonight she continues the theme with examples of gardens recently designed by herself.

Monday 15th March 2010, 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

Herbs and their culinary Uses.

Last year, **Angela Whiting** of D'Arcy Everest gave us a talk on Alpines. Tonight she returns to give a presentation on Herbs and their uses in cooking.

Monday 19th April, 7.30 p.m. - Mepal Village Hall

Roses!

By popular request we will be receiving a presentation by **Ann Bird**, President of the Royal National Rose Society

Saturday 8th May, 8.30 a.m. - Outside Mepal Village Stores

Plant sale

A selection of flower and vegetable plants, many of them grown by Garden Club members, ready for planting out.

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

Composting

A presentation by **Jo Owen** on the do's and don'ts of composting. The creation and maintenance of your composter!

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

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A Day in the Life of.....

Mepal's own **John Moore**, Head Gardener at Churchill College in Cambridge, will give us an insight into his role in maintaining these beautiful gardens.

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Mepal Gardening Club Sales

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

Wild Bird Seed	-	£1.20 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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