



# Whitstable and District Horticultural Society

## September Newsletter 2016

### Next Meeting

Steve Harmer



The English Landscape Movement

Tuesday 7.30 pm

13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

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### Society News

I was delighted to introduce some 40 members and guests to Capel Manor on a glorious Saturday last month. The pickups and journey there and back were without incident in a very comfortable coach. The company was excellent and the gardens at Capel were fabulous although the odd weed was spotted but then, not only are the students absent but of course gardeners take holidays as well. Despite the occasional encroachment of unwanted plant life the grounds were very impressive. However I was disappointed at the current lack of information available on the different gardens and products used in them and I have written to the Principal about this on behalf of the society. For those that traversed the 30 hectares with me I was able to give a background to most of the areas and we lost and were then re-joined by people as the tour progressed and various areas perked interest. After lunch and the lamb curry I had was a highlight of the day for me we all had time to revisit favourite areas for a more in depth perusal. Most of us had congregated back at the restaurant by 3pm and perhaps we could have left earlier. However, the time spent exchanging impressions and highlights with everyone was both illuminating and as enjoyable as the rest of the day. I am looking forward to our trip to Lullingstone for the same reason as we again get a tour and then time after to revisit or explore further. **Lullingstone Castle - Tom Hart Dyke's World Garden** Sat 24th September. Have you let us know if you wish to come and bring any guests. To remind you the price is £20.00 members £25.00 non-members and it is on a first come first served basis. We need names if you haven't already expressed your interest. Use our email address to

let us know [enquiries@whithort.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@whithort.org.uk). Payment to be made at our September meeting please. For those of you who attended Tom's visit to the society last year you will know that he is very entertaining as well as knowledgeable. So this is one I am really looking forward to.

### **Grown by You**

How are your entries to the September mini show getting on in this heat? The joy an exhibit can bring was brought home to me only recently. I gave a talk to a small society and as is often the case was asked to judge that month's competition. There were only 4 entries of 5 stems of sweet peas in a very motley assortment of containers. I used the criteria of least damage or fading to the petals and this way easily managed to place each one. The next day to my surprise I espied the winning entry on a face book page for gardeners (one of several I enjoy) with the owner delighted with themselves as it was the first time they had ever won anything. So who knows how your entry will do. The range is broad from vegetables to flowers to foliage including houseplants. The only eligibility criteria is that you must have had the plant material in your possession for 6 weeks. So do have a go.

Tina Morrissey.

