



Whitstable and District Horticultural Society

August Newsletter 2016

Next Event

Trip to Capel Manor



Saturday

13th August 2016

Pick Ups

Pier Avenue 8.30am

Gorrell Tank 8.35 am

Tollgate/ Joy Lane
8.45 am

Return approx. 6pm

Society News

Over 80 members really enjoyed Kevin's demonstration on propagation at our last meeting. I know he is trying to include more practical subjects for next year's programme. Steve Bradley is one of the speakers he has lined up and he is always a fount of practical information and advice. So I am eagerly awaiting the release of the 2017 programme to see who he has finally settled on. The increased subscriptions allow us to book a greater breadth of speakers and to offer the various trips that so many members now enjoy.

The Ridings

A recent one was an exclusive to the society, opening of The Ridings at Chestfield. It was a complete riot of planting to the point that you were hard put to find space to put your feet to walk around. The garden and planting were wonderful and full of little gems of plant placement and design ideas. Whilst it may not be suitable for a family or dog owner due to the intense planting, it is a joy to the householders and interested visitors. If ever an example was sought of how a non gardener can become overtaken with the joy of becoming a gardener, then The Ridings is it. A thoroughly enjoyable evening for all and of course it raised money for the NGS. If you couldn't make it keep an eye out for future opening through the NGS as it is well worth a visit.

Capel Manor

We are off again on Sat 13th August to Capel Manor. The pick up times are in the side panel for your information. Janet tells me there are a few places remaining on the

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coach which enjoys all the latest comforts. This is why she orders the larger ones so memories of sweaty coach journeys are truly a thing of the past now. I am taking a tour round the site as of course it is where I trained and later worked for several years. But we have planned the day to ensure you will have time to revisit areas that have taken your interest. You can take a packed lunch as there are plenty of seats around the site and of course the refectory offers a full range of meals, snacks and refreshments. There are plant sales and a shop as with most major attractions. We have even factored in another visit for the afternoon if the weather proves inclement. So - all eventualities are covered. Sounds like one not to be missed. Anyone with mobility restrictions can order either a wheelchair or mobility scooter free of charge by contacting Capel Manor directly in advance. Non members are also welcome for a slightly higher charge of £25.00 so if you know of anyone who may wish to accompany you or have not yet booked then email us on enquiries@whithort.org.uk .

Lullingstone Castle

Don't forget Kevin organised a trip to Lullingstone Castle for us when he met Tom Hart Dyke recently. Tom has agreed to give the society a private tour of the World Garden at Lullingstone on Saturday 24th September, prior to the grounds being opened to the public. So we will again have plenty of time to revisit after the tour. Janet has priced a coach at £20.00 per head for members £25.00 for non members but we need names before she books it. As coaches are extremely expensive and trips need to at least break even to prevent being a drain on our funds. You can let Janet know if you are interested during the trip to Capel or email us on 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

Don't forget we are having another pop up competition at the September meeting. Entitled "Grown by You". Anything you have grown or tended is eligible. Whether fruit, veg or floral/foilage including houseplants. As usual you must have had the plant for at least 6 weeks to come under the heading. This is a great chance to show the diversity of our interests so start getting your entries show ready.

So WaDHS on tour for Sat 13th August and a review of this trip and Septembers meeting in the next edition. Until then enjoy the summer weather and all the glories this time of years brings to the garden. I am always interested in members' thoughts to pass on if any of you visit gardens or indeed nurseries and garden centres. Do let me know good bad or indifferent. I will obviously edit accordingly.

Fina Morrissey.