

The National Vegetable Society



Essex District Association Illustrated Talk on 'Growing Dahlias' by David Gillam



**Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP
On: Sunday 13th May 2018 at 2.00pm**

David has been growing dahlias on and off since he was 10 years old. He passed the National Dahlia Society judging exam at 17 and also won the best in National Dahlia Society Novice. At 19, David won his first major championship, followed by the 12 vases of 6 pom dahlias at 21.

After some years out with having a family and work commitments, David started growing again in 2009, growing up to 1,000 plants for a few years. He set a record winning the Welsh, English and Scottish National Championships in the same year in 2012. Again after a 3 year break, David started growing in a much smaller way with a total of around 300 plants and in that first year won the Best exhibit in the National Dahlia Society show for the 3rd time. David became Chairman of the National Dahlia Society in 2016.

In his free time (or what free time he has!) David films his exploits and posts them on his Youtube channel. He now have over 1,000 subscribers and over 600,000 views. He writes once a month for the Garden News and co-hosts the BBC Essex Gardening Hour about once a month. After setting up and running the Facebook page for the National Dahlia Society, David just about finds time to run a garden centre in Chelmsford.

David is hoping to have some spare plants available at his talk - £2 per plant

Light Refreshments provided. Members: free, Non-members: £2

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