

We have around 70 NVS members in Essex, and we would really value your opinions on our programme, welcoming any ideas you have for the 2018 programme. We would also like to say that everyone is welcome at our meetings – **members or non-members** – so if you know anyone that you feel would be interested in our events, whether they grow for the kitchen or the show bench, are a first time grower or seasoned gardener – please bring them along!

If you would like any further information about the NVS, or would like to share your thoughts and opinions on the Essex DA or NVS as a society, please contact Emily Plumb (details as on front page) or via email at: emily.plumb@btinternet.com

You can find additional information about the Society at:

www.nvsuk.org.uk

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **RHS Tatton Park Show**, 19th – 23rd July
- **NVS Southern Branch Show**, New Forest Show, 25th July – 27th July
- **NVS Midland Branch Show**, Shrewsbury Show, 11th – 12th August
- **NVS Scottish Branch Show**, Kelso, 27th August
- **NVS Welsh Branch Show**, National Botanic Garden of Wales, 9th – 10th September
- **NVS Northern Branch Show**, Harrogate Show, 15th – 17th September
- **NVS National Championships**, Malvern Show, 23rd – 24th September
- **RHS Autumn Harvest Festival Show**, Westminster, 3rd – 4th October



SOUTHERN BRANCH
ESSEX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

2017 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Registered Charity Number: 1088978

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FEBRUARY

Sunday 12th February, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

John and Coral Bebbington speak on 'From the Back Bedroom to the Allotment'

John and Coral are travelling to Essex from Cheshire to share their methods of growing a wide range of vegetables. They have been growing vegetables for a number of years, with many successes on the show bench as well as an appearance with Monty Don on a feature about Tatton Park Show. Light refreshments. Members free, Non-members: £2.00

MARCH

Sunday 12th March, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Peter Glazebrook speaks on 'Growing Giant Vegetables'

Peter is a seasoned World Record holder (currently holding 3 World records) and excellent showman. Due to the increased media focus on giant vegetables, Peter has had TV appearances on all UK national TV stations as well as some around the world. Light refreshments. Members free, Non-members: £2.00

APRIL

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April, 2.00pm

RHS Hyde Hall, Creep hedge Lane, Chelmsford, CM3 8ET

RHS Hyde Hall Spring Plant Fair

Members to man the stand and/or provide plants to sell would be much appreciated. Please get in touch if you think you might be able to help out!

JULY

Sunday 16th July

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Mini Show

Staging from 1.30pm, Judging starts at 2.30pm.

Judge: Ian Clemens, Southern Branch Chairman

Members and non-members welcome. Light refreshments

OCTOBER

Sunday 15th October, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Richard White speaks on 'Experiences from the RHS Trials Team'

Richard returns to speak to us about his experiences with the RHS Trials Assessment panel for the last 6 years. Richard will share with us how the RHS trials are undertaken and the assessment process.

Light refreshments. Members free, Non-members: £2.00

NOVEMBER

Sunday 19th November, 2.00pm

Meeting Room 2, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

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Light refreshments provided.

ROCKDUST AVAILABLE

We wanted to try Rockdust ourselves and it worked out cheaper to buy a pallet load. We are therefore selling 10kg bags for £5 each! Let us know if you would like some and we can bring it along to one of our meetings.

More details can be found on the flyer enclosed