

We have around 80 NVS members in Essex, and we would really value your opinions on our programme, welcoming any ideas you have for the 2019 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**, 18th – 21st July
- **NVS Southern Branch Show**, New Forest Show, 24th July – 26th July
- **NVS Scottish Branch Show**, Dundee Flower Show, 31st August – 2nd September
- **NVS Welsh Branch Show**, St Fagans, 8th – 9th September
- **NVS Northern Branch Show** – not being held in 2018 due to hosting the National Championships
- **NVS National Championships**, Harrogate Show, 14th – 16th September
- **NVS Midland Branch Show**, Malvern Show, 29th – 30th September
- **RHS Autumn Harvest Festival Show**, Westminster, 2nd – 3rd October



SOUTHERN BRANCH
ESSEX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

2018 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Registered Charity Number: 1088978

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FEBRUARY

Sunday 18th February, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Mark Hall speaks on 'Pests and Diseases'

Mark, the NVS Assistant Secretary is travelling to us from the Midlands to share his extensive knowledge and experience on a variety of pests and diseases that we may come across whilst growing.

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

APRIL

Sunday 8th April, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Sherie Plumb speaks on 'A Year in our Garden'

Our DA Chairman will come and share with us what's going on in their garden at different times of the year.

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

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April, 2.00pm

RHS Hyde Hall, Creephedge 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!

MAY

Sunday 13th May, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

David Gillam speaks on 'Growing Dahlias'

David is taking time out of running his busy garden centre in Chelmsford to come and speak to us about his methods of growing dahlias which he has been doing for over 30 years (since the age of 10!)

David is hoping to have some spare plants available to buy at £2 each.

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

JULY

Sunday 15th July

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

Mini Show

Staging from 11.00am, Judging starts at 12.00pm.

Judges: Ian Clemens and Rob Holmes

Members and non-members welcome. Light refreshments

OCTOBER

Sunday 14th October, 2.00pm

Main Hall, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP

John Branham and Jim Thompson speak on 'Exhibiting and judging vegetables'

John and Jim return to speak to us about preparing a variety of vegetables for exhibition and to provide tips on what judges look out for when they're at shows.

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday 18th November, 2.00pm

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

AGM

Light refreshments provided.

ROCKDUST AVAILABLE

After the positive comments received from members last year, we have purchased another pallet. So far we have had around 50 bags reserved, but there are another 50 bags still up for grabs! We are selling these at £5 each for a 10kg bag! Let us know if you would like some and we can bring it along to one of our meetings.