

ELHAM GARDENING SOCIETY  
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The first Newsletter for 2010 with information about what's happening in your society and reminders of dates.

Thank you to all who have paid their subscriptions, due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and I shall be pleased to receive the £5.00 membership from any of you who may have forgotten and who might like a reminder! As in the past membership does allow discount at some of the local nurseries. 2010 has got off to a good start with above average attendance at the first three meetings when we have had excellent, entertaining and informative speakers.

Bulk orders of quality compost has also been successful in February, giving members the chance to buy at competitive rates with a follow up delivery of fertilizers etc. from Masstock Farm Logistics.

We have a full year ahead so please make notes in your diaries:-

**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April our Spring Show & Coffee Morning** takes place at Elham Village Hall at 10am. Schedules are available from Fizz Martin or from Browns, Estate Agents and we hope you will join in and enter flowers from your garden or if you fancy your chances- to bake a winning lemon sponge cake. There will be plant and a cake stall - so a plea please for cakes and plants to sell. On this occasion profits will be for our own funds.

This will be the only opportunity for you to collect your seed potato (for potato in the bucket) and a plug plant for the Chairman's Challenge for the Annual Show. Schedules for the Annual Show will also be available and after this date from Browns and The Kings Arms.

**Thursday evening 17<sup>th</sup> June** - a visit to Windy Ridge garden and nursery at St. Margaret's at Cliffe. This will be instead of our normal June meeting.

**Open Gardens Weekend 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June** - up to 10 gardens will be open on Saturday for the National Garden Scheme and on Sunday for garden owners own choice of charities. There will be a special lunch deal at The Kings Arms and teas at the Old Vicarage. Please tell your friends and encourage them to spread the word for a great weekend.

**Summer Tour to Shropshire - weekend 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June.** Respite for those who were involved with the gardens open weekend! A full and well planned programme has been arranged by Hugh and will certainly be enjoyed by those going if previous visits are anything to go by.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.** This will as always be popular and booking forms will be available nearer the time.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July - ANNUAL SHOW** at Elham Village Hall. Schedules available as advised earlier. Please try and enter and make the show the best ever.

**Other news**

An after school gardening Club has been set up and this will hopefully encourage local children to become the gardeners of the future. So far it has proved very popular and many enthusiastic youngsters are already attending.

Look out for Elham Gardening Society's own website. This is still in formative stages but you will eventually be able to check out everything to do with the society when up and running. Don't forget that if you have any surplus plants or produce during the coming months they can be sold on the Community Stall at Elham Farmers' Market.

Maggie Newington, Membership Secretary.