
THE EAST ANGLIAN GARDEN GROUP

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President: Mr.R.F.Britten, The Summer House, Chelsworth, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Hon.Treasurer: Mr.Lewis Hart, Church Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Hon.Secretary: Mrs.C.F.Hodgson, "White Gables", Sudbury Road, Lavenham, Suffolk.
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1. (a) Resignation of the Treasurer. After eleven years service, Mr. Blewitt Robinson has tendered his resignation, and Mr.Lewis Hart has been elected Treasurer in his stead. (Letter from the Chairman enclosed).

(b) Appointment of Officers for 1982

Chairman: Dr.J.W.Litchfield, Elm Green, Bradfield St.Clare,
Bury St.Edmunds, Suffolk.
Vice-Chairman: Mr.A.O.Pask, "Zavia" Sharpe's Lane, Horringer,
Bury St.Edmunds, Suffolk.
Treasurer: Mr.Lewis Hart (address above)
Secretary: Mrs.C.F.Hodgson (address above)
Committee: Mr.M.Hawkins, Mr.R.Leeds, Mr.J.Pope, Miss J.Robinson,
Mr.B.Tickner and Mr.L.Wilkinson.

2. Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 1982 (£1.00 per member) are now due and should be sent to the Treasurer at the above address if they have not already been paid as soon as possible please. Receipts will be given at meetings and not sent through the post.

3. Applications for Membership

Members wishing to propose new members should submit such names and addresses to the Chairman and the Secretary.

A detailed list of names and addresses of members will be issued later in the season.

4. Plant Stall

In future the Plant Stall will be in the charge of Mr.R.F.Britten and Mr.A.O.Pask, together with an assistant chosen on each occasion from those who have elected to help, and the price of plants will be either 20p or 50p each, according to value.

The Plant Stall is an important source of income to the Group as well as a method of distributing interesting plants, so please give it your support.

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PROGRAMME FOR 1982

- a) SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 1982 2.30 p.m. LAVENHAM GUILDHALL, OLD CHAPEL

DR.S.M.WALTERS, director of the UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS, CAMBRIDGE, will give an illustrated talk on "Botanic Gardens and Conservation".

Please bring contributions for tea and also for the Plant Stall.

- b) SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 1982, 2.30 p.m. A visit to NOTCUTT'S PROPOGATION DEPARTMENT AT WOODBRIDGE. This Unit is the biggest in the country for trees and shrubs and was built in 1979. MR.IVAN DICKINGS, a member of our Group who is in charge of the unit will give an explanatory talk before taking us around the centre to see bench grafting, seed sowing, and conifer cuttings under mist propagation.

Directions to the Unit:- Coming from Ipswich on the A12 to Woodbridge and once past Martlesham "Red Lion" take the first right hand turn into Sandy Lane by Spencers Garage. Continue down Sandy Lane and the Propagation Unit is just past the railway bridge on the right.

If the turning on the A12 is missed, continue on the A12, under the railway bridge, turn right to Woodbridge then take the first right into California. At the end of California turn right again which brings you into Sandy Lane. The Propagation Unit is about 200 yards down the road on the left hand side.

There will be facilities for tea and for our own Plant Stall. Please bring contributions for both.

- c) SATURDAY 24TH APRIL, 1982 at 3.00 P.M. MR.A.J.BROWN'S GARDEN, "Horseshoes" Little Thetford, Nr.Ely, Cambs.

The Group last visited this garden of raised beds and alpines when it was in an early state of development in 1976.

Little Thetford is situated on the A10 Cambridge to Ely Road, about 1½ miles south of Ely - a pink thatched house just past the Church. There is a possibility we may also be able to visit another nearby place of about 3½ acres of landscaped garden.

There will be a plant stall and arrangements for tea, so please bring a contribution as usual.

- d) SATURDAY 15TH MAY 1982. COACH TRIP TO THE SAVILL GARDEN, BERKS

This will cost in the region of £3.00 per person, entrance fee is 85p each. A full day trip leaving Lavenham, The Swan, at 9.00 a.m. and picking up again at the Ram Meadow Car Park, Bury St.Edmunds at 9.20 a.m. Members who are interested and wish to come please fill in the accompanying slip and return it to Mr.Pask, together with a deposit of £1.00 at his address "Zavia", Sharpe's Lane, Horringer, Bury St.Edmunds, as soon as possible, (at the latest by 24th April next).

There is a cafeteria at the Savill Garden, members may, however, wish to bring their own packed lunch and/or tea.

In order that the coach may be fully booked friends of members will be welcome, in which case either add the names and deposit to your application or get in touch with Mr.Pask direct.

e) SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 1982 AT 2.30 P.M. 2-GARDEN VISIT

1. Miss Jenny Robinson's Garden at Boxford, Suffolk followed by
2. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hawkins Garden at Rushbrooke Farm, Milden, Suffolk.

Chequers at Boxford needs no introduction as we have visited here many times; for the benefit of new members, however, Chequers is situated in the centre of the Village opposite the Church. There will, as always be many interesting plants to see.

Rushbrooke Farm is four miles from Boxford. Turn left from Chequers, taking the Lavenham Road out of Boxford. Keep following the Lavenham Road as sign-posted all the way (bearing right at Groton "Fox and Hounds", straight over the next crossroads, bear left just after straw bale stack, then right at T junction and almost immediately left at the large wood after one mile) turn right at Milden telephone box and signpost to Milden Church. Rushbrooke Farm is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on left just past asbestos roofed barn.

The garden consists mainly of Trees, Shrubs and Roses.

There will be a Plant Stall at the Farm and also tea, so please bring a contribution in kind.

f) SATURDAY 17TH JULY, 1982 AT 2.30 P.M. DR. & MRS. J.W. LITCHFIELD'S Garden at Elm Green, Bradfield St. Clare, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

This is a well-established garden with many varied and unusual plants, flowering trees and shrubs; a number of lilies should be in flower. There is a special recently planted rock plant bed, and an interesting courtyard where there are raised beds of acid soil and troughs containing small alpine etc., which have been added to considerably since the Group's last visit.

Contributions please for tea and the Plant Stall.

The attention of Members is drawn to the following events which may interest them:

- 1) A BRING AND BUY SALE is to be held at Miss Jenny Robinson's home, "Chequers", Boxford, on Saturday 17th April 1982 at 10.00 a.m. in aid of Boxford Church and Boxford Village Hall funds.
PLANTS - PRODUCE - TOOLS - GARDEN LITERATURE - also HOMEMADE PRODUCE FOR SALE. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.
- 2) ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY - EAST ANGLIA SHOW - to be held at Tudor Road, Primary School, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday 1st May, 1982 from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and will consist of many plants of interest to our members.

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Elm Green,
Bradfield St.Clare,
Bury St.Edmunds
Suffolk.

January 1982

Dear Member,

Mr.E.Blewitt Robinson resigned as Treasurer of the Group after managing our finances very successfully for eleven years. I am sure many members will wish to show their appreciation for all he has so willingly done for us by contributing to a gift on his retirement.

Contributions (limited it is suggested to not more than £1.00) should be sent to the new Treasurer, Mr.Lewis Hart, Church Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich (if cheques, made payable to The East Anglian Garden Group).

It is hoped to make a presentation in February at our meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Litchfield
Chairman
