## THE EAST ANGLIAN GARDEN GROUP

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### 1. OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 1984

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Mr. S. Drakeford, Mr. M. Hawkins, Mr. A.O. Pask,

Mr. J. Pope, Miss J. Robinson

## 2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 1984 (£1.00 per Member) are now due and if not already paid should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Lewis Hart, at the address shown above.

### 3. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The membership has now reached the limit of 150, and a new Waiting List has been started. Members wishing to propose new Members for this List should submit names, etc., to the Chairman and Secretary.

Those on the Waiting List may be invited as guests but only on one occasion prior to their becoming full Members, and the Secretary shall be asked whether there is accommodation for extra attendance at such meetings.

#### 4. LIST OF MEMBERS 1984

This will be issued and distributed in the course of the season.

## 5. PLANT STALL

Please continue to bring as wide a variety of plants for the Plant Stall, as it is a great source of revenue to the Group and greatly to the benefit of Members to be able to acquire unusual and interesting plants.

- 6. (a) SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1984 at 2.30 p.m. THE OLD CHAPEL, GUILDHALL, LAVENHAM. Dr. C. GREY-WILSON will lecture on "Plant Hunting", and show slides from some of his expeditions.

  Please bring a contribution for tea and the Plant Stall.
  - (b) SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1984 at 2.30 p.m. THE OLD CHAPEL, GUILDHALL, LAVENHAM Mr. Christopher Lloyd will speak about "Some Unusual Plants".

    Tea and Plant Stall as usual so contributions, please.
  - (c) SATURDAY, 28th APRIL, 1984 at 3.00 p.m.

## MR. & MRS. JEFFRIES GARDEN - "TAWNIES", HALL LANE, LANGENHOE, COLCHESTER

The Group last visited this garden in June 1980 since when there have been many alterations made. The garden consists of peat beds, flowering trees and shrubs underplanted with bulbs.

<u>Directions:</u>— Follow Colchester - Mersea Road (B1025) for about five miles passing through Abberton and Langenhoe. Pass the Langenhoe "Lion" and after crossing common land take the turning on the left marked "Fingringhoe Ranges" - No through road. (This is the second sign to Fingringhoe Ranges, the first sign does not say "No through Road".) Take this second left turn and "Tawnies" is the bungalow about 200 yards along on the right-hand side.

Mrs. Jeffries has kindly offered us facilities for tea and also for the Plant Stall, so please bring contributions for both.

(d) SATURDAY, 19th MAY, 1984 - RAVENINGHAM HALL, RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK at 3.00 p.m.

Priscilla, Lady Bacon, has kindly agreed we should visit her garden, a shrub garden interspersed with herbaceous material and dual-purpose shrubs with a year round interest. There is also a cut flower nursery which supplies Covent Garden, and a general nursery where it is possible to purchase plants, shrubs, bulbs, etc.

Admission Fee in the region of 50p per person.

There will be facilities for our own Tea and a Plant Stall, for which please bring contributions.

<u>Directions</u> - Raveningham Hall, Raveningham, is situated 14 miles south of Norwich, between Beccles and Loddon. Enter garden at the entrance AFTER the entrance at Lodge Gate. Signposted.

(e) SATURDAY, 16th JUNE, 1984 - 3.00 p.m. HYDE HALL, RETTENDON, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX. Mr. & Mrs. Robinson's Garden

A large garden of trees, shrubs, roses, conifers and ornamental greenhouse plants.

There is an entrance fee to this garden of 75p. (but for parties 60p per head) and tea, cake and biscuits can be provided at a moderate charge, so please state whether you want tea so that Mrs. Robinson may be informed beforehand. The garden has been specially opened for us on this day.

<u>Directions</u> - Hyde Hall is 7 miles S.E. of Chelmsford off the A130.

We shall not be having our own Plant Stall on this occasion, but it will be possible to buy plants from Hyde Hall.

# (f) SATURDAY, 30th JUNE, 1984 - COACH TRIP TO HIDCOTE MANOR GARDEN Hidcote Bartrim, Chipping Norton, Glos.

This will cost in the region of £4.00 per head. A full day's excursion leaving Lavenham (outside the Swan) at 7.45 a.m. and picking up again at Bury St. Edmunds (Ram Meadow Car Park) at 8.00 a.m. Returning from Hidcote Garden, leaving at 5.00 p.m.

It will be possible, if Members wish, also to visit the nearby garden at Kiftsgate which is within walking distance.

Please complete and return the accompanying slip to Mr. A.O. Pask if you intend to come, together with a deposit (non-returnable) of £1.00 per head as soon as possible - at the latest by 1st May, 1984.

Members of the Group who are Members of the National Trust can visit the Garden free, otherwise the admission charge is £1.90 per person (no party or Senior Citizen rate) and the Trust recommends that low-heeled shoes be worn.

It is suggested you bring a packed lunch which can be eaten in the coach, (no picnics are permitted in the Garden), but teas and refreshments are available at the licensed restaurant in the Garden, open 11.00 - 5.00 p.m. There is a Shop which sells National Trust and locally produced goods, also a new Plant Sales area.

# (g) SUNDAY, 15th JULY, 1984 - CHILTON COTTAGE, GT. WALDINGFIELD, at 3.00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Clarke

ll garden consisting of raised beds

A very interesting small garden consisting of raised beds with fast drainage and many herbaceous plants. Mr. Clarke specialises in geraniums which he himself has hybridised, and in the greenhouse are species of erodiums which are grown in long pipes in a sandy mix.

There will be a Plant Stall and tea. Contributions towards both, please.

<u>Directions</u> - Chilton Cottage is situated about 2½ miles out of Sudbury on the B1115 road (to Lavenham and Stowmarket) nearly opposite "The White Horse" at junction of the B1115 and left-hand turn signposted "Cornard".

The Alpine Garden Society East Anglian Show will be held as usual at the Tudor Road Primary School, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, 5th May, 1984. 12.30 - 4.00 p.m.