

## REDGRAVE GARDEN CLUB REPORT 2017

With regular attendance from approximately 30 club members and a varied and exciting programme, Redgrave Garden Club continues to enjoy success.

The club meets on the last Thursday of each month, apart from August and December, in Redgrave Activities Centre. Meetings usually start at 7:30pm with a speaker followed by refreshments and raffle. Many speakers bring plants for sale at reduced prices. The club is very sociable with gardening interests ranging from window boxes to vegetable allotments to flower beds. Outings and special events are popular especially in the summer months.

The planters and daffodils on the Knoll and elsewhere were planted in 2015 by Redgrave Garden Club with financial support from the Parish Council. These continue to be refreshed, maintained and watered by members of the committee.

Last year's programme included talks on Plant Hunting around the world, local commercial flower growing, Pruning, Plant Heritage and Italian Gardens. In addition, the annual Christmas Quiz provided the usual hilarity and our AGM was followed by a members Q&A and seed swap. Outside activities included a visit to the beautiful gardens of two members in Finningham and a return to Fen View, Redgrave for the annual BBQ. The Christmas Social with buffet and entertainment was held in November in the Activities Centre.

This year we have had a talk from Don Andrews, a local character and gardener, a fascinating insight into bugs in our gardens by expert entomologist, Dr Ian Bedford and an interactive session about bulbs with Robert Maidstone. Jamie Blake from Bressingham Gardens is discussing "Around the World in 80 Plants" in April and this year's **Plant Sale with homemade cakes and refreshments is due on Saturday 20th May, 10:00 to 12:00 outside Fox Cottage in The Street, Redgrave.**

The remainder of this year's programme includes an interactive discussion on Basket Making with Redgrave resident Karen Lawrence, outings to a NGS garden and Howards Nursery in Wortham and a welcome return of Helen Hillier on growing herbaceous plants for cutting. Our popular annual BBQ will take place as usual for members in July.

New members and visitors are most welcome at all of our meetings.  
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