



Frittenden Gardening Society 2012

Frittenden Gardening Society COMMITTEE

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Programme of Events for 2012

Saturday 14th April

Staging 8am –9.45pm

Entry 3pm

Wednesday 25th April

Meet at hall at 6pm

Thursday 24th May

Meet at hall at 6pm

Friday 22nd June

Start at 6.30pm

Wednesday 1st August

Meet at hall at 5.30pm

Saturday 1st September

Staging 8am-9.45am

Entry 3pm

Tuesday 16th October

AGM 7.30pm Talk 8pm

FGS SPRING SHOW

Memorial Hall

Visit to Pympe Manor

Benenden TN17 4AR

Visit to Rainbow Plant Nursery

at Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch

TN26 3RJ 6.30pm.

Frittenden Garden Safari

Gould Farm Oast, Mill Lane

Broad Oak House, Mill Lane

The Old Rectory, The Street

Visit to Knole Hill Farm

Ulcombe ME17 1ES

FGS AUTUMN SHOW

Memorial Hall

AGM & TALK

“Successful Composting”

Garden Visits

Pympne Manor, Benenden, TN17 4AR.

Wednesday, 25/04/12. By kind invitation of Miss Patricia Thoburn. This is a wonderful garden hidden away in a small valley with specimen trees and a series of ponds.

Beyond the fine kitchen garden is a group of oaks, southern beech and a massive bird cherry. There is a hybrid rhododendron named after the hostess by the renowned plantsman Captain Collingwood Ingram.

The Rainbow Nursery at the Rare Breeds Centre, TN26 3RJ.

Thursday, 24/05/12. A guided tour of the nursery which is an enterprise run by the Canterbury Oast trust . Residents and staff sow, grow and sell an amazing variety of plants and produce.

Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe, ME17 1ES.

Wednesday, 01/08/12. By kind invitation of Mrs Elizabeth Cairns. A 1½ acre garden created on south facing slope over last 25 years. Mixed borders with tender plants, roses, lavenders, verbenas, salvias and grasses. Pool and rill enclosed in small walled garden planted with mainly white flowers. Small vegetable and herb garden.

Frittenden Garden Safari.

Friday, 22/06/12. This year we will start at Gould Farm Oast, the home of Dick and Rosie Kefford. A garden with water features, an orchard and mixed borders. Then we move on to Broad Oak House where Rosalind and Tim Bull have done lots of work in the garden and the lake. Finally we visit the Old Vicarage, the garden of Kaija and Steve Bulbrook which has been extensively landscaped and replanted. Here the evening will end with wine and refreshments.

AGM and Talk Tuesday 16th October 2012.

We will hold a short AGM to elect the committee and review the reports. This is also the time to pay annual subscriptions! Following on we are fortunate to have as a guest speaker *Jane Griffiths*, an expert in composting who oversees the Garden Organics National Master Composter programme.

The talk will be followed by refreshments.

It is always useful to know the number of visitors to events beforehand so we can arrange appropriate refreshments, parking etc. Please contact the chairman if you wish to attend. If you need a lift or can car share please meet at the Memorial Hall ½ hour earlier.

Frittenden Gardening Society Annual Shows.

FGS holds 2 shows a year, in the Spring and the Autumn. Entry forms and fees should be submitted by the Wednesday evening preceding the show, to allow time for organisation of vases, paperwork etc. Points are given to all placed entries and trophies awarded accordingly. In addition there are a few Open classes which can be entered on the day.

Entries must be brought to the hall between 8am and 9.45am **prompt** on the morning of the show and the hall vacated by 10am to allow judging to take place.

All trophies are perpetual and must be returned to the Show Secretary at least 3 days beforehand.

We welcome all entries and urge members to try a class. The committee are very happy to give help and advice when required.

A handy guide '**Tips for Showing**' is available free of charge to any member who would like more details on how to show vegetables, flowers and cookery exhibits. We can also loan out a copy of the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook which gives further information.

Awards & Trophy Winners 2011

Spring Show

Wordsworth Cup	Duncan Rouse
Spring Blooms Cup	Duncan Rouse
Floral Art Trophy	Greta Freeman
Joyce Newstead Cup	Greta Freeman
Spring Show Trophy	Duncan Rouse
Kitchen Cup	Emma Griffiths

Autumn Show

Homeleigh Challenge Bowl	Duncan Rouse
Ashbee Cup	Margaret Knight
Peasridge Challenge Bowl	Pauline Finn & Greta Freeman
Kitchen Cup	Joan Burgess
Autumn Show Trophy	Duncan Rouse

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This Spring we will be launching the new FGS website, designed by local web-man Lance French. We will be featuring all the show information for easy reference, plus show tips and schedules.

We would like to illustrate the website with photos of real Frittenden scenes and gardens, so please send your photos to riley.rosalind@gmail.com . Epic failures as well as scenes of beauty will be of equal interest to fellow gardeners, as will boastful pictures of bountiful harvests.

We will have links to gardening sites and details of forthcoming FGS events. Once again, contributions will be welcome from members, and if you see a good gardening article or website, let us know so we can link to it. There is some very interesting stuff out there and so much expert advice on everything from composting to pruning, choosing fruit trees, storing produce or finding the best plant for the best site. We will be looking to include members' book recommendations and links to local gardens open to visitors.

The site is not yet "live" so check the Parish Magazine for the launch date.

Rosalind Riley.

Finally do not forget to use your FGS membership card to obtain a 10% discount on plant sales Mon-Fri at Bumbles Centre.