

EVENLEY GARDENING SOCIETY

The society (which is affiliated to the RHS), was formed over thirty years ago and is the second longest serving club of Evenley. (I believe the cricket club is the longest).

The majority of members are Evenley residents, however our full membership extends to encompass Brackley and the villages of, Mixbury, Charlton, Croughton, Turweston, Weedon Lois, Weston, Whitfield and further.

We offer monthly meetings, with professional speakers talking to us on a myriad of topics. Our society obviously has a gardening bias and with like minded pleasant members, always provides for very enjoyable meetings.

Our annual membership doesn't cost a lot - £5 per household and £2.5 for a single occupancy.

Sadly, we lost one of our committee members earlier on this year, however an Evenley member stepped up before our AGM and offered his services so, thankfully we are back to full strength.

We hold a plant sale every year with free entry – aiming to provide quality plants, herbs, perennials and shrubs at keen prices from local independent nurseries. This is also open to non members. This year it is being held on 18th May from 10.00 – 12 noon, here in our village hall.

We offer at least one outing each year with coach pick up points both in Brackley and Evenley. In 2018 we took a party to the Beth Chatto gardens at Colchester; this venue was a favourite of our late President, Janet Cropley and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day; the gardens are, indeed, an inspiration to gardeners and garden lovers.

This year we are taking the coach To Broadway where we will embark on the steam railway for a leisurely one hour trip to Cheltenham. The coach will then collect us and we will complete our journey to Miserden Gardens near Stroud.

We have an excellent planned programme of speakers and events for this year, having already been entertained by Timothy Walker, with Twigs Way visiting us tomorrow (16th April). However, with plenty more to look forward to this year we have also been working on the 2020 programme because good speakers always seem to get booked up pretty quickly.

Our monthly meetings are held in Evenley village hall at 8.00pm, usually on the third Tuesday of the month (except for June/July/August when we have a break), and the year ends with a Christmas party (free to members).

If anyone is interested in joining the society, please let me know. Contact details are on the EGS page of the parish website.