



## WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

### ANNUAL REPORT

Our club has had another good year and goes from strength to strength. We have a healthy bank balance and a growing, enthusiastic membership.

Income for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2015 was £3131.91 against an expenditure of £2709.39, giving us a surplus of £422.52p

We now have 46 paid up members, 30 of whom are from surrounding villages.

We had some great trips out last year starting with a coach trip to Anglesea Abbey in March to visit the winter garden. Our summer trips included Bellflower Nursery, Columbine Hall and a fantastic day at RHS Hyde Hall. Our fabulous talks started with Sean Reid the Head Gardening from Ickworth, followed by the inimitable Karen Kenny who is back tonight, by popular demand, for her third visit! Jane Hamblin spoke about Easy Garden Maintenance and Matt Tanton-Brown brought with him a wonderful selection of plants for winter colour which he spoke about with such knowledge and enthusiasm. In September we had a really special event when we welcomed Bob Flowerdew who spoke to us for nearly 2 hours about his views on gardening, the universe and everything! The turnout for this couldn't have been better with over 60 people attending.

The produce show went well and although the number of entries could have been better we still made a small profit. We are hoping that this year more villagers will join in.

The plant stall outside the village hall continues to thrive and last year made a net contribution of £266 which helps to subsidise some of our ever increasing speaker costs. This year has started well with high sales of our ever popular daffodil pots.

Our programme for this year has so far included 3 excellent speakers on such diverse topics as: wildlife in the garden, hardy geraniums and the fascinating carnivorous plants. We have 3 trips planned and then continue with our speakers in September.