



WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

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The club has had another good year. We have had a lot of interest from new people to the village as well as good support from Gislingham and Finningham. Our membership has now grown to its best ever at 40 with about half of those being from outside Wickham Skeith.

We had some great trips out last year the first one being to Howards Nursery at Wortham, followed by a guided tour of Foggy Bottom at Blooms and an outing with lunch to The Old Vicarage at East Ruston. Once again we lined up some great speakers with talks and demonstrations, on the perennial cutting garden, the winter garden, fruit tree pruning, the year at Ickworth and an extremely funny talk last month, from Karen Kenny, on the magical mystery of herbs. In March we ran a coach trip to Anglesey Abbey to view the Winter/Spring gardens which were fabulous.

The club ran the plant stall at the fete and also once again organised the produce show which went really well. Even with some large one off costs for advertising signs we made a profit which was shared with the Village Hall committee. We are hoping to do even better this year.

At the end of this month we will start our summer outings with a trip to Bellflower Nursery at Langham. This will be followed by a day trip to Essex to visit RHS Hyde Hall and then an evening trip to Columbine Hall.

The plant stall outside the village hall continues to be a great success helping to subsidise our ever increasing speaker costs. We will certainly need to draw upon these funds this September as we have Bob Flowerdew coming to speak to us. We hope that this event will be well supported from the village as non members are always welcome at all of our events.

I'd like to finish by thanking the club officers and committee members for all their help and support over the past year.

Rosie Bassett