

The Addingtons Horticultural Society Report to the 2016 Great Addington Annual Parish Meeting.

The Addingtons Horticultural Society had another successful year.

We were entertained and informed by a variety of speakers. These included some plant and nursery specialists, such as Simon White from Beales Roses and Woodford resident Ken Evans, who spoke about commercial plant breeding. Talks on historical gardens and gardeners, Singapore Botanic Gardens, and on the restoration of nearby Blatherwyck Manor's walled garden also featured in our programme. (We will be visiting Blatherwyck garden on our July evening outing.)

Our summer programme as usual comprised two evening outings to local gardens, this year to Haddonstone Gardens and Kathy Brown's Garden in Bedfordshire, followed by dinner in two excellent pubs, and one coach trip, this time to Felley Priory in Nottinghamshire. This was such a beautiful garden, with a lovely cafe and plant nursery, that we are hoping to make a return visit next year.

Our November anniversary dinner was held again at Knuston Hall. 2015 concluded with our Christmas Party in the Memorial Hall.

Currently we have 52 members, who come from all over the surrounding area. We welcome new members to what is, we hope, a very friendly and interesting society.

A reminder that the Annual Show will be on Saturday 6th September, 2.30pm-4.15 pm. We hope that as usual some of the children from Great Addington C of E Primary School will enter exhibits. We shall also have a new entry in the baking class, 'Tea Time Treats, especially for local children, who we hope will participate.

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