



# NEWSLETTER

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This Months meeting will be held on Thursday at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30

Our April Speaker, in Mike's words

Julian Reed is a giant in the fern world and in stature, (and he is bigger than me and well built!) He was a plant manager at Polhill Nursery before retirement, he holds a national collection of polypodium ferns, Julian has won gold at Hampton Court and is a regular exhibitor at Wisley with the British Pteridological Soc', of which he is a prominent committee member and author. He has given talks to the RHS. and I do know he gave a talk to Birdbrook which was well received. He is the equivalent of Ray within the fern world.

Two of Ray's photos from the Devon trip.



Celia and David Haselgrove's 'Foxhill'



Keith Wiley's 'Wildside'

ESSEX GROUPS SHOW.  
29th April Rawreth Village Hall

Our Group Show will soon be on us. There are several classes for complete newcomers that will make it easy to join in. And it is the plant that's judged not the grower!. We all want to see plants on the bench. Novice entries can be made on the day so If you are not sure of the procedure just bring your plants and you will find everyone will point you in the right direction. Mike.





Plants from March Competition and non-competitive display.

April Competition

- Class 1 Any Alpine excl. Saxifraga
- Class 2 Saxifraga



**Spring Plant Fair**  
 Where the Essex AGS group will have a stand  
**Hosted by**  
**Essex Plant Heritage**  
 RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Creepthedge Lane, Chelmsford CM3 8ET  
**Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd April 2023**  
 10am till 4pm both days.



Two more of Phils great plants.

Left above Iris Pumila x babadagica

Left Dodecatheon jeffreyi

Many thanks to Mike Lavelle who gave a very interesting and informative talk last Month on how Climate Change is affecting the plants we grow in our gardens.

Chairman	Secretary	Show Secretary	Editor
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