



Chartered Institute of Horticulture Eastern & South East Branches

Visit to GeeVee (Pepper Growers) & The Gibberd Garden

Saturday 17th August 2019

GeeVee Enterprises

Netherhall Rd, Roydon, Harlow CM19 5JP

Time: meet at 10.30am

Salad Growers close to London mainly focusing on Sweet Peppers. Netherhall Nursery has been family run and in operation for well over 100 years. Established just after the end of the 19th Century, it has been creating produce, and continues to presently, for an ever increasing local and National market. Gee Vee Enterprises Ltd. took over operations in the late 1990s, and with farming and growing food very much embedded into our background, have invested in modernisation and up-to-date techniques of growing food. Our main focus is growing Sweet Peppers, but with the help of a solid team, we have branched out into other fruits and vegetables to maximise the efficiency of our greenhouses and deliver what the market desires, to some of the highest standards in the world. We extensively use predation and Biological Control Agents to counter the threat of pests and diseases, reassuring that our food is grown to the highest, most natural quality and reducing our need and use of pesticides to almost zero. We are also big fans of sustainability, and using an holistic approach to growing, we can strive to achieve a more economically and environmentally friendly way of growing.

The Gibberd Garden

Marsh Lane off Gilden Way, Harlow, CM17 0NA

Time: Meet at 2.30pm

The Gibberd Garden is an inspirational and fascinating Grade II listed garden. Created between 1957 and 1984 by Sir Frederick Gibberd, Master Planner of Harlow New Town and leading post-war architect, it is acknowledged to be one of the most important 20th century gardens in the country. The garden occupies 9 acres of a 14 acre site on the side of a small valley, sloping down to the Pincey Brook. It is full of sculptures and what Sir Frederick called 'decorative objects', including ceramic pots and items of architectural salvage. It has lawns, pools, streams and glades, a dramatic mature lime avenue, a brookside walk, a wild garden, an arboretum and a moated castle with a drawbridge. In making his garden Sir Frederick fulfilled his ambition to create a work of art. It is loved and admired by garden designers, professional gardeners and the many visitors who are captivated by its unique atmosphere.

Lunch

The Green Man

MULLBERRY GREEN, HARLOW, CM17 0ET

We have a table booked at The Green Man in Harlow for members wishing to join us for a networking lunch. The Pub is situated between the two visit locations and has plenty of parking. Menu available here: <https://www.chefandbrewer.com/pubs/essex/green-man/menu/main-menu>

Cost: Members £10, Guests £15 – Cash on the day please.

RSVP: This visit is open to members and guests, please confirm attendance via email to either Eastern@horticulture.org.uk or southeast@horticulture.org.uk