

Christmas Dinner – 27 November 2015

We have booked Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club again for our Christmas Dinner on Friday 27th November. See the sample menu below to get your taste buds tingling. Details on cost and how to book your menu choices will be available next month.

Starters

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
Breaded Camembert with Sweet Chilli Jam
Duck A l'orange Pate' with Toasted Ciabatta
Prawn and Crayfish Cocktail

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing, Red Cabbage, Roasted Root Vegetables, Roast Potatoes)
Slow Braised Feather Blade Steak in a Shallot and Red Wine Gravy
(Yorkshire Pudding, Red Cabbage, Roasted Root vegetables, Roast Potatoes)
Salmon En Crouete with a Basil and Cognac Sauce
(Wholegrain Mustard and Garlic Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Pea Puree')
Mushroom Wellington (V)
(Red Cabbage, Roasted Root Vegetables, Roast Potatoes)

Dessert

Matured Christmas Pudding
(Brandy Custard)
Lemon Possett
(Homemade Shortbread)
Chocolate Brownie served hot
(Chocolate Sauce, Ice Cream)
Cheese Board
(Crackers, Grapes, Chutney)

Coffee or Tea with Mints

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Next Meeting – 8 September 2015



**Chris Young
Trimley Herbs**

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Chairman's Message

Our August meeting is always a moment to draw breath following the lead up to the hectic weekend our Annual Flower and Produce Show. It is also the time to welcome new members who were inspired to join us at the Show. I was delighted to see a large number of new members on Tuesday night and also 7 visitors who came along to hear more from our speaker Chris Ryde.

We also had a visit from Jack Cox of Felixstowe TV, who came along to record the start of our meeting and Chris' talk about the Fauna and Flora of Landguard – look out for the result on www.felixstowetv.co.uk.

Chris Ryde has been the Ranger at Landguard Nature reserve for the past 2 years and he lives there in the bungalow with his family. We are so lucky to have this Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) directly on our doorstep. It was good to see a clear outline of exactly where the reserve is, as it is crucial that we all respect the reserve with our own footfall and keeping our dogs under close control.

The reserve is a great example of coastal vegetated shingle, which is quite a rare habitat. It is also lowland acid grassland, which has the many rabbits as key managers of the area – though they may have to be kept under control if the grassland is over grazed. It is home to many plants including Sea Kale, Sea Holly, Sea Pea, Sea Rocket, Prickly Sandwort, Sea Sandwort, Frosted Orache and of course Ray's Knot Grass. In all there are in excess of 500 plant species, including the scarce varieties such as Woody Fleabane and Stinking Goosefoot. Cinnebar moths can be found feeding on the yellow Ragwort plants and there are a multitude of butterflies. Many birdwatchers are able to view the Linnets, Greenfinches, White Throats and more rare visitors of Sub Alpine Warbler, Wheatear, Wryneck, Greenish warbler and Meadow Pippit. There is a breeding success with increase of Ringed Plovers

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nesting each year, and as they are ground nesting it is so important that we do stick to the pathways and avoid disturbing them.

There are of course grass snakes and common lizards, with visiting seals passing through and even a Harbour Porpoise. Our Reserve plays host to school visits, walking festivals, bird watchers, Scouts lead beach cleans as well as support from the locals – it is also a great place to practice your photography skills.

Looking forward – we will have our Autumn Mini Show in October, which gives everyone a chance to enter a competition in a quieter environment than that of the Annual Show at the Leisure Centre. We are also planning the schedule for our Spring Mini Show and will aim to make it easier through relaxing the entry criteria and sourcing some bulbs for you to buy.

Who knew that we had specialist herb growers as close to us as Trimley? Well, Chris Young will be along to our September meeting to tell us more about Trimley Herbs. So until then, enjoy your gardens and the rest of the summer.

See you soon.

Ray Martin

Water Butt for Sale

If you would like a water butt and lid (no stand) please contact Caroll Wallace 01394 272695 and she can give you the details. Price is £5 to Society funds – Bargain!

Marks Hall Gardens, Marks Tey

Just to let you know that if you are looking for a trip out, Marks Hall Gardens are looking splendid at the moment and they have a wonderful display of sculptures until the end of August.

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