I took over as Secretary at the beginning of this year and my job has been to oversee a programme already, to a large extent, in place. There has been a wide range of speakers this year and a visit to RHS Wisley. As ever, the visit was excellent but, disappointingly, the coach was not full. The August social evening at Jean’s was, in spite of the change in weather, well supported, as was the visit to Galleywood School.

I have almost completed the programme of speakers for 2019. It begins in January with Matthew Oliver’s presentation about the Global Vegetable Garden at Hyde Hall. In February we have Chris Cork who is the Head Gardener at Beeleigh Abbey. If there is enough interest, I am hoping to arrange an evening visit to Beeleigh Abbey Gardens later in the summer.

Once again I will be coordinating orders for Kings Seeds. We usually manage to achieve the higher discount which gives members a 40% discount with 10% for GHS.

I look forward to seeing you all at 2019 meetings!

Draft programme 2019

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| 24th Jan | Matthew Oliver - Hyde Hall | Global Growth Vegetable Garden |
| 28th Feb | Chris Cork | Beeleigh Abbey Gardens |
| 28th Mar | Sarah Page | The Truggery |
| 25th April | Val Christman | The Pulham Legacy |
| 23rd May | Tony Rogers | Show judging |
| 27th June | Peter Freeman  Thompson and Morgan | Floral festival – Hyde Hall |
| 13th July | **Summer Show** |  |
| 8th Aug | **Tasting Evening** | To be arranged |
| 26th Sept | Margot Bishop | To be confirmed |
| 24th Oct | Celebrity evening  Charles Dowding | ‘No-dig’ gardening |
| 28th Nov | **AGM** |  |
| 12th Dec | **Christmas Social** |  |