



Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society

First Speaker Event: **Kevin Tooher - Coping with clay**

Thursday 10 April

Trinity Hall, (behind Holy Trinity Church, TN7 4HN)

Doors open at 6pm. Talk starts at 6.30pm.

Members £8, Non-members £10

Non-members can join on the night

Fee includes light refreshments

Events contribute to our charity donations

Kevin's introduction:

I'm a passionate, professional plantsman and lecturer, with a Certificate in Education and a Diploma in Horticulture from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). I started my own business after working for many years at Hadlow College in Kent as a Lecturer and Team Leader.

I am Chair of [Whitstable Horticultural Society](#). I combine practical help with running gardening courses at [Coolings Nursery](#) in Knockholt, Hever and Walmer Castles.



For years friends, family and students have nicknamed me Sir Plantalot and I like the name as I think it reflects who I am; someone with a good sense of humour who also likes plants and planting.

I love sharing my passion for gardening and helping people to improve their knowledge. My mission is to reach as many people as possible to encourage them to garden and to have fun. I really like seeing how excited people get watching the first seeds they plant grow and flower or hearing about the pleasure they get when they take a cutting and it doesn't die! I've also enjoyed helping many people escape from unhappy jobs to move into all areas of horticulture.

Highlights of my career have included meeting people like Roy Lancaster (known by many for his work on BBC Gardeners World) and being involved as a trial judge for the [RHS at Wisley](#) where plants are assessed over three years to see if they qualify for an award of Garden Merit.

Reviews by CHHS Members:

"I have heard Kevin speak. He kept me entertained and inspired my interest, while sharing his passion for plants"

"Kevin has a natural humour. He gives extensive practical advice"

Message from the Membership Secretary:

'If you are thinking of coming please let me know so that we can ensure our first night is a great success'.

Email Malcolm Boyland: membershipsecretary@colemanshatchflowershow.com