

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2009

Membership Renewal

Membership was due for renewal on 1st March 2009 and if you have not yet renewed and wish to be a member for the year to 28th February 2010, please fill in the membership renewal form at the back of the handbook. It would help the Society if you enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope. Thank you.

Daffodil Competitions

At this year's Spring Show we introduced a new junior class for daffodils grown from bulbs supplied by the Society. A few bulbs were supplied to past exhibitors and local school students for the competition but next year we hope to expand it further. Bulbs for juniors will be available from Kate Chambers in October and November (contact details in the handbook), or ask the Show Secretaries at the Autumn Show.

The existing competition for adults is continuing and bulbs will be available at evening meetings in October and November, as usual.

Society Website

The Society website is at www.swhortsoc.org.uk

We would be pleased to receive photographs of Society events for posting to the site. You can e-mail your pictures to annie@erdman.demon.co.uk

We would also ask any members who are willing to receive newsletters by e-mail to register their e-mail address with the Membership Secretary, John Bullen, at john.bullen@ntlworld.com

Members who have already registered need not re-register.

Autumn Show

The Society's Autumn Show is on Saturday 12th September and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden (opposite Katherine Semar School). It will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from 2.00pm. Prizes will be presented by the Mayor at 3.30pm. We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something to tempt you from the show schedule in the handbook. Why not enter a class or two with a favourite house plant, cut flowers, a cake, bottle of home made wine or some home grown vegetables. There are also classes for craft work, flower arranging, photography, and junior classes. If you have children or grandchildren who like flowers, cooking or making things, please encourage them to enter something.

Please remember to stand all pot plants on a saucer, as we need to protect our table coverings from water damage.

Entry forms are in the handbook and should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by **Thursday 10th September**. Her address is on the forms.

Plant Stalls at Society Shows

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants, produce and general items for the benefit of the Society. This raises about £150 per year and we are very grateful to everyone who gives items to sell. We would like to continue this valuable source of fund raising and members who wish to donate plants etc but are unable to attend shows can phone David Erdman on 01799 524347 to arrange collection.

Outing to West Dean

There are still some seats available for our final outing of the year to West Dean Gardens on Sunday 6 September. The coach will depart from the Common at 9.00am and we should be back by about 6.30pm. The cost is £25.00. West Dean is a 90 acre garden in the grounds of a 17th century manor house near Chichester. The gardens comprise numerous Victorian glasshouses, walled gardens, arboretum, and herbaceous borders. At the time of the visit there will be a Tomato Show with over 150 varieties, cookery demonstrations and tastings.

A full description of the gardens is available from Annie Erdman who will also take bookings on 01799 524347. If enough people book for this trip, the price may be reduced.

Change of Venue for Sociable Evening

The Combined Sociable Evening and AGM will now be held at the Bowls Club, Abbey Lane at 8.00p.m. on Tuesday 1st December 2009 – **NOT** in the Town Hall as stated in the Members' Handbook.

Evening Meetings

The first talk of the new season will be held at 8.00p.m on Tuesday 6th October at the Bowls Club, Abbey Lane. when Mr P Jackson will talk about "Plants for Winter Interest Inside and Out"