

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2010

Daffodil Competitions

The Society has two classes for daffodils grown from bulbs it supplies. The classes are in the Spring Show and one is for juniors (age up to 15) and one for adults. Bulbs for juniors will be available from Kate Chambers at the Autumn Show only. Bulbs for adults will be available at evening meetings in October and November.

Evening Meetings

The first talk of the new season will be held at the Bowls Club, Abbey Lane on Tuesday 5th October at 8.00 pm, when Mr P Beale will give Part 2 of his talk "Light Among the Trees"

Plant Stalls at Society Shows

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. This is a valuable source of income and we are very grateful to everyone who gives us items to sell. Members who wish to donate plants etc but are unable to attend the shows can phone John Bullen on 01799 502722 to arrange collection.

Society Website

The website at www.swhortsoc.org.uk contains photographs of shows and current information about the Society.

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

For Sale and Wanted

You can advertise items for sale in the newsletter – just contact David Erdman (contact details in the handbook)

Autumn Show

The Society's Autumn Show is on Saturday 18th September and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden. The Committee is not getting any younger **and would welcome any help in setting up at 6.00 pm on the Friday evening before the Show and taking down at 4.30 pm on Saturday.** Please help if you can.

The Show will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from 2.00 pm with an **auction of produce at the earlier time of 3.30 pm** followed by prize giving by the Mayor at 4.00 pm

We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something of interest from the show schedule in the handbook. Why not enter a house plant, cut flowers, home grown fruit and vegetables, or enter the cookery or wine making classes. You could persuade your children or grandchildren to enter the junior classes.

Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website. They should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 16th September. Her address is on the forms. **Please remember to mark on your entry forms any exhibits that are not to be included in the auction.**

There are plenty of attractions at the show, apart from the exhibits, including a plant stall and a grand raffle. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be on sale.

Outings

We are sad to announce the retirement from the Committee of Annie Erdman, our Outings Organiser for the last 14 years. If the Society is to continue these attractive events, it will need volunteers to organise them. **If anyone is prepared to take on this role, please contact the Chairman, Doreen Townley as soon as possible.**

Any delay in replacing Annie will mean the suspension of these lovely garden visits. Annie will be happy to show her successor the ropes, and Doreen's details are in the handbook.

Membership

Membership was due for renewal on 1st March 2010 and if you have not yet renewed and wish to be a member for the year to 28th February 2011, please fill in the membership form at the back of the handbook. It would help the Society if you enclosed a stamped addressed envelope. Thank you.

The Membership Secretary, John Bullen, urgently requires someone to help him by providing holiday cover in the period January-March. The job entails receiving membership renewals and applications, and issuing membership cards. Would anyone prepared to help please phone John. His contact details are in the handbook.