

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2012

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2013 Show Dates

Spring Show 13th April

Summer Show 15th June

Autumn Show 21st September

All at Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close SW

2nd October 2012

Evening Talks Start with a

Talk by Mike Thurlow on Mike Thurlow & William Cresswell Venue, as usual Bowl Club Abbey Lane at 8.00 pm.

Full details of the talks are in the Handbook.

The Daffodil bulbs for the Daffodil completion at the Spring Show, should also be ready to collect at the meeting, so make sure you collect your free bulb.

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 at annie@erdman.demon.co.uk

Autumn Show

The Society's Autumn Show is on Saturday 22nd September and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden.

Hopefully, now that we have had rain and sunshine all the flowers and vegetables will be at their best for the Autumn Show.

Entries to be staged between 8.30 am and 10.45am and the Show will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from 2.00 pm with prizes presented by the Mayor at 3.30 pm, followed by an auction of produce at 4.00 pm. Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website and should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 20th September.

Please remember to mark on your entry forms any exhibits that are not to be included in the auction.

We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something of interest from the show schedule in the handbook and if you want any help with staging your exhibits there will be plenty of people to help you.

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

SHOWING TIPS – Important. Check your schedule before leaving home with your exhibits to make sure that whichever classes you are entering, you have the correct number of items as shown in the schedule. If possible take extras, it is very easy for a flower head to fall off, when travelling to the show. This would mean you would not have enough for the class and the entry would be disqualified. Plant pots should be clean and set on saucers and the soil should be weed-free. **HAPPY SHOWING**

Outings

Three outings were organised this year, which were enjoyed by everyone who went. The prices were kept down and just covered the costs, however lack of numbers meant each trip was touch and go as we did not want to run at a loss. It has been decided that there will be some outings for 2013, but more support and commitment is required from the membership.

“Use it or lose it”. Details will follow later in the year.

Membership

There are still some members who have not renewed their membership this year and if the outstanding subscriptions are not received by the renewal date in 2013, it is with regret that you will be removed from the mailing list. **Please send your overdue subscriptions to John Bullen, 4 Upsheres, S.W. CB11 3BP**

NEED SOME HORSE MANURE FOR YOUR GARDEN OR ALLOTMENT ?

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