

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2017

Dates for your Diaries

**Autumn Show
Sat.16th September**

**Oct. 3rd Talk –
Alternative Flowers –
Steve Jones (ranging
from an insect's eye
view to personal
adornment)**

**Nov. 7th Talk – Tripe &
Trotters – Brian Carline**

**Dec. 5th A.G.M. followed
by Social Evening.**

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**Mar. 6th Talk - A to Z of
Roses – all aspects
including propagating of
Roses –Simon White of
Peter Beales Roses**

**April 3rd Talk “Befriend
a Hedgehog” by
members of the
organisation - Friends of
Hedgehogs**

**Refer to Schedule for
details**

**Plant Stalls at our
Shows**

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. It is a valuable source of income for which we are very grateful to everyone who gives us items to sell. It would be appreciated if you could put the name of the plant on the plant pot. If you are

Welcome to the Autumn 2017 Newsletter and we hope that you have all enjoyed the lovely Summer weather during July. Although we have had a lot of rain in recent weeks, unfortunately, it arrived too late to be of any benefit to the vegetables, but hopefully there will still be a good showing at **Autumn Show** Saturday 16th September 2017 at Golden Acre Community Centre.

The Summer Show was very successful with entries up on last year, which included 70 entries in the Roses classes, but unfortunately, only one Junior entered.

If any of you know of any children who you think would be interested in entering some Junior classes, please show them the list of different classes in the Junior section. We always try and think of different things that might appeal to the children. Otherwise we might have to consider taking out this section from the Schedule, which would be a shame.

It will not be long before it is time to start sorting out what you want to enter in the Autumn Show and remember there is a “Novice” class for anyone who has not previously won a prize in the VEGETABLE section. This is open to anyone, not only new members.

We hope to have a good number of entries for the Autumn Show, entries need to either be emailed to me by Thursday 14th September at swhortsoc@outlook.com or kathryn-chambers@outlook.com or telephone 01763838754 or posted to Ken Peck, 58 Victoria Avenue, Saffron Walden CB11 3AE

Entries must be staged between 8.30am and 10.30am and the show will open to the public at 2.00 pm with prizes being presented by the Mayor at 3.30 pm, followed at 4.00 pm by an auction of produce. Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website.

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; there is a plant stall and raffle. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

SHOWING TIPS – Important. Check your schedule before leaving home to make sure that you have the correct number of exhibits for the classes you are entering, if possible take some

unable to attend the show, but have plants to donate. Please contact John Bullen on 01799 502722 1 week before the Show to arrange collection.

Membership Just a reminder

There are still some members who haven't paid their 2017 subscription. Please check that you have a current 2017/18 Membership card, if not please send your sub. to Charlotte Heales Membership Secretary details in the Handbook...

Society Website

If you have any photographs for the website you can e-mail them to Annie Erdman at annie-erdman@outlook.com
The website is www.swhortsoc.org.uk

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER BY POST AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE IT BY E-MAIL. Please can you confirm your email address to me: Kate at the Society's email address of swhortsoc@outlook.com

This would be a great help and would save the Society postage.

extras in case of mishap. **HAPPY SHOWING.**

Countdown to Bi-Centennial Year 2019

The Committee have already started to discuss this special Anniversary, but would like to form a sub-committee to finalise all the details for the various events. If you would be interested in helping in with this, please can you contact Kate Chambers on tel. 01763 838754 or email swhortsoc@outlook.com
We will be having a display in the Museum of old posters etc. If you have any old photographs of the Society, or old packets of seeds or tools that we could have for the display. Please give Kate a ring, details above.

Outings for 2018

One of the outings had to be cancelled owing to the lack of numbers, the remaining two were very enjoyable, and once again numbers were down. However, it has been decided to run some Coach trips next year, but we do need support from the members, otherwise we will not be able to fund anymore. Details of the outings will be in the 2018/19 Schedule when it comes out in the New Year. A few of us did however go up to London by train to visit the Orchid & Spring Show at the RHS Lindley Horticultural Halls, which was very enjoyable. So thank you Jackie

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Theresa Pitts is helping to raise funds for Acorn House, which is run by the Sick Children's Trust, 15 bedroomed house which supports families with very sick children providing a home from home, giving practical and emotional support. To raise funds we are putting on a Gardening evening in the Parish Rooms in Saffron Walden at 8pm on the 20th September with Peter Jackson from Scotsdales giving a talk and after an interval there is a questions and answers session. Peter Jackson has 50 years' experience in horticulture and is a regular BBC Cambridgeshire Garden Radio presenter. Tickets are £10.00 each to include tea/coffee and cake. Tel. Theresa on 01799 513805. Hope you can support this.

DON'T FORGET SHOW DATES FOR 2018 ARE
SPRING SHOW SUNDAY 15th APRIL 2018
SUMMER SHOW SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2018
AUTUMN SHOW SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018