

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2012

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

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

Membership

Membership is due for renewal on 1st March 2012, 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.

A Happy, Healthy and good Growing and Showing 2012

Following the AGM in December, we would like to thank the retiring committee members, for all their hard work over many years on behalf of the Society, David Erdman, Secretary, Collette Briggs, Publicity, Mary Adams, talks organiser and our Vice Chairman, Jean Petchey. We also send our best wishes to Jean for a speedy recovery from her recent illness. We have four new committee members and we extend a welcome to Jackie Damary Homan, Outings Secretary, Angela Jones, Talks Organiser and Pat Marks and Jill MacLoughlin. Kate Chambers, at present, is Acting Secretary.

Spring Show

The Spring Show is on Saturday 14th April at the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close Saffron Walden (opposite Katherine Semar School). It will be open to members and the public from 2.00 pm. We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something to tempt you when you read the show schedule in the handbook. If you are unsure about how to present your exhibits, please ask anyone on the committee or the stewards at the Show, who will be only too pleased to help. Entry is free and entry forms are at the back of the handbook and should be sent to Yvonne Bishop not later than the Thursday before the show. All the details are in the handbook.

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. So please come along and see us.

If you are growing a society daffodil for entry at the show. It is time to dig up the pot and bring it into the light in a cold but frost free place. By following the guidelines issued with the bulb, we hope you will be ready for the show.

OUTINGS FOR 2012

Following the notice in the 2011 Spring News letter for a member to organise some outings, Jackie Damary Homan has agreed to take on this position. Three outings for 2012 have been organised and all the details are in the Handbook and booking forms will be available at the February, March and April meetings. They all look very interesting so book early to avoid disappointment.

A. Tuesday 15th May – Capel Manor Gardens - £18.00

B Wednesday 6th June – Beeleigh Abbey Gardens and Maldon £20.00

C Tuesday 3rd July – Coton Manor Gardens £18.

Jackie's tel. No is 01799 521221