

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

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.

Grants

We applied for and received grants from Uttlesford Jubilee fund and Stansted Airport Community Trust for the purchase of a Laptop and Projector, which can be used for giving talks to local schools and other organisations. It is hoped that the Laptop can also be used in the future to help with some of the paper work during the Shows.

Essex Guild of Horticultural Judges is running a new course for Trainee Judges beginning in March 2013. So if you have ever thought you would like to learn about judging flowers and vegetables or how the judges come to their decisions, now is your chance. For further details please contact Kate Chambers Tel. 01763 838754

Society Website

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

A Happy, Healthy and good Growing and Showing 2013

Following the 2012 AGM, Kate Chambers has agreed to be Secretary for the Society and Ken Peck is the new Vice-Chairman.

If you are growing a society daffodil for entry at the show. It will soon be 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.

Spring Show Saturday 13th April

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 we have tried to include a variety of classes for everyone from beginner to experienced exhibitor 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 we look forward to seeing you..

OUTINGS FOR 2013

Jackie Damary Homan has agreed to continue as Outings Organiser. The 3 outings organised for 2013 are

1. Saturday 11th May – Wrest Park £24 or £17 for EH Members.
2. Tuesday 4th June – Ousden House followed by 2 hrs in Bury St.Edmunds £29.00
3. Wednesday 26th June – Ashdon Manor Gardens £6.00 MEMBERS ONLY.

Full details are in the Handbook and booking forms will be available at the February, March and April meetings. They all look very interesting. Due to lack of response from members for some of the outings last year, it has been decided to offer the trips to surrounding Societies. So PLEASE BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment.

Jackie's tel. No is 01799 521221

Membership

Membership is due for renewal on 1st March 2013, please fill in the membership form at the back of the handbook. It would help the Society if you enclosed a stamped addressed envelope. 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 Thank You