

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

SHOW DATES FOR 2014

Spring Show 12TH APRIL

Summer Show 21ST JUNE

Autumn Show 20TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY TALKS

March 4th – My Gardening Year

April 1st – Cornish Treasures

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

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

Membership

Membership is due for renewal on 1st March 2014; please fill in the membership form at the back of the handbook. It would help the Society if you enclose a stamped address envelope. We would also ask any members who are willing to receive newsletters by e-mail to register their email address with the Membership Secretary, John Bullen at john.bullen@ntlworld.com

Thank You.

A Happy, Healthy and good Growing and Showing 2014

We had a successful 2013 AGM & Social evening, in December, with John Bullen giving a presentation using the new Projector equipment which the society had purchased through Grants received from the Uttlesford District Council Jubilee fund and Stansted Airport Community Fund. This interesting presentation consisted of photographs taken during John & Janet's visit to Australia during October/November, which shows the range of different Spring flowers native to Australia and we also show some photos taken at last year's outing to Ousden House. We hope to repeat this format for the 2014 AGM, so if anyone has photographs of gardens etc. that would be of interest to members, please can you contact John Bullen.

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. Mine are just showing through.

Spring Show Saturday 12th 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 2014

Jackie Damary Homan has arranged 3 varied and interesting outings for 2014. So please make a note of the dates.

1. Wednesday 7th May – Netherhall Manor nr Ely + 2 hrs in Ely. £28.
2. Wednesday 4th June – Green Island Gardens, Colchester+Dedham Vale £29.00
3. Tuesday 1st July – Myddelton House Gardens & Forty Hall, Enfield. £28.00

Full details are in the Handbook & booking forms will be available at the February, March and April meetings. So PLEASE BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment, as if there is a lack of response, the trips will be offered to surrounding Societies. Jackie's tel. No is 01799 521221