

# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2010

## Membership Renewal

Membership was due for renewal on 1st March 2010. If you have not yet renewed and wish to be a member for the year to 28th February 2011, please fill in the membership renewal form at the back of the handbook. Subscriptions are £4 p.a. with a discounted rate of £7 p.a. where two members live at the same address. You can pay your subscription at the Summer Show, or post it to the address shown on the form, in which case it would help the Society if you enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope.

## 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](http://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.demon.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:john.bullen@ntlworld.com)

## For Sale and Wanted

You can advertise items for sale in the newsletter – just contact David Erdman (contact details in the handbook)

## Summer Show

The Society's Summer Show is on Saturday 19th June and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden. It will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. when prizes will be presented by the Mayor. The emphasis on Domestic Classes has been moved from the Autumn to the Summer Show so please check the schedules carefully before entering.

We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something to tempt you from the show schedule in the handbook. Why not enter a class or two with a favourite house plant, cut roses or other flowers, home grown fruit and vegetables, or enter the cookery, wine making, handicraft or photographic sections. You could persuade your children or grandchildren to enter the junior classes. If you do enter, please remember to stand all pot plants on a saucer, as we need to protect our table coverings from water damage!

There are plenty of attractions at the show, apart from the exhibits, including a plant stall and a raffle (at the Spring Show the prize was a Box of Goodies kindly donated by Waitrose). Refreshments will also be on sale.

Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website. They should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 17th June. Her address is on the forms.

## Outings

This year we are offering three outings as follows

- **RHS Garden Hyde Hall (Sunday 13 June) – Depart Common 1.00pm £11.00**  
“Celebration of Roses”

One of the finest gardens in the East of England comprising several individual gardens, wild flower meadow, woodland, national collections, ornamental carp ponds and a nursery. The Celebration of Roses will focus on all aspects of roses from growing them to using them in floral displays and beauty products. An expert will be on hand to answer rose queries and Cants of Colchester, will be selling a selection of their finest roses

- **Easton Walled Gardens (Sunday 27 June) – Depart Common 12.30pm £19.00**  
“Sweet Pea Week”

The 400 year old gardens were abandoned in 1951 when Easton Hall was demolished, following irreparable damage during the war. The revival of these 12 acre gardens has been on-going by the original owners, the Cholmeley family, since 2002. The gardens now include a David Austin Rose Collection, 50 varieties of Sweet Peas, trial beds, Irises, a popular cut flower garden, glass houses, and a vegetable garden. The Sweet Peas should be in full bloom!

- **Houghton Hall (Sunday 18 July) – Depart Common 10.30am £21.50**

The visit includes house and gardens. Formerly the residence of Sir Robert Walpole, the magnificent house interiors were designed by William Kent in the early 18th century. The grounds comprise woodland, deer park (5 types) and a 5 acre walled garden divided into a series of smaller gardens including herbaceous borders, rose garden, fountains, glass houses, fruit and vegetables

More details and full descriptions of the gardens are available from Annie Erdman who will also take bookings on 01799 524347. It is essential that sufficient members book outings to ensure that they take place.