

# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

## Plant Stalls at our 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.

## Membership

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2012 subscription please do so, by sending it to the Membership Secretary John Bullen, address in the handbook. We would also ask any members who are willing to receive newsletters by e-mail to register their e-mail address with John Bullen at [john.bullen@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.bullen@ntlworld.com)

## 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 at [annie@erdman.demon.co.uk](mailto:annie@erdman.demon.co.uk)

## **OMISSION IN RECIPE FOR THE CHOCOLATE CAKE**

**"Bake the cake for 45 – 50 mins until firm to the finger and shrunk from sides**

## REMEMBER – IF IN FLOWER, PICK IT AND SHOW IT

This is what happened at the Spring Show in April and we had a good show with entries slightly up on last year despite some very strange weather.

## Summer Rose & Floral Show

The Society's Summer Show is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden.

The Show will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from 2.00 pm with prizes presented by the Mayor at 3.30 pm..

We know from visitors' comments, when they come to the Show, how much the entries are appreciated – **BUT** without entries there would be no Show, so please try to exhibit something, if possible at each Show.

If you don't have flowers, how about fruit or veg. – or one or more of the domestic classes. Nearly everyone has a hobby, be it photography, painting or handicraft. How about persuading your children or grandchildren to enter the junior classes? So have a look at the Show Schedule in the Handbook and others may be inspired to **"have a go"**, if they see your entry.

Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website. They should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 14th June. Her address is on the forms.

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.

## OUTINGS

As you know we received quite a few requests from members that they would like the outings to start again. Jackie Damary-Homan volunteered to take on the organising of the outings.

Unfortunately, so far we have not received a very good response for the 3 outings organised for 2012.

The first outing was on May 15<sup>th</sup> to Capel Manor in Enfield. We were given a very interesting tour of the garden by one of their experienced gardeners and saw quite a few of the small gardens that had received awards at Chelsea over a number of years and had been donated to the college. It was lovely to be able to walk and inspect them without having to fight to see them at the Chelsea Show. He also told us of the various times that the Queen and members of the Royal family had visited over the years.

We still need more people for both the visit to Maldon and also to Coton Manor as we do not want to cancel them due to lack of support.

If you or anyone you know would like to go to Maldon, but not visit the garden, then the charge would be just £12.00 for the coach.

**So if you want to have outings next year, they must be supported this year.**