

# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013

## Plant Stalls at our Shows

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. It is a valuable source of income for which we are very grateful to everyone who gives us items to sell. If you are unable to attend the show, but have plants to donate. Please contact John Bullen on 01799 502722 to arrange collection.

## Membership

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2013 subscription please do so by sending it to the Membership Sec. John Bullen, address in the handbook.

## Society Website

If you have any photographs for the web-site you can e-mail them to Annie Erdman at [annie@erdman.demon.co.uk](mailto:annie@erdman.demon.co.uk)  
The website is [www.swhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.swhortsoc.org.uk)

## Open Gardens Dates

**Ickleton Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2 – 5 pm** 10+ gardens open in the village. Teas and various stall. Tickets from the Village Hall £5 adults, accompanied children free. Proceeds to the Village Hall Fund.

## Lode Sundays 16<sup>th</sup> June & 14<sup>th</sup> July. 11 am - 5 p.m.

In conjunction with the National Gardens Scheme the gardens open will be at The Old Vicarage, Carpenters End as well as Richard Ayres' garden at 21 Lode Road Lode £5.00 Admission, children free. Teas are available.

## Letter from the Chairman

To all members, I would like to draw attention to 3 dates in **JUNE**. First, the Summer Show on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Please, please try and enter at least one class. This year has been a difficult growing time, but is hopefully catching up. Your entries make all the difference between an excellent and mediocre show.

Our usual **Cheese & Wine Evening** has been moved on a week to **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. We hope to see you there as it's a chance to meet and chat with other members.

You are invited to visit two gardens open on **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 49 and 51 Ashdon Road**. Unfortunately, No. 58 will not be open due to an unexpected house move. Admission is free, but there will be teas – bring & buy – books & plants on sale. All proceeds from this event go to PADHAR HOSPITAL TRUST, INDIA.

Hope to see you and please bring a friend, it is open to everyone.  
Doreen Townley

## Spring Show in April.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Spring Show. Thanks to Robin's call for everyone to pick anything Yellow from the Garden, the number of Entrants and Entries was up on last year and despite the late season, we had a good show.

## SWCHS Farm Club Open Day and Craft Fayre 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Saffron Walden farm club at the county high school is celebrating 50 years in 2013.

It has inspired 5 decades of pupils to grow food and get interested in horticulture and animal husbandry. Doreen Townley has been the advisor on the farm club committee for many years and her long service was much appreciated. Jackie Damary-Homan is now the Horticultural Societies member on the farm club committee. In today's world she feels it is important for students to learn about food production and have a chance to grow vegetables. She hopes for years to come pupils will continue to take many opportunities the farm club offers and hopes the school continues to realise what an asset the farm is. There is to be an exhibition of photographs covering the last 50 years in SW library from 27<sup>th</sup> May and at the school on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

It would be great if members could show their appreciation and support the open day and visit the farm. The fayre includes; side shows, live music, craft stalls; classic car displays BBQ etc. on June 9<sup>th</sup> 11-4pm. It is an important fund raiser as £300 a month has to be raised for animal feed alone, costs have covered from contributions at the 3 events held each year, so do come along. Please read adverts in the "Walden Local" that week or look on the website [www.thefarmclub.co.uk](http://www.thefarmclub.co.uk)  
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