

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 2nd June 7.30 pm
Social Evening at Doreen's
49 Ashdon Road Saffron
Walden.**

**June 6/7th Open Gardens at
49 & 51 Ashdon Rd in Aid of
the Padhar Hospital Trust,
India.**

**Sunday June 28th 3pm-5pm
Open Garden with Cream
Tea at Hamlet House, Lower
Pond Street, Wenden Lofts
Nr. Duddenhoe End, Essex
CB11 4UP. This is a lovely
country garden, near where
Kate Chambers lives and is
in aid of our thatched
Hamlet Church.**

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 1 week before the Show to arrange collection.

Membership

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2015 subscription please send it to John Bullen the Membership Sec, who has now returned from his travels, at **4 Upsheres, Saffron Walden CB11 3BP**
Thank you

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter.

The weather during the Spring seemed "normal" after a couple of years with either the Daffodils not out or blooming too early and passed their best for the Spring Show. This year we had a good show of daffodils, spring flowers and shrubs, with entries at about the same number as last year. However, we were really down on entries for the cookery classes in the Domestic Section. I'm not sure why this was, but it might have been due to the schools still being on holiday. We would be pleased to hear from you with any suggestions for the cooking section, also if you have a favourite cake recipe that could be put in a future schedule then please let us have it.

Now, to look forward to the Summer Show on **Saturday 20th June 2015** with the hope that the Roses will be at their best for the Show and not "you should have seen them last week". We do have a class for Novices (Class 11) in the Rose Section, so if you have not shown before, but have a Rose which is nice and fresh, cut it and bring it along.

Do have a look at the Schedule, I'm sure most of you have something that you could bring along, or have a go at the Cookery classes or the photography section. There is something for everyone.

May we make one request that if you know that you are going to exhibit please either ring Yvonne or send your entry form to her at the latest Thursday early evening, even if you only know some of the classes that you wish to enter, it is much easier to cross out classes than add them on the day of the Show. Thank you.

OUTINGS - The first outing of the year was to Wicken Place Farm finishing at Feering Manor Gardens, with a stop off at Tiptree Jam Factory for lunch. Both gardens were beautiful with borders full of colour and we were made very welcome by our hosts.

Owing to the low numbers, the coach has been cancelled for the next trip to Madingley Hall on **Wednesday June 10th**, but the trip is still going ahead and we will be making our own way to Madingley, car sharing. If you do want to join this trip then please ring Jackie as soon as you can.

The last outing on **Wednesday 1st July** is to Jordans Mill and the Swiss Gardens/Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden. There are still a few places available, so if you haven't already booked, please contact Jackie on **01799 521221** as soon as possible.

Society Website

If you have any photographs for the web-site you can e-mail them to Annie Erdman at annie-erdman@outlook.com

The website is

www.swhortsoc.org.uk

WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS

The committee have been concerned over the low turnout of members for the evening talks, especially the March and April meetings. Unfortunately the February meeting had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Also the low take-up of bookings for the outings. Unfortunately, these are affecting the financial situation of the Society.

We would appreciate hearing from members the reason why they have either stopped coming to the Talks or are not booking for Outings. Are there too many outings or would just one be preferred?

If you find it difficult to get to the Talks, then please tell a committee member, so that we may be able to arrange for you to be collected.

Please can you either email Kate Chambers, Hon Sec. at swhortsoc@outlook.com or write to Kate Chambers, Low Mead, Upper Pond Street, Duddenhoe End, Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4UT

We really would like to hear your views.

Kate