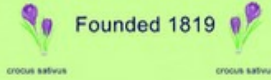


# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

**Dear Member,**

There's a growing list of horticultural-ish events coming soon in and around Saffron Walden – but first of all, I'd like to thank everyone who has already sent me their membership subscription for 2024-25. It's good to see that so many people are still enthusiastic about the Horticultural Society after the recent break in activities.

If you haven't paid your subscription yet, it's not too late and your support will be much appreciated. The annual subscription is a flat rate of £5.00 per person. Membership for children aged 16 and under is free, so please let me know if you would like membership cards for any of the next generation of gardeners. New Membership Cards can be collected at the Summer Show.

You can pay your subscription on-line to:

Account name: Saffron Walden Horticultural Society  
Sort Code: 40 40 45  
Account No.: 91054651

**Please make sure you put your surname and first name/initial as the Payment Reference.**

Alternatively, you can send cash or a cheque made payable to **Saffron Walden Horticultural Society** to Hilary Shibata, Membership Secretary, 4 Mount Pleasant Cottages, Debden Road, Saffron Walden CB11 4AE.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saffron Walden Horticultural Society  
Founded 1819

<https://www.swhortsoc.org.uk/>



**Summer Rose and Floral Show**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:15pm-4:00pm**  
**Sewards End Village Hall**  
**Radwinter Road**  
**Sewards End**  
**Saffron Walden CB10 2LG**

Show schedules available on the website  
or from show secretary  
[liz.livermore@gmail.com](mailto:liz.livermore@gmail.com)

**If you've never entered a Horticultural Show before, don't be shy.** It's great fun to feel involved, so have a go! Remember, we have a special class for Novices (Class11) in the Rose Section, so if you have a rose which is nice and fresh, cut it and bring it along at 9 o'clock as a late entry! There are also classes for cookery and handicrafts, and I'm sure most of you have something that you could bring.

**How to Enter:** Email details of your entry to the Show Secretary ([liz.livermore@gmail.com](mailto:liz.livermore@gmail.com)) no later than Wednesday 19th June, giving your name, address, phone number for contact and the number(s) of the class(es) you're entering. Late entries can be accepted up to 9.00am on the day of the show. You don't have to be a member to enter, and there are no entry fees, except for late entries received after Wednesday 19th for which a charge of 20p per exhibit is usually made. However, if you are a new exhibitor, even late entries will be free – yet another reason to have a go! Advance notice would be appreciated, though, especially if you have a large number of entries or bulky exhibits. On the morning of Saturday 22nd take your entry to Swards End Village Hall between 9.00 and 11.00 am – there's plenty of room to park. Then come back at 2:15 to see if you won!

**We could do with some more volunteers to help on Show Day**, especially in the afternoon when we serve Tea and Cake to our visitors. If you are able to help in any way, please email Liz Livermore ([liz.livermore@gmail.com](mailto:liz.livermore@gmail.com)) or give her a ring on 01763 848757. There is also a stall at every Show selling members' surplus plants and produce – if you have any plants to sell in aid of Society funds, please bring them to the Show in the morning.

## Open Gardens

**Great Chishill Open Gardens, Sunday 2nd June from 12:00 – 5:00.** I'm sorry this is such short notice, The gardens will be open from 12 – 5 (with one exception that will only be available until 3pm). St Swithun's Church is in Heydon Road, post code SG8 8SA

## Great Chishill Open Gardens



In aid of St Swithun's Church

**Sunday 2 June**  
**12pm-5pm**

Entrance £5 Per Person (children free). Maps,  
Programme and Refreshments available from  
St Swithun's Church.

**Open Gardens in Thaxted, Sunday 16th June from 1:00 – 6:00.** Thaxted has been opening its gardens every other year since the 1990s and this year has several new gardens on show to complement seasoned regulars. The gardens come in various shapes and sizes and there will be plenty of variety with formal, cottage and courtyard gardens on view. You may even encounter an Alpaca or two. There will be cakes, ice creams and refreshments available at various locations and stronger beverages at the local pubs. Proceeds go to the Friends of Thaxted Church to help in the preservation of this amazing medieval building. Tickets are £5.00 per person, accompanied under-15s free. Entry programmes are available on the day from Thaxted Church Hall, Margaret Street, Thaxted.

**Berden Open Gardens, Sunday, June 23rd June from 2pm-6pm.** Stunning private gardens across Berden will be opening their gates to raise vital funds for St Nicholas Church. This is your chance to peek into a world of horticultural delights – from vibrant flowerbeds and tranquil water features to sweeping lawns and maybe even a chugging garden railway! Refreshments will be available at St Nicholas Church and Jersey Farm, Little London.



# BERDEN

## Open Gardens

Sunday 23rd June 2024  
2 - 6pm

Plants from £1  
Cafe  
Live Music  
Bee Keeping  
Garden Railway  
Books  
*Plus* Raffle  
lots more!

Berden's Open Gardens include  
Little London  
& Berden Priory's unique  
water tread mill

Passport to all gardens only £5 per Adult  
Children under 16 free

Free Car Parking at CM23 1AY  
Raising funds for St Nicholas Church, Berden

<https://berden.org.uk/events/>

For further details contact John Tippett 01279 777446 [john.tippett@bopenworld.com](mailto:john.tippett@bopenworld.com)

# A very special event

There's an exhibition at **Saffron Walden Museum** until **7th July** exploring our relationship with plants that heal or harm, feed us or frustrate us, and uncovering secrets of their survival over hundreds of millions of years. For details of opening times, go to <https://www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org>



I think that's all the Horticultural news for now – but don't forget that we have a complimentary ticket giving free admission for one member and one guest to any of the RHS Gardens, so if you fancy a day out please contact Robin Crouchman on 01799 540053 or email [sueandrobinare@gmail.com](mailto:sueandrobinare@gmail.com) and he can tell you when the complimentary ticket is available – on a first-come first-served basis.

Bye for now, and happy gardening from your Membership Secretary,

*Hilary Shibata*