

Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society January 2022

1. Sadly, our AGM/talk has been cancelled due to the Omicron COVID 19 variant, as it spreads so easily, the Committee took the decision to cancel the AGM because of the risks involved for all of us.

We hope to invite Graeme Simmonds again in 2023 because he is both interesting and entertaining.

2. Our next meeting will be on Friday 18th February at the Poppy Centre, Recreation Road, in Stalham. We will have a talk on the subject of "Planning and Planting for Seasonal Cut Flowers" by Sarah Hammond, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start with a raffle & refreshments, will be individually wrapped cakes and or biscuits as a temporary measure only) instead of our usual homemade cakes.

3. The Spring Show Schedules have been updated class wise and have a fresh new look which I hope you will all like. Paper copies are available from Century Printing in Stalham High Street (near Cafe Charlotte), Sutton Garden and Hardware, The Street in Sutton and A.G Meales at Wayford too. We have a full range of Novice classes which have been designed for you to "have a go", but not against the seasoned Show veterans! It's great to see that some people are doing this and the feedback from them is good.

4. Our Christmas Lunch for 2021 has had to be cancelled due to essential work being carried out at How Hill which will mean no water supply in December. It is such a shame as a lot of interest had been showed and many people had made a deposit. However, we are hoping to re-schedule the meal at How Hill but next year and combine it with a walk around the gardens. Maybe an extra early Turkey & Tinsel meal for 2022! Watch this space for further details as they say!

5. I know some of us will be trying to do a bit of gardening and tidying up in the coming months and maybe some propagating or dividing of plants. If you do, then could you kindly bear the Society in mind. Our main source of yearly income is the Plant Fair which is held at the Old Vicarage Gardens in East Ruston on the second Saturday in June. We aim to have a full stall of plants and anything else related to gardening. Therefore, if you could kindly pot up any spare cuttings or if you are growing plants from seed can you do a few more for your Society that we can sell on the stall. Monies raised go towards paying for the hire of the Poppy Centre, Society insurance, speakers etc. Thank you.

6. At the May meeting we will have our annual garden in a seed tray competition. To enter please produce a miniature garden in a standard sized plastic garden tray and there will be a prize for the best one.

7. We have confirmed our speaker list for and show dates for 2022 and the dates are as follows: -

Friday 18th February - "Planning and Planting for Seasonal Cut Flowers" by Mrs Sarah Hammond.

Friday 18th March - "Modern Production of Vegetables" by Mr P Corfield.

Saturday 2nd April - Our Annual Spring Show in the Poppy Centre, Recreation Road, Stalham. Open to the public from 2.00pm.

Friday 22nd April - "The Secret Life of Plants" by Walnut Tree Nursery who will also be bringing plants to buy.

Friday 20th May - "Pelargoniums" by Mr Ken Able who will also be bringing plants to buy.

Sat 11th June - Annual Plant Fair East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens

Friday 17th June- "You Too Can Show" by Mrs Pauline Harper.

Friday 15th July - "Orchids" by Mrs Robin McDonald.

Friday 19th August - "Late Autumn/Winter Colour (Snowdrops & other Plants) by Mrs Rosemary Ward.

Saturday 3rd September - Our Annual Autumn Show in the Poppy Centre, Recreation Road in Stalham. _Open to the public from 2.00pm.

Friday 16th September - "Dahlias" by Mr Don Andrews.

Friday 21st October - "Autumn Planting for Spring Colour" by Riverside Bulbs. Will bring plants/bulbs to buy.

Friday 18th November - "A-Z of Roses" by Simon White from the Chelsea Gold Medal winning Nursery of Peter Beales at Attleborough. He will be bringing plants and sundries to buy.

8. The "Stem of the Month" competition is now back so please bear that in mind before you come to our next meeting! Can be a flowering stem, shrub stem or even a berried stem, just bring it along and you too could be a winner! Susan Carter won at the November meeting and was delighted to do so after 3 years of trying!

It's one tick off her "bucket list!"

9. Thank you to everyone who helped put up and take down our tree that we had in the Christmas Tree Festival which was held in St Mary's Church in Stalham during December. There were some beautiful tree's and as ever the members of Ingham Craft Club and the lace makers created some beautiful decorations for their respective tree's.

10. The Committee would like to thank all its members for their fantastic support during 2021 and we hope it will continue throughout 2022 as well! Although COVID has curtailed our first meeting of the year we hope to be back again in February. Don't forget, that our Spring Show is at the beginning of April and that we have the East Ruston Plant Fair in June.



Stalham Flower Arranging Group

This group is run by Mrs Joanna Berry and meets monthly in "The Stables" which is adjoining the Baptist Church & is situated in Stalham High Street. For further information, you are very welcome contact her to see what it is all about and how you can join. Please see our Society website for details www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk or telephone Joanna on 01692 650321.