

# Monthly News Sheet

## Stalham & District Horticultural Society

May 2022

1. Our next meeting will be on Friday 17th June at the Poppy Centre, off Recreation Road, in Stalham. We will have a talk on the subject of "You too can Show", by Pauline Harper, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start with a raffle & refreshments with individually wrapped biscuits.
2. The Autumn Show Schedules have been updated class wise. Paper copies are available here this evening and are available from Century Printing in Stalham High Street (near Café Charlotte), Sutton Garden and Hardware, The Street, Sutton & 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!
3. 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!
4. 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 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

5. Sadly we have been advised by her family that our scheduled speaker for July has recently died (her subject was orchids), therefore we are in the process of looking for another speaker. We will let you know as soon as we find a new one.

6. Viv has arranged a visit to the Old Rectory at Catfield which opens its gardens to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme. This will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm (approximately) with a cost of £5 for entry & £5 for tea and cake if you wish for it (pay on the day) & will be "ongoing & generous!" according to Penny our host. All monies raised are shared between Catfield Church & the NGS cancer related charities. It is set in 20 acres of grounds with beds & borders, pond walk, cutting garden, orchard, woods & habitat for animals, birds & insects.

7. Are any of you aware of a terrific gardening programme on BB2, mostly on a Friday evening called Beechgrove? It is a sort of Scottish version of Gardeners World, but unfortunately its only on for 30 minutes. But I have to confess, I am hooked and have it on "series record" so I don't miss an episode! It is both entertaining and informative and the presenters are so down to earth and tell you like it is. There are so many good features and hints and tips for the gardener both experienced and otherwise. They also enter small amateur gardening shows and give you advice on how to show and present your entries. I would definitely recommend a look!

8. I hope those of you who have the Town and Country News delivered to your door read the May edition and saw the long article and photograph from our Spring Show. Thank you, Town and Country. Also a thank you to the North Norfolk News who kindly printed a shortened version of the Show report but did include the photograph of one of our members, Julian Woodrow admiring the floral exhibits. As Show Secretary I do like to get an article and or photograph in the press just so that people are aware of us and more importantly as a thank you to all our members who helped and for those who entered the various classes.



9. 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](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk) or telephone Joanna on 01692 650321.

10. We would like to pass the following message on from Mrs Claudia Makepeace whose husband Graham and our long time President recently passed away. "Please thank everyone on my behalf, for coming to Graham's service of the celebration of his life and for the generous donation to the charity close to his heart. This is the installation of a kitchen and toilet at St Mary's Church in Sutton. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the service and afterwards at Sutton Staithe. My very best wishes to everyone".