



## Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

1. The next meeting is on the subject of "Herbs and Herb Gardening" by the ever popular and entertaining Charlotte Philcox which will be held in the Main Hall at Stalham High School on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. A raffle will be held and there will be homemade cakes and refreshments.
2. The Committee would like to thank its members and visitors for all their help and support in 2018 to make this Society what it is today. We really do appreciate everyone's efforts and contributions and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward seeing you at our meetings, events, shows and trips in 2019.
3. A thank you goes to Cindy for arranging a superb Christmas Lunch at How Hill in December. It was lovely meal and a good time was had by all! Thanks also to Simon and Jean Partridge and all the staff who made the event so memorable. Please see our website for some pictures from the luncheon [www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk)

4. This evening we are presenting our annual awards for most points accumulated in horticulture and non-horticulture at our Spring & Autumn Shows for 2018.

The Joy Taylor Memorial Award for Most Points Gained in Horticulture Classes in the Spring & Autumn Shows for 2018.

First.....	Brian Cogan
Second.....	Joanna Berry
Third.....	Terry Smith
Fourth.....	Susan Carter
Fifth.....	Sue Dickinson
Fifth.....	Graham Makepeace
Sixth.....	Margaret Wait
Seventh.....	Angela Prager
Eighth.....	Tracy Chapman
Nineth.....	Claudia Makepeace
Nineth.....	John Howard
Tenth.....	Debbie Farman
Eleventh.....	Cindy Cogan
Twelfth.....	Hilary Warner
Thirteenth.....	Liz Coller

The Berry Shield Awarded to Young Persons Entrants for Most Points Gained in the Spring and Autumn Shows for 2018

Awarded to William Steward who fulfilled all the promise he showed by winning the Shield in 2017 by retaining the award in 2018. A big well done to him!

The Irene Starling Memorial Award for Most Points Gained in Non-Horticulture Classes in the Spring & Autumn Shows for 2018

First.....	Margaret Wait
Second.....	Katie Newman
Third.....	Tim Taylor
Fourth.....	Valerie Dixon
Fifth.....	Susan Carter
Sixth.....	Fred Jolly
Seventh.....	John Howard
Eighth.....	Ray Miller
Ninth.....	Pat Reid
Tenth.....	Sue Griffiths
Eleventh.....	Simon Partridge
Twelfth.....	Susan Howard
Thirteenth.....	Liz Coller
Thirteenth.....	Richard Reid

5. A big well done to Susan Howard who won the "Flower Stem of the Month" competition (in November) with a fuchsia stem . Please don't forget to bring a stem in February, you too could be a winner.

6. The Society had a tree in the Annual Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church in Stalham. The Festival was as popular as ever with some 60 plus trees. A thank you must to the members who kindly decorated ours which looked very colourful. If you didn't get a chance to see the trees then please see our website to see what you missed!

7. Seedy Sunday will be held on Sunday 24th February at East Ruston Village Hall, 10.00am to noon. A real swap shop for gardeners, raffle & refreshments. The Society will have a stall at this event. Come & see us.

8. If you feel inspired and would like to enter our Spring 2019 Show then the schedules are available here this evening for Adults and Young Persons or from Plant & Aquatic Supplies in the High Street at Sutton. This Year see's the full launch of our new range of Novice Classes which have been designed for you to "have a go" but not against the seasoned Show veterans! We trialled it at last year's Autumn Show and it worked well, so please, give it a go!

9. East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens will be hosting a series of one day gardening courses this year and subjects include plant pruning, plant propagation and garden design. The courses will be run by qualified horticulturists and students and will be from 10.00am to 3.00pm, dates and costs to be advised.

10. Terry Smith, Cindy & Brian Cogan are retiring from their positions on the Committee, we would like to say a massive thank you for all they have contributed and their hard work. They can now enter our Shows but without all the stress!



11. This group is run by our Chairwoman, Mrs Joanna Berry and meets monthly in "The Stables" which is connected to the Baptist Church, and is situated in Stalham High Street. You would be very welcome to come & join them to see what it is all about. Please see our Society website for details [www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk) or telephone Joanna on 01692 650321, the next meeting is:-

Wednesday 30th January - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The subject is "Fun with Flowers"