

Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Friday 15th March 2019

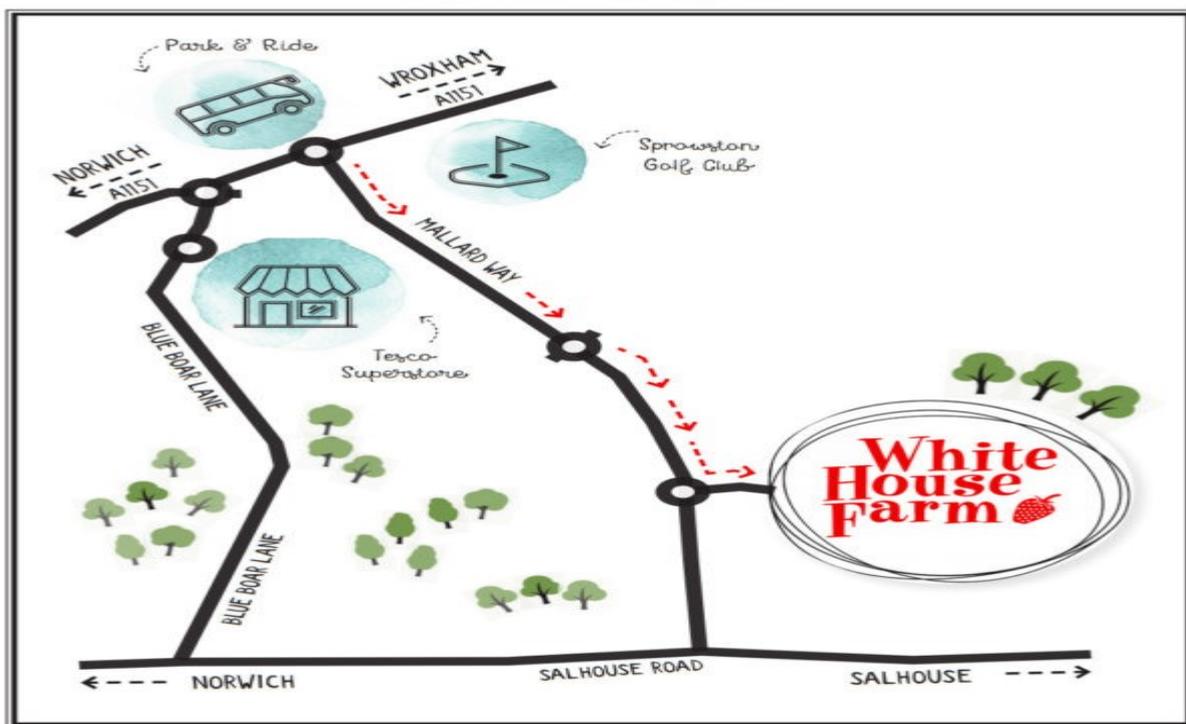
1. The next meeting is on the subject of "The Four Seasons Garden" by Helen Worvill which will be held in the "Poppy Centre" off Recreation Road in Stalham (NR12 9BH), on Friday 26th April 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. A raffle will be held and there will be homemade cakes and refreshments. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CASH, SHE WILL BE SELLING PLANTS.

2. Please note the PERMANENT change of venue for our monthly meetings. Due to rising costs at the school we were unable to continue our meetings there. The Poppy Centre have allowed us to hire their large room which has a stage, tables, chairs and a kitchen area so we can continue to offer refreshments to members and visitors alike. It also has its own car park. The Committee is sorry we had to change so quickly but the higher rates at the school come into effect from April 2019 and we needed to get another venue booked in a short space of time.

3. A big well done to Sue Dickinson who won the "Stem of the Month" competition in February. Please do not forget to bring a stem in April, You too could be a winner!

4. The Society has been invited to have a stand at the ever popular Plant Fair at White House Farm in Sprowston on Saturday 11th May. This will be a first for us & we will be attending this as well as the Plant Fair at East Ruston Gardens. We aim to have some plants to sell and will also feature as to what the Society can offer potential new with photographs, leaflets etc. The fair is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm & will feature plant & craft stalls and BBC Radio Norfolk will be broadcasting live from there between twelve noon & 2.00pm. Dogs are welcome on a lead. If you could kindly spare any plants for this then please see one of the Committee. If you have the time then please come along and support your Society.

🍓 ...FIND WHITE HOUSE FARM... 🍓
NEW ACCESS INFO & MAP



MORE INFO: From the 12th June you will not be able to access White House Farm from Blue Boar Lane. NEW access will be off the Park & Ride roundabout on Wroxham Road (A1151) and later in the year the new junction by the Racecourse Pub on Salhouse Road. For more info. please email us: thefarmer@norwich-pyo.co.uk OR call us on 01603 419357.

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5. At our May meeting we will have our Annual "Garden in a Seed Tray" competition. The idea is to design and produce a miniature garden in a Seed tray. John Howard won last year with a great garden incorporating a seat, real plants & a Grommet dog! It's only a short time away so get your thinking caps on, you may have missed your vocation as a garden designer!

6. We have been advised that the Annual Plant Fair at the Old Vicarage Gardens in East Ruston will be held on Saturday 8th June. As usual the Society will have a plant stall there, this is an important source of revenue for the Society which helps to pay for speakers, hall hire, insurance, visits etc. If you could spare a few plants nearer the time for us to sell then they would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a member of the Committee who will be able to help. If you have never been, then do try to come, it is a fun event with many stalls selling plants, garden ware, crafts and food and drink. Bargains can often be had!

7. On Saturday 29th June, Felbrigg Hall will be holding a nature workshop entitled "Dragonflies and Damselflies". They are providing an introduction to the identification of these fascinating insects in conjunction with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust & the National Trust. The workshop runs from 10.30am to 13.30pm.

8. On Saturday 4th May the Annual East Anglian Alpine Garden Show will be held at Wymondham High School, Folly Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QT. There is a small entrance fee but there are quite a few nurseries from which you can buy superb and quite unique plants before stopping for some light lunch and then going to see the wonderful exhibits (once the judging has finished). If you do attend then cash does seem to be the preferred method of payment for your plants. Last year Raffle and Tombola Co-Ordinator, Angela Prager entered for the first time & made us all very proud by getting placed with her exhibits.

There is no opening time as we go to press but from first-hand experience it opens around 10.30am. There is plenty of parking at the school and a few spaces for Blue Badge holders. This show is particularly useful as it will give you an idea of what our judges look for in the Alpine Classes that we have at our own Spring Show.

9. Seedy Sunday was held on Sunday 24th February at East Ruston Village Hall, 10.00am to noon. Lovely to see so many of our members attending, seeds and plants were available including several very large roots of rhubarb (Pink Champagne). We were kindly given some to pot up for the plant fairs.

10. 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 Sutton (was known and 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!

11. Thinking a head to the Autumn Show in September, the National Dahlia Collection website is full of the most spectacular rooted cutting & tubers imaginable! It's impossible to just pick one! Chrysanthemum's Direct have their new catalogue out and an updated website. There is a huge amount of choice with them and some truly amazing blooms. See their website for further details.



12. This group is run by our Chairwoman, Mrs Joanna Berry and meets monthly in "The Stables" which is connected to the Baptist Church, & 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 or telephone Joanna on 01692 650321, the next meeting is:-

Wednesday 27th March - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The subject is "Long and Low".