



Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Friday 17th May 2019

1. The next meeting is on the subject of "Flower Arranging for All" by Racheal Barnard which will be held in the "Poppy Centre" off Recreation Road in Stalham (NR12 9BH), on Friday 21st June, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. A raffle will be held and there will be homemade cakes and refreshments.

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 John Howard who won the "Stem of the Month" competition in March. Please do not forget to bring a stem in May, you too could be a winner!

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4. The Society was invited to have a stand at the ever popular Plant Fair at White House Farm in Sprowston on Saturday 11th May. Unfortunately, on reflection we felt that we really would be stretching ourselves a bit thin with regards to plants etc. and so we decided to give this year a miss and plan instead for next years Fair.

5. I went to the garden centre at Rollesby the other week, put a few plants in my basket and headed to the check-out with my National Garden Voucher in my hand. But, they no longer accept them!!!! So a word to the wise, its worth checking with the garden centre you visit before you buy!

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. We can collect plants if necessary, so don't let getting your plants to us put you off! If you have never been, then do try and come, it is a fun event with many stalls selling plants, garden ware, crafts and food and drink. Bargains can often be had!

7. A big Society well done must to go to our trio of daffodil men, Brian, John and Julian who did extremely well at the recent National Daffodil Championships in Warwickshire. John competed in the Novice Sections and the more experienced Brian and Julian in the mainstream Classes. They all won some classes which was brilliant and a just reward for all their hard efforts.

8. On Saturday 4th May the Annual East Anglian Alpine Garden Show was held at Wymondham High School and what a treat it was too! Lots of lovely alpine plants to buy, so much choice and often ones that you simply would not see at a conventional garden centre. Two of our lady members, Angela Prager and Cecilia Coller entered and achieved some great results, a big well done to them! Photographs of the show can be seen on our website:- www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk

9. Great news, we have a trip organised to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall in Essex to see their wonderful gardens and we have a BOGOF offer as their Plant Fair will also be taking place when we visit! As the Society is affiliated to the RHS we are allowed free admittance for our members to one of their gardens per year. This means that for our trip you only have to pay for the coach transport! The trip will be on Saturday 3rd August and our pick up point will be Sutton Garden & Hardware at 8.30am for the 2-3 hour journey to Hyde Hall. We will be leaving there at 4.30pm for the journey home which gives us plenty of time there. A thank you must go to Lizzie for letting us leave our cars there, it is much appreciated. The cost of the trip is £15.00 per person which can be paid either by cash or cheque (no card facility). If you wish to pay by instalments then that is fine too (same as our Christmas meal).

10. If you feel inspired and would like to enter our Autumn 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!

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11. On 6th and 7th July, Sutton parish church will be holding their annual flower festival. The theme this year is "Popular Authors". Several of our members and our flower club members will be making arrangements so please go along and have a look and support them and the church.

12. Not to be outdone by Sutton, Catfield parish church will also be holding their annual flower festival too, this year on the 22nd and the 23rd of June and their theme is one of "Anniversary's". Again members and flower club members will be creating some truly lovely arrangements, refreshments will be available too.

13. We have great news! Another local business is offering our members 5% off everything in their shop! Newly opened shop, Eden, is located in the High Street at Stalham, just opposite the church. For those who remember it well, the premises used to be (a long time ago) used by Chris Hart as a barbers shop. They stock house and garden plants and a range of quality homeware including 100% British made wool throws, cushions, bags, baskets (rattan to log), pictures, pots and much more! As a newly opened business, cash only as a method of payment is the order of the day, so come along a have a look, they will be happy to help you. Please present your membership card before your sale is run through the till.



14. 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 22nd May - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.