



Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

September 2020

1. At the moment we are hoping that our next get together will be our Annual General Meeting on 15th January 2021 in the Poppy Centre (NR12 9BH). As an added bonus we have engaged the services of Dr Ian Bedford (the bug man) to provide us with a short talk. He is always popular & entertaining so it should (Covid 19 prevailing) be a great start to the year.
2. Sadly, this means no more talks for the rest of this year or even our traditional Christmas lunch at How Hill in Ludham. But we must be positive and look forward to 2021. Jo (our Chairwoman) has been very busy and overleaf we have a list of all the meetings we have for 2021, there is a lot to choose from and lots of them will have plants for sale too! So save that Christmas gift money!
3. A big thank you must go to Sue Dickinson and the other members of the Society who very kindly had a stall at the Autumn Plant Fair that was held at the Old Vicarage Gardens in East Ruston. Sue and her comrades promoted the Society and I understand there was a lot of interest. Dates for the Diary for 2021 and a copy of the recent news sheet were handed out. They did a great job and their help and enthusiasm was appreciated.

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4. The first get together for 2021 will be our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 15th January, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Also attending is the ever popular Dr Ian Bedford who will give us a brief talk on bugs, his lectures are always amusing so we should have an enjoyable evening. There will also be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments.

Our second talk is entitled "Plants for Free" (propagation) by Richard Hobbs (of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society) which will be held on Friday 19th February, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments.

Our third talk is "Rose Growing Made Easy" by Simon White from the Chelsea Gold Medal Nursery - Peter Beales! This will be held on Friday 19th March, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. Please note that Simon will be bringing roses for sale and lots of other garden and rose related sundries, so bring some cash! On his last visit to us he brought a whole van load of goods for sale!

The fourth talk is "Hardy Exotics" by the Plants of Panache Nursery and will be held on Friday 16th April, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. Please bring some money as they will be bringing plants for you to buy!

The fifth talk is "Pelargoniums" by Ken Abel and will be held on Friday 21st May, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments.

The sixth talk is "Hostas" by the well known Mickfield Hostas Nursery and will be held on Friday 25th June, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments.

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The seventh talk is "Drought Tolerant Plants" by renowned expert Mr Barry Gayton (Radio Cambridge), to be held on Friday 16th July, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. This talk is particularly apt as our summers are getting drier and drier and hotter and hotter!

The eighth talk is "You Too Can Show" by Pauline Harper (Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society), to be held on Friday 20th August, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. We hope you find this useful as our Autumn Show is within the next couple of weeks! Enter and have a go!

The ninth talk is "Alpines" by Rob Potterton, international alpine grower from Pottertons Nursery, to be held on Friday 17th September, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. Rob will be bringing plants to sell from the nursery. This will be an ideal opportunity to buy some alpines that you can then exhibit at our Spring Show in 2022!

The tenth talk is "Auriculas" by the Woottens of Wenhaston Nursery, to be held on Friday 15th October, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments. The nursery will also bring plants for us to buy if we wish.

Our final talk for 2021 is on the subject of "Sweet Peas" by Geoff Freeman, to be held on Friday 19th November, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a raffle, homemade cakes and refreshments.

Jo, also has started booking talks for 2022 so the Society is well ahead of the game! For other Society events:-

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Our Christmas Lunch for 2021 has already been booked! It will be held on Sunday 5th December at How Hill in Ludham. The meal is normally 2 or 3 courses, traditional or, other options are available and includes mince pies and tea or coffee to finish. Time, cost and food choices will be available in the New Year.

6. We have transferred our trip choices over to 2021, and Boris prevailing we hope to go ahead! Our first is to the Gardeners World Live/Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham on Saturday 19th June. This means that you have the option to visit both shows if you so wish. Most of the nursery stalls are inside the NEC so if the weather is bad you can still keep nice and dry. Also there are many food outlets for your lunch or snacks and good toilet facilities too and a plant crèche for all those purchases!

The second trip is to the RHS Gardens at Wisley in Surrey on Saturday 11th September. This also incorporates their Plant Fair, the National Dahlia Championships and a floral art display so you really will get your money's worth! Times and costs for both trips will be confirmed in 2021.

7. For further information call our Chairwoman Joanna Berry on 01692 650321 or visit the Society website:-

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