

February

Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Friday 15th February 2019

1. The next meeting is on the subject of "Climbing & Rambling Roses" by Simon White of multi Chelsea Gold Medal winning Nursery - Peter Beales, which will be held in the Main Hall at Stalham High School on Friday 15th March, 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 CASH, HE WILL BE SELLING ROSES AND SUNDRIES.
2. Our Christmas lunch at How Hill in Ludham was a great success so much so we are having it there again this year. For pictures of the 2018 lunch please see our website:- www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk
3. This year's Christmas lunch will be at How Hill, on Sunday 1st December but there will be a slight twist to the event. We have been very kindly invited by Nick Coller to be shown around his holly farm to view well over 100 different varieties before we have our meal at lunch time. If you don't want to or feel that it will be too taxing physically then How Hill will kindly allow you to stay there and wait for the rest of us to return. Refreshments will also be available during that time. Times & cost to be advised later in the year.
4. A big well done to new member Cecelia Coller who won the "Stem of the Month" competition in January with an aconite stem. Please don't forget to bring a stem in March, you too could be a winner. P.T.O

5. Following last month's Annual General Meeting, please find detailed below is a list of the Committee Members for 2019:-

President.....	Ricky Prager
Chairwoman.....	Joanna Berry
Vice-Chairman.....	John Howard
Membership Secretary.....	Valerie Dixon
Show Secretary & Publicity Officer.....	Susan Carter
Secretary & Minute Secretary.....	Beryl Battley
Raffle & Tombola Co-Ordinators.....	Ricky Prager and Angela Prager
Catering Manager.....	Shelia Henwood
Members.....	Margaret Wait Susan Howard Terry Smith

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 will be held on Sunday 24th February at East Ruston Village Hall, 10.00am to noon. This is a real swap shop for gardeners, with seeds, plants, pots, books, magazines to be had with a contribution to be made to the honesty jars. There will also be a raffle, and refreshments will be available too. The Society will have a stall at this event, so come along and see us.

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 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. Thinking ahead 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 with some truly amazing blooms. See their website for further details.

12. The Society is helping Stalham High School Gardening Club which is being set up to show the pupils how plants grow, can be propagated and ultimately harvested to eat. They are asking if any members can spare items such as gardening gloves, pots, trays etc. We will be presenting the school with these at our March Monthly Meeting. If you would like to contribute then items can be brought on that evening too.

13. A thank you must go to Sprowston Garden Centre who donated lots of seeds to the School & the Society. A kind and generous gesture by them. See our website for photograph & full details. Thanks also to Society member Debbie Farman who instigated this.



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 27th February - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The subject is "An Unusual Vase/Container".