



## Monthly News Sheet

Stalham & District Horticultural Society

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

1. The next meeting is on the subject of "Design & Construction of an Herbaceous Bed" by Helen Hillier which will be held in the "Poppy Centre" off Recreation Road in Stalham (NR12 9BH), on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. A raffle will be held and there will be homemade cakes and refreshments.

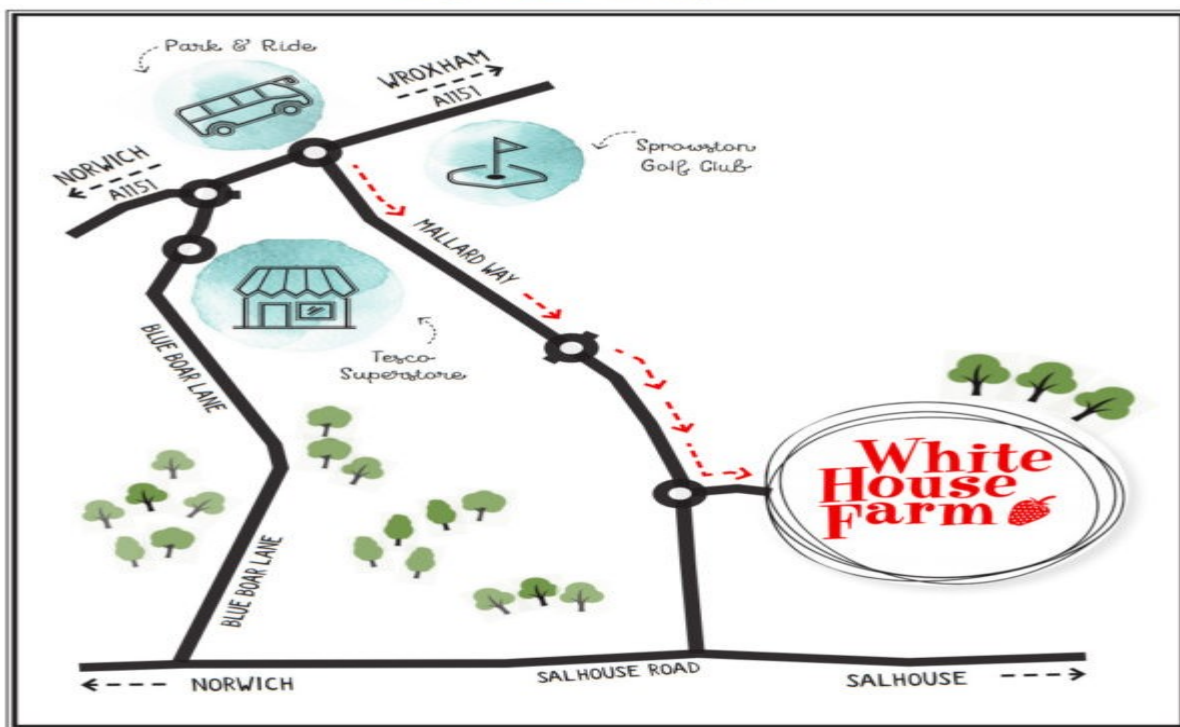
2. Please note the PERMANENT change of venue for our monthly meetings. Due to rising costs at the school we were unable to continue our meetings there. The Poppy Centre have allowed us to hire their large room which has a stage, tables, chairs and a kitchen area so we can continue to offer refreshments 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 Susan 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 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 what the Society can offer potential new members with photographs, leaflets etc. The fair is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm and 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](mailto: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 month 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10.00am. 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.

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9. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April saw our Annual Spring Show being held in the Main Hall at Stalham High School. If you didn't attend then you sorely missed out! The people who did attend described it "as a riot of colour", "superb", "the best ever" and so on and so forth. This is a real tribute all the hard work and commitment by all our members, and without so much good will this simply couldn't happen. As Show Secretary I would like to thank everyone who helped whether by entering, setting up the Hall, clearing away, or simply supporting us on the day by attending and buying raffle tickets, plus tea and a cake!

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!

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! Chrysanthemums 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. Detailed below are the results from our Spring Show:-

Best in Section - Novice Classes.....Liz Coller  
Most Points in Section - Novice Classes.....Liz Coller  
Runner Up Most Points in Novice Section.....Pat Reid

Best in Section - Cut Flowers.....Joanna Berry

Most Points in Section -Cut Flowers.....Joanna Berry

Best in Section - Pot Plants.....Cecilia Coller

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Best in Section - Fruit & Vegetables.....Margaret Wait

Most Points in Section - Fruit & Vegetables.....Graham Makepeace

Best in Section Floral - Art .....Tracy Chapman

Most Points in Section - Floral Art.....Joanna Berry

Best in Section - Cookery.....Margaret Wait

Most Points in Section - Cookery.....Margaret Wait

Best in Section - Wine.....Tim Taylor

Most Points in Section - Wine.....Tim Taylor

Best in Section - Craft.....Ricky Prager

Most Points in Section - Craft.....Valerie Dixon

Most Points in Show.....Joanna Berry

Runner Up Most Points in Show .....Margaret Wait

Lucky Dip Daffodil Winner.....Terry Smith

A bulb was purchased at the Autumn Show (2018) and grown to be judged at the Spring Show (2019).

Peoples Choice Award.....Cecilia Coller

This award is voted for by the visitors to the Show and they chose one of Cecilia's plants.

Best Daffodil Bloom in Show - Winner.....Brian Cogan

This is a new, annual award instigated by society member Mr Julian Woodrow, who has kindly donated a lovely daffodil ceramic to be the Award which the winner will keep for one year.

Current Positons for the Annual Joy Taylor Memorial Award which is presented to the exhibitor who has gained most points in the Spring and Autumn Shows for Horticulture Classes

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joanna Berry.....	96 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Smith.....	32 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Cogan.....	31 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Farman.....	30 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cecilia Coller.....	21 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Wait.....	19 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Makepeace.....	16 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Dixon.....	13 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Carter.....	12 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Prager.....	10 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Warner.....	10 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Dickinson.....	7 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Coller.....	7 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldine Smith.....	7 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqui Gryffiths.....	7 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Green.....	6 points
13 <sup>th</sup>	Claudia Makepeace.....	5 points
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Griffen.....	4 points
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Brunning.....	4 points
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Cogan.....	4 points
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ricky Prager.....	3 points
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy Chapman.....	3 points

Current positions for the Annual Irene Starling Memorial Award which is presented to the exhibitor who has gained most points in the Spring & Autumn Shows for Non-Horticulture classes i.e wine, cookery & craft

1st	Margaret Wait.....	29 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Taylor.....	23 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Valerie Dixon.....	20 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Carter.....	17 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Newman.....	12 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Miller.....	8 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Frances Brunning.....	7 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Crabtree.....	6 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Reid.....	5 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqui Gryffths.....	4 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Makepeace.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ricky Prager.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Dickinson.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Pratchett.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Brunning.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Reid.....	3 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Coller.....	3 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Eagling.....	2 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Griffen.....	2 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Cogan.....	2 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Prager.....	2 points

13. On 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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14. Not to be outdone by Sutton, Catfield parish church will also be holding their annual flower festival too, this year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

15. 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 and have a look, they will be happy to help you. Please present your membership card before your sale is run through the till.



16. 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](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.co.uk) or telephone Joanna on 01692 650321, the next meeting is:-

Wednesday - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The subject is "Kitchen Utensils", the mind boggles at that one!