Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2011

Daffodil Competition

There is a class in the Spring Show for daffodils grown from bulbs supplied by the Society. Bulbs will be available free of charge at the evening meetings in October and November.

Evening Meetings

The first talk of the new season will be held at the Bowls Club, Abbey Lane on Tuesday 4th October at 8.00 pm, when Mr Ian Seager will give a talk on "Fruits and Berries for Colour."

Plant Stalls at Society Shows

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. This is a valuable source of income and we are very grateful to everyone who gives us items to sell. Members who wish to donate plants etc but are unable to attend the shows can phone John Bullen on 01799 502722 to arrange collection.

Society Website

The website at *www.swhortsoc. org.uk* contains photographs of shows and current information about the Society.

We would be pleased to receive photographs of Society events for posting to the site. You can e-mail your pictures to annie@erdman. demon.co.uk

We would also ask any members who are willing to receive newsletters by e-mail to register their e-mail address with the Membership Secretary, John Bullen, at *john.bullen@ntlworld.com*

Autumn Show

The Society's Autumn Show is on Saturday 17th September and will be held in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden.

The Show will be open to members and the public in the afternoon from $2.00~\rm pm$ with prizes presented by the Mayor at $3.30~\rm pm$, followed by an auction of produce at $4.00~\rm pm$

We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something of interest from the show schedule in the handbook. Why not enter a house plant, cut flowers, home grown fruit and vegetables, or enter the cookery or wine making classes. You could persuade your children or grandchildren to enter the junior classes.

Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website. They should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 15th September. Her address is on the forms. Please remember to mark on your entry forms any exhibits that are not to be included in the auction.

There are plenty of attractions at the show, apart from the exhibits, including a plant stall and raffle. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

To all Members from the Chairman

It is with regret that we are losing three more members of our Committee at the A.G.M.

We shall be looking for replacements at that time and I would urge members to think about suitable nominations for these vacancies. Nominations have to be submitted to the Secretary (contact details in the handbook) 14 days prior to the A.G.M., to be held on Tuesday, 6th December 2011.

Doreen Townley, Chairman

Membership

Membership was due for renewal on 1st March 2011 and if you have not yet renewed and wish to be a member for the year to 29th February 2012, please fill in the membership form at the back of the handbook. It would help the Society if you enclosed a stamped addressed envelope. Thank you.