# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

## NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2014

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Show Dates 2015

Spring Saturday 11th April 2015 Summer Saturday 20th June 2015 Autumn Saturday 19th September 2015

All at Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close SW

**Evening Talks Start** 

**7<sup>th</sup> October – Talk by Hilary Thomas** on Colour & Seasonal excitement with herbaceous plants & grasses

Don't forget to collect your **Daffodil bulb** at the October meeting for the Daffodil competition at the Spring Show.

**4th November Talk by Prof. David Newland** on Wildlife-friendly Gardens

**2<sup>nd</sup> December AGM – followed by a Social evening.** We hope to repeat the format from the 2013 AGM and have a slide show of the shows and outings and also photographs of flowers taken by members when visiting other countries. If you have any photos that you feel might be of interest to members, please contact Kate Chambers or John Bullen. Please come.

Venue, as usual, Bowls Club Abbey Lane at 8.00 pm. See Handbook for all details.

If any member needs a lift to the Meetings, please contact a Committee member who will try and arrange this.

#### **Plant Stalls at Society Shows**

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. Members who wish to donate plants etc but are unable to attend the shows can tel. Kate Chambers on 01763 838754 to arrange collection

Our web site <u>www.swhortsoc.org.uk</u> contains photographs of shows and current information about the Society. Any photographs of Society events for posting to the site can be **e-mailed to Annie Erdman at** *annie@erdman.demon.co.uk*  **Autumn Show** 

As the 2014 growing season seems to be about a month ahead this year a lot of the Roses had passed their best, however, everyone did their best and we had a successful Summer Show. Hopefully, now that we have had rain and sunshine all the flowers and vegetables will be at their best for the Autumn Show on Saturday 20th September, being held as usual in the Golden Acre Community Centre, Ross Close, Saffron Walden. Entries must be staged between 8.30am and 10.30am and the show will open to the public at 2.00 pm with prizes being presented by the Mayor at 3.30 pm, followed at 4.00 pm by an auction of produce. Entry forms are in the handbook and on the website and should be sent to the Show Secretary, Yvonne Bishop, by Thursday 18th September. Please remember to mark on your entry forms any exhibits that are not to be included in the auction. We are always happy to welcome new exhibitors and hope you will find something of interest from the show schedule in the handbook and if you want any help with staging your exhibits there will be plenty of people to help you. There are plenty of attractions at the show, apart from the exhibits, there is a plant stall and raffle. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

**SHOWING TIPS – Important. Check your schedule** before leaving home to make sure that you have the correct number of exhibits for the classes you are entering, if possible take some extras in case of mishap. **HAPPY SHOWING.** 

#### CAN YOU HELP?

The Katherine Semar Junior School have an ECO Club, where they grow vegetables and flowers. They do not receive any sponsorship and would like our help. So if you have any plastic 7" pots or seed trays that you do not want, but are in good condition, the School would be very grateful for them. Also any spare flower or vegetable seeds that you do not need. Please contact Kate Chambers or bring them along to the Autumn Show.

#### **Review of 2014 Outings**

Three very different gardens were enjoyed by members during early summer. The first and last outings were well supported, but unfortunately for the second outing to Green Island Gardens near Colchester, our numbers were down, possibly due to the weather forecast which was for rain. We did not have any rain and the garden was very unusual and surrounded by woods with a wonderful collection of trees and large circular flower beds. We hope to be able to run a similar number of outings next year, so watch this space.