

# Saffron Walden Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

## 2018 Dates for your Diary

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Talk - A to Z of Roses  
from Peter Beales Roses

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Talk "Befriend  
Hedgehog" by members of  
the organisation  
Friends of Hedgehog

April 15<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY SPRING**

### Show

May 5<sup>th</sup> **Saturday outing** RHS  
Hyde hall gardens during craft  
fair weekend.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 7.00 pm  
Cheese & Wine Evening at  
Doreen Townley's

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Outing**  
to Peter Beales Roses and  
Wyken vineyard and garden

June 17<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY SUMMER**  
– **ROSE & FLORAL Show**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday outing** to  
Elgoods of Wisbech brewery &  
garden tour then Peckover  
House, also "Rose Festival".

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> **SUNDAY -**  
**AUTUMN –HORTICULTURAL**  
**Show**

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Talk on Clare College  
by Steve Elstub – Head  
Gardener at Clare College.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Talk on Garden Bird  
and how gardeners can help  
them by Glyn Evans.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. followed by the  
Social Evening

## Welcome to the Spring 2018 Newsletter

Dear Members & Friends

As we are about to start our programme for 2018 I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that 2019 is our Bi-Centennial Anniversary for the Society. Already many plans including inviting Nick Hamilton (Geoff Hamilton's Son) to speak at our first Meeting (March 2019). We shall open this meeting to the public and tickets will be on sale from this year's Autumn Show. It will be held, as usual, at the Bowls Club and as there are limited numbers of seats. We are suggesting that members buy their tickets early. (Members £7.00, visitors £10.00 including a glass of wine)

Daffodil bulbs "Saffron Celebration" will hopefully be on view at the Spring Show. (Bulbs available later in the year).

Calendars for 2019 will be available from March 2018 (£6.00 each or 2 for £10.00. Commemorative Pens will also be available at £1.00.

We do hope members will support all our celebrations and if you feel you can help or have any ideas, particularly

to increase our membership. We would love to hear from you.

From the Doreen Townley, Chairman and the Committee.

We do hope that all the Members will support the Society in the change of Show day.

### OUTINGS FOR 2018

Jackie organised some really interesting and enjoyable outings for 2017, but unfortunately the first outing had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. We went ahead with the remaining outings which were very enjoyable, but still with seats to spare on the coach.

The committee has decided to continue with the outings for 2018, see the Handbook for full details, which we hope you will support, please book as soon as possible, as we will have to offer the seats to the wider public if numbers are low, so that we try and have full coaches to avoid losing money.

### SPRING SHOW SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> April

Hopefully, if you are growing a society daffodil it is looking well and will be blooming in time for the Spring Show, so bring it along and enter it in Class 21. If your Daffodils have already flowered, there are a lot of different classes you can enter, if you have some flowering shrubs or trees, or some primulas or polyanthuses or a house-plant, they all make for a good show. So have a look round in the garden and see

**Plant Stalls at our Shows**

There is a stall at every show selling members' surplus plants and produce for the benefit of the Society. We are very grateful to everyone who gives us items to sell. If you are unable to attend the show, but have plants to donate please ring Kate on 01763 838754

**Membership Subscriptions are due on 28th Feb 2018** if you have not already paid and wish to remain a member, please send them to our new **Membership Secretary Mrs Charlotte, Lower House Farm, Water Lane, Radwinter, Essex CB10 2TX**

**Society Website**

If you have any photographs for the web-site you can e-mail them to Annie Erdman at [annie-erdman@outlook.com](mailto:annie-erdman@outlook.com)  
The website is [www.swhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.swhortsoc.org.uk)

what you can find.

2 new classes have been included in the Schedule this year, in the Summer Show there is a class in the Adult Domestic Section for Colouring in a design, which is enclosed with the Schedule. This seems to have become popular and this class has been in a few local Shows and a colouring design has also been included in the Autumn Show in the Junior Section. So if you have any Children or Grandchildren who like colouring, they might like to colour the Parrot design for the Show.

**Help on Show Day**

If anyone can spare an hour on the Saturday before the Show on the Sunday to help set up the Hall, we would be very grateful, the time would be about 5.30 pm. and should take less than an hour. Also we always need help on the day of the Show or helping with stewarding, which means that you follow the judge round during judging or helping with the catering or Raffle Table.

Anyone who would like to know more about this ring me, Kate Chambers on 01763 838754 and we can have a chat. It really is very interesting and you also learn a lot about showing.

Hoping to hear from you.