

Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

January 2026

Summary of Last Meeting (November)

We had a wonderful social & quiz night in November. Thank you to everyone who attended & brought food dishes. The spread was outstanding, as always.

A special thanks to both Barbara Clements for organising the general quiz & to Michael Church for putting together the music quiz. Both quizzes were incredibly entertaining & enjoyable. Thank you for making it a fantastic evening!

Next Meeting Details

Our next meeting is on Friday, 20th February 2026.

"Flowers & Ruins in the South of France" with speaker Rosemary Ward.

Important Update: Change of date for the Spring Show

****The Stalham Spring Show is on Saturday, 18th April 2026****

As a result, we will be changing the date of the April meeting from 17th April (the Friday of the show) to Friday, 10th April, when the AGM will be held.

Schedules for the Spring Show 2026 are available for free at our monthly meetings & online at www.stalhamhorticultural.uk. Free hard copies can also be collected from: - **The Post Office** in Stalham, **Sutton Hardware & Garden Centre**, The Street, Sutton & **A G Meale & Sons**, Wayford.

Group Trips

We have organised some group trips this year that will be completely free for members. One of the trips is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, to **the Museum of the Broads**. This trip will include a boat ride & picnic. We will meet at 5 pm, & we kindly ask that you bring a plate of food to share.

To help us confirm the number of participants for the boat trip, please sign up if you are interested. You can find a sign-up list at our meetings or contact Suzanne to add your name Tel 07780 985 425.

Non-members are also welcome, with the boat trip costing £7 per person.

In July, we have another exciting trip planned to **East Ruston Old Vicarage**. Exact date yet to be confirmed. We are privileged to have the gardens to ourselves. This is a 5 pm start, & Refreshments will also be available.

Raffle & Tombola Prizes

We always appreciate your generous donations for the Raffle and Tombola prizes at the Show. Please see Sheila if you can help. Thank you!

Call for Committee Members

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our club members. Every contribution is essential to our club's success. However, we need more members on our committee. If we cannot fill these open positions, we risk losing our club. Those of us on the committee are working hard to ensure that meetings & shows run smoothly, but it is becoming increasingly challenging. We are considering a few changes. One suggestion is to host only one show each year, which could help ease the workload. Additionally, it often feels rushed when we have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) & a guest speaker on the same night in April. Therefore, we are thinking of moving the AGM from April to November. The AGM will still take place in April 2026, but thereafter, we will hold the next AGM in November during our end-of-year social & quiz night. Please note that this change will not affect membership renewals, which will still occur in April each year. We would love to hear your thoughts on this.

Suggestions are always welcome.

We are planning to organise a few more group trips to local areas this summer. Several open gardens are willing to host exclusive visits for our group. Is there a particular place you're interested in exploring together? Or any topics you'd like us to find speakers on? It appears the East Ruston Plant Fair has been moved from June to April, which conflicts with our Spring Show. We are considering hosting our own Plant Fair at the Poppy Centre in June.

We would greatly appreciate your feedback and ideas!

Feel free to talk to any of us or leave a note in the suggestion box located on the table at the back, near the serving hatch.

Additional Information

All information, including our diary & photos from the shows, can be found on our website www.stalhamhorticultural.uk