

# Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

## July 2025

1. Next month, **Friday 15th August** we have guest speaker Ivan Woodrow & his talk on **"Moles : The little Gentleman in black velvet"**

Moles are often regarded as just a nuisance in our gardens. While they can cause unsightly molehills and damage plant roots, they can however also provide several benefits by aerating the soil, improving drainage, & consuming harmful insects & grubs. It will be interesting to learn more about these unique little creatures.

Don't forget the Best Stem from your Garden competition. There is a prize for the best stem, which can be a single, a multi flowered, foliage or a berried stem.

Hope to see you there!

2. The Open Gardens weekend in Stalham went very well on 21st & 22nd June 2025. It was well attended and Lucy our chairperson managed to sell the remainder of the plants that were over from the East Ruston Plant Fair.

Thank you so much to those that donated plants, you were very generous again this year & it is really much appreciated. This is one of our clubs' main sources of income & contributes greatly to our expenses for hall hire & speakers etc.

3. It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **David Burdett**, a long-standing and very active member of our horticultural society. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Pam and their family. In memory of David, the Stalham Horticultural Society have made a contribution of £50.00 to Davids chosen charity, the St Johns Ambulance.

4. **Keith Clements**, Committee member, has kindly agreed to take the position of **Society Secretary**. However, we do still require new people to join our committee. Anyone interested, please have a word with Lucy or anyone else on the Committee. We really are in great need of new faces with new ideas, so that we may work together to enable our club to grow & move forward successfully.

5. We would be very grateful for some Lucky dip prizes for the Autumn show, please. The tickets are going to be £1 each. Any prizes donated would be much appreciated.

6. **Are you able to make a cake for selling on the food stall at the Autumn show please?** There is a list going around this evening or you may phone Suzanne, (she will keep the list) Tel No: 07780 985 425) & it is also available on our website for easy viewing: [www.stalhamhorticultural.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.uk)

**7. The Stalham Autumn Show is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

The Show is open for everyone to enter, with entries from beginners & juniors particularly welcomed. There is a wide variety of classes including Cookery, Arts & Crafts and Photography. Please have a look through the schedule & see what you could enter. **Schedules** are freely available at our monthly meetings.

They may also be picked up from the **Post Office** in Stalham. **Sutton Hardware & Garden Centre**, The Street, Sutton NR12 9RA. **A G Meale & Sons** Wayford NR12 9LJ & **Century Printing**, 132, High Street, Stalham NR12 9AZ or you may view &/or print off Schedules from our website [www.stalhamhorticultural.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.uk)

**8. The Committee are very keen on hearing views & ideas from our members.**

Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit as a group? Are there any particular subjects that you would like covered by a speaker? Is there anything that you would like to see included in the Annual Shows? We would love to encourage more people to join & enter the Shows. Please come & have a chat with one of us, or pop a note in the suggestions box. We would really appreciate any input whatsoever.

**9. With Alan Gray** accepting our invitation to become **Honorary President** of the Stalham & District Horticultural Society, we are now hoping to secure an evening when he could come & give us a talk and also maybe next year we can organise, & look forward to a trip to East Ruston Old Vicarage, where for over 50 years, he & his partner Graham Robeson have created & developed the most unique & amazing gardens.

See website [www.eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk](http://www.eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk)

**10. Our friends at Norfolk & Norwich Horticultural Society** are hosting a **Gardeners Question Time** on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 at the memorial Hall in Dereham.

It is a 11am start. Chaired by **Richard Hobbs** (Little Plumstead Walled Garden), the panel, answering the questions will be our president, **Alan Gray** (East Ruston Old Vicarage), **Jonathan Moseley** (Florist & gardener) and **Ian Roofe** (Green Man Gardens & Plants). See our Facebook page or website Diary for the link to ticket information.

**11. The Flower arranging group** meet at East Ruston Village Hall.

The next meet is this coming **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025** when the Theme is **'Twigs & Glass'** Come along and give it a go. Newcomers are very welcome.

Learn about flower arranging, make new friends and have fun!

All enquiries please telephone Joanna Berry 07770 972 632

**12. All** information for the Stalham Horticultural Society including the Diary & Autumn Show Schedules, can be found on our website. [www.stalhamhorticultural.uk](http://www.stalhamhorticultural.uk)