

Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

June 2025

1. Next month, **Friday 18th July** We have an evening visit to **Brunstead Blooms**, The Flower farm and florists - www.brunsteadblooms.com
The cost is £5.00 per person, including light refreshments. For another £5.00 you may also pick your own jar of flowers. It will be very interesting, there will be lots going on in the flower fields, as well as in the polytunnel, & in the perennial beds.
Start time is 6.30pm. We'll meet there. It is just a stone's throw away in Brunstead, just off the B1159, Ingham Road, sign posted to Ingham & Lessingham, then on the first right hand bend, turn left into the yard **NR12 9HE**. There is a map available here & online. There is plenty of parking on site. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend! If you are interested, please put your name down on the list that is being passed around at the meeting tonight. (and pick up a map) Or contact Lucy by email at ivyleaftree350@gmail.com or Suzanne on mobile 07780 985 425
2. We had our usual stall at the **East Ruston Old Vicarage Plant Fair** again this year, on Sat 7th June. The weather had been forecast to be wet all day, & this greatly affected the visitor footfall on the day. However, it was surprisingly dry until about 1.30pm & we managed to sell about three quarters of our produce.
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. The Stalham Town Council are having an **Open Gardens this weekend** in Stalham on **Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June 2025. 12.00noon to 4.00pm**
Approximately 20 gardens will be open, but the total may vary from day to day
Buy tickets & maps from Stalham Library. £5.00 adults, covers both days & accompanied under 16's are free. Children can pick up a Trail Spotting Sheet for a fun-filled outdoor adventure where they get to explore, observe, & discover magical garden secrets. If they complete the trail they win a small prize at the end.
All proceeds go to the Town's planting projects.
Lucy our chairperson is opening her garden in Stalham & we will also be having a stall in her garden, where we hope to sell the remainder of the plants that were over from the East Ruston Plant Fair.
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. This will be available at our next couple of meetings or phone Suzanne, she will keep the list (Tel No 07780 985 425) & it will also be on our website for easy viewing: www.stalhamhorticultural.uk

7. **The Stalham Autumn Show is on Saturday 6th 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

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

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

The next meet is **Wednesday 16th July 2025** when we will be learning how to arrange flowers in the classic 'Asymmetric triangle' Come and give it a go.

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

All enquiries please telephone Joanna Berry 07770 972 632

11. All information for the Club including the Diary and Autumn Show Schedules, can be found on our website. www.stalhamhorticultural.uk