

Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

June 2026

Visit to the Museum of the Broads, Friday, May 15th

We had a fantastic evening, & the weather was perfect. A huge shoutout to everyone who brought food. The spread was absolutely delicious, as always.

With 42 of us attending, a few had to step back due to battery issues on their boat. However, Museum of the Broads very kindly provided vouchers for those individuals to take the trip whenever they'd like. A big thanks to them for that lovely gesture.

Sunday, June 14th, at the Old Manor Farmhouse, Swanton Abbott

We had a wonderful afternoon. Drs. Paul & Sian Everden were warm & welcoming hosts. The gardens are absolutely stunning & truly inspiring. With immaculate knot gardens, beautiful herbaceous borders, well-kept lawns, gorgeous clematis & rose walkways, along with a delightful spiral wildflower meadow & insect-friendly gabions, it's no surprise that they have won numerous awards & are recognised as one of the nation's favourite gardens. We picked up many gardening tips, including how to care for box hedges & pollard trees. It was a memorable visit to a very special place.

Next Month - On Friday, July 17th, we visit East Ruston Old Vicarage, where

we'll be privileged to have private access to the gardens. This trip is Free to members. Although officially starting at 5pm, you may arrive from 4.40pm to give you a bit more time to peruse the plant shop & make any purchases before it closes at 5pm.

Light refreshments will be provided. A £5 fee will apply for non-members & your guests, who are very welcome to join us. Please sign up if you haven't already.

Schedules for the Autumn Show on September 5th 2026, are freely available at our monthly meetings & can be viewed/downloaded 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.

Raffle & Tombola Prizes

We always appreciate your generous donations for both the monthly Raffle & the Shows' Raffle & tombola prizes for the Autumn Show.

Please see Sheila if you can help. Thank you.

Volunteers for Plant Fairs & Plant Donations for July

On **Sunday, July 19th**, we have the opportunity to promote our club at the **Artisan Fair on Stalham High Street**. This is a popular event, & we hope to have a few small plants for sale. We would greatly appreciate any plant donations.

Additionally, we have accepted an invitation from **Alan Gray to set up our usual stall at the East Ruston Old Vicarage on Saturday, July 25th**. Alan is hosting another "Nurseries in the Garden" event this year, with stalls throughout the garden. We would be very grateful for any plant donations to sell at this event. Please keep this in mind when you are sowing seeds & propagating your plants.

Volunteers

If you can spare an hour or two to help man the stall at either event, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to our Chairperson, Lucy.

The same applies to dropping off or picking up your donated plants. Lucy's contact details: email ivyleaftree350@gmail.com or Tel: 01692 581163.

The evening at East Ruston is on the Friday before the first sale. If you are attending, that would be an ideal opportunity to bring your plants along, & we can then exchange them in the car park.

We have a private group visit planned to **Sonja Gaffers Tropical Gardens in Hellesdon, on Sunday, August 16th. Start time is 2pm**

Sonja will give a personal tour of an inspiring garden featuring a fascinating mix of exotic & tropical plants. She will be available to answer questions & will also provide tea & cakes. For those who haven't visited before, Sonja's garden is a hidden gem, & her cakes are amazing! The cost is £10 for members & £15 for non-members.

We need to know how many attendees there will be, so please add your name to the list. The list is available at all of our meets. Payment will be due by the end of July.

Otherwise, please get in touch with Suzanne: Email: sue@farmsidecottage.co.uk or tel/text: 07780 985 425.

Located at **33 Waldemar Avenue, Hellesdon, NR6 6TB**. Sonja's Tropical garden is approximately 400 m from the Norwich ring road towards Cromer on the A140.

We'll try to organise car sharing where possible. Please let us know if you need a lift.

There is parking along the road outside of Sonja's address.

See our website for all information, including diary & recent photos from the show.

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