

Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

May 2025

1. We are very pleased to announce that **Alan Gray** has accepted our invitation to become Honorary President of the Stalham & District Horticultural Society.
Alan has always been a great supporter of our club, especially our Annual Shows.
For over 50 years both Alan & his partner Graham Robeson have created & developed the most unique & amazing gardens at East Ruston Old Vicarage. It has many styles of garden rooms within one garden spread over 32 acres. There is a tea room with plenty of indoor & outside seating & a comprehensive plant sales area
The Gardens are open Wednesday - Sunday 12.30pm - 5.30pm from 1st March to 31st October 2025. See website for details www.eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk
2. Next month, **Friday 20th June** our speaker is **Marian Grimes**
The subject is "**Hedgehogs the Gardeners Friend**"
Since 2013, Marian has run, **Hedgehog Haven**, a rescue Centre for Hedgehogs in North Walsham. She looks after many injured, underweight & baby hedgehogs until they have reached hibernation weight, before releasing them back into the wild, in the Spring. See Marian's Facebook page: Hedgehog Haven North Norfolk.
3. 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.
4. On **Friday July 18th 2025** We have an evening visit to **Brunstead Blooms**.
The Flower farm and florists. Start time 6.30pm. The cost is £5.00 per person, including refreshments. For another £5.00 you may pick your own jar of flowers.
There will be lots going on in the flower fields at that time, as well as in the poly tunnel, & in the perennial beds. Just a stone's throw away on the Ingham Road, Brunstead NR12 9HE. There is plenty of parking on site.
If you are interested, please put your name down on the list that is being passed around at our monthly meetings.
5. We will have our usual stall at the **East Ruston Old Vicarage Plant Fair** again this year, on **Sat 7th June 2025**. This is one of our main sources of income & contributes greatly to our expenses for hall hire & speakers etc. We would be very grateful if you would bear our stall in mind when you are planting seeds & growing things on this Spring. If you have any spare plants, it would be appreciated if you would consider donating them for us to sell. Collection can be organised beforehand. Or better still come along & help us on the stall for an hour or two & benefit from free entry.

6. 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.

The 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 and/or print off Schedules from our website **www.stalhamhorticultural.uk**

7. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member? Please have a word with Lucy or anyone else on the Committee. We are always looking for new faces with new ideas, so that we may work together to enable our club to move forward successfully.

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. The Stalham Town Council are having an Open Gardens 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 £5.00 adults, covers both days & accompanied under 16's are free.

All proceeds go to the Town's planting projects throughout the Town. Complete the trail to win a small prize at the end.

Buy tickets & maps from Stalham Library situated on Stalham High Street. Children can pick up a Trail Spotting Sheet for a fun-filled outdoor adventure where they get to explore, observe, & discover magical garden secrets.

Contact the organiser Phone: 07392 965 607 Email: office@stalham-tc.gov.uk

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

The next meet is this **Wednesday 21st May 2025** when we are doing a 'Table Centre' & also on Wednesday **June 18th** when we will be doing a 'Summer Urn' 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