

Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter

October 2025

1. A summary of last months (September) meeting with speaker, Paul Corfield:

It was an amusing trip into the vegetable garden this month. Always a pleasure to see Paul, with his many years of experience & his wonderfully extensive knowledge, he explained the Diversity of **Brassicas** & the Production of seed.

Brassicas a huge family of plants, all started with having a wild species. Paul discussed the effect of climate change & the changes in the length of the season & reflected on microclimates across the UK. The origins of the cauliflower & the fact that cauliflower is available all through the year from different regions of the British Isles.

Who knew a wallflower was part of the brassica family!

All that was involved in plant breeding was discussed. Growing problems, diseases, & fungicides no longer available.

Clubroot & it's spread a major problem (single celled amoeba), worldwide.

Finally, did you know the bottom of a cauliflower is made up of 5 florets?

2. Next month, **Friday 21st November 7.15pm for 7.30pm**

STALHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY end of year SOCIAL EVENT, at The Poppy Centre, Recreation Road, Stalham.

QUIZ NIGHT, Raffle and Refreshments. Please bring a plate of food to share if you wish. There is a list here tonight so that you can put your name down and let us know what you might bring.

or email Lucy: ivyleaftree350@gmail.com or phone/txt Suzanne 07780 985 425

Entry fee £2.00 for members. £4.00 for Visitors (includes refreshments)

Competition prize is for 'Best table decoration'.

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us!

3. **Schedules** for the **Stalham Spring Show 2026** are FREE & now available online. www.stalhamhorticultural.uk

Hard copies are being printed this week & will be available at monthly meetings

Or the FREE Schedules can also be collected from the following places:

The Post Office in Stalham.

Sutton Hardware & Garden Centre, The Street, Sutton.

& A G Meale & Sons, Wayford.

4. PLEASE HELP! We do not have enough people on our committee.

Those of us on the committee at present are trying our best to make the monthly meetings & the Shows work.

There has been so much positive reaction at the last couple of shows and it seems that people would very much like them to continue. But is becoming increasingly difficult. There are too few people doing too many jobs.

Any help whatsoever would be greatly appreciated. If you are at all interested, please have a word with Lucy or anyone else on the Committee.

We desperately need more people & new faces with new ideas, so that we may work together to enable our club, (which is 53 years old next year!) to grow & move forward successfully.

5. We are organising some group trips for next year.

We have one, lined up in June. This is to our president Alan Gray's Gardens, at **East Ruston Old Vicarage**.

It will be an early evening visit & we will be privileged to have the gardens to ourselves. Refreshments will be available.

6. Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit as a group? Are there any subjects that you would like us to find speakers for? Please come & have a chat with one of us, or pop a note in the suggestions box. We would really appreciate your input.

7. All information for the Stalham Horticultural Society including the Diary and photo's of the shows, can be found on our website.

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