

## 2016 Officers & Committee Members

President	Enid Castle
Chairman	Ray Martin
Secretary	Caroll Wallace
Treasurer	Sandra Pontin
Show Manager	Jeremy and Angela Pratt
Committee	Cynthia Merry, Jill Morris Angela Pratt, Liz Ablett Frances McMillen, Rachel Bischoff Clive Minnican, James Loughray

Thank you to outgoing Committee members Diane and Frances; with a warm welcome to our new Committee members Clive and James.

### Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due from 1 January and can be paid at the January meeting. As decided at our AGM this is now £15 per annum. Please bring your monies along in a sealed envelope with your name on and we can then get the Membership Cards written up at leisure.

**Show Roses** Ray has bought 40 garden roses (20 red HT and 20 yellow floribunda) for members to grow on in order to display them as entries in our Annual show in July. They will be available for collection from Plot 1 at Cowpasture allotments on Saturday 19th December, or at the January meeting costing about £4.00.

**Battisford & District Gardening Club** are hosting a talk by Jim Buttress on "65 Years in Horticulture" on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm. This will be at Ringshall Village Hall, IP14 2JB. Tickets are £10 and are available from Bill Baldry Tel: 01449 672168.

**East Anglia Potato Day** is on Saturday 13th February 2016, 9.30am -1.30pm at Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT. There will be 80+ varieties of potatoes available for sale by tubor. Admission £1.50. Majority of tubors 16p, with premiums 25p.

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## Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society

**Next Meeting – 12th January 2016**



**Charlie Haylock**  
**The History of Spoken English**

**Newsletter – January 2016**

Phone Queries: Please contact Caroll Wallace 01394 272695

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## Chairman's Message

Another good turnout for our AGM and Christmas Party on Tuesday. Thank you to all those who brought along food for our sharing buffet, which made for a good social evening. Key decisions at our AGM were:

- Agreeing £1 rise in membership fees to £15 to help cover increasing costs. Also, for the first time in many years, an increase in Visitor fees for non-Members will be made of £1 to make entrance £3 a head per meeting.

- It was also agreed to increase our Tea and Coffee charges to 50p per head.

I am very proud to have gained the most points aggregated across our 2015 mini shows to win the Elizabeth Davy trophy and have nominated East Suffolk Associated for the Blind as our annual charity.

It was great to have the return of Jane and Julie, who sang and played musical accompaniment to our buffet, making a wonderful seasonal atmosphere to the whole evening. Well done ladies!

As I review the year there are many people who have worked really hard to ensure that we have such a wonderful Society. Heartfelt thanks to Caroll for covering the Chairman role as well during my absences; to Jeremy and Angela for driving our Annual Show; and to departing Committee members Frances and Diane. We also have support from members who are not on the Committee but still make major contributions - Thanks to Emma who is now stepping down from compiling our monthly newsletters; and to Diana who undertakes our Welfare role visiting members who are unwell and arranging cards for them. Welcome to two new Committee members of Clive Minnican and James Loughray.

You don't have to be on our Committee to get stuck into helping, if you have a desire to take over the Newsletter production or any other role, please come and talk to me.

We kick off the New Year with the return of Charlie Haylock – so I am sure it will be a packed house. Don't forget your annual subscriptions are due in January.

A Happy New Year to all our members.

*Ray Martin*

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## Spring Mini Show Schedule 12th April 2016

All entries taken on the night – No entry fees

### Classes

1. Garden flower(s) in a picture frame - frame provided
2. Vase of 1 (max) Daffodils any variety excluding miniatures
3. Vase of 3 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
4. Vase of 5 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
5. Vase of 5 (max) Miniature Daffodils
6. Pot of Daffodils (purchased from FDHS)
7. Pot of Tulips (purchased from FDHS)
8. Pot of Hyacinths (purchased from FDHS)
9. An Alpine plant (max pot size 200mm)
10. 3 sticks of Rhubarb
11. Spring vegetable
12. 5 chocolate brownies
13. Banana bread, 4 slices
14. A coloured in picture for adults!
15. Photo entitled "April Showers" mounted (not framed). Not to exceed 200mm x 250mm overall
16. All Round Spring Flower arrangement (max size 400mm x 400mm, any height)

Entry rules:-

Only one entry in each class

Enter as many classes as you can

Points: 1st = 4 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

Winner of most points will be presented with the Spring Cup.

All cakes and food items to be offered to members at the break

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