

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions of £14 a head are now due and can be paid at our next meeting. For those who cannot attend next meeting, you can contact Sandra on 01394 285577 and arrange to make payment to her direct. We will assume that Members have decided to leave the Society, if they have not renewed by our 10th March meeting.

Bring & Buy Sale at our March Meeting

We will be holding a Bring and Buy sale at March meeting, so please bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts/plants/seeds etc that you think others may like to buy. Supporting events like this help us to keep down costs and annual subscriptions. Any items not sold on the night to be used as Tombola/Draw prizes at the Annual Show (if members are willing).

Coach Trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show

Booking forms need to be completed **urgently** and with £50 deposits handed to Cynthia Merry. There are **only 4 places left** and this trip is now open to non-members. To remind you it is our 3 day, 2 night coach trip to visit the Malvern Spring Show from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th May 2015. Price of £175 per person sharing twin or double rooms, or £215 for single room includes coach, 2 night's bed, breakfast and dinner at Hotel Chateau Impney, as well as all entrances. **The balance cost is payable to Cynthia at our March meeting. Her telephone no : 01394 272202.**

Member Welfare

Just to remind you that Diana Harold looks after member's Welfare and can be contacted by Tel: 01394 270766, by anyone who is aware of members who are ill, or in hospital, or bereaved and may need our support.

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Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society

Next Meeting – 10 March 2015



Jeremy Pratt “Poets & Lizards” (Narcissus & Orchids)

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Phone Queries: Please contact Caroll Wallace 01394 272695

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Chairman's Message

"Caw'd a hell! That was suffen good!" Is what Charlie Haylock may have said if he'd been one of the packed audience at our February meeting!

Charlie Haylock, if you didn't already know, is a Suffolk institution, a raconteur and historian. He kept the audience, that included an unprecedented 35 guests, enthralled and in stitches for over an hour and a half; telling tales from his childhood and about the history and influence of the Suffolk dialect. Great stuff and enjoyed by all. I think that having an occasional change from the usual fair of horticultural based speakers is quite refreshing. Twould be a rum owd dew if we heard the same old stuff every month wouldn't it?

Your Committee, having seen how much you all enjoy our trips are actively looking at the potential destinations for further trips. Little Bentley Hall or Glemham Hall are both possibilities. We will have more news for you on this at the March meeting.

Our March meeting has our very own Jeremy Pratt updating us on the world of "Poets & Lizards" (for the squeamish, that's Poets Daffodils and Lizard Orchids). Jeremy is a passionate and expert alpine grower so we are assured of a good evening.

Due to Mr Haylock's performance we did not have time to offer members the chance to buy any more summer show roses. We still have a number of Suncharm (yellow patio) and Gentle Touch (pink patio) left to grow on for our show in July. Priced at a mere £4 including pot, they are a real bargain. March is the latest that they should be planted to get them into flower for show-time so we will be offering them for the last time at the March meeting.

We are also holding another Bring & Buy sale at the March meeting. Don't be shy, please donate any unwanted gifts or Visit our website www.felixstowehorticultural.co.uk

items, plants, cuttings and seedlings. So Bring plenty of cash and be prepared to Buy! Hopefully we will have a good selection for you to splash your cash on.

Ray Martin

Jobs for the month

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune *Wisteria*
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter
11. Sow sweet peas in pots, and pinch out shoot tips
12. Sow tomato seeds for early crop
13. Cover rhubarb with an old bucket to exclude light and force up some early fruit
14. Chit seed potatoes in trays in a bright, frost-free position
15. Start dahlia tubers and begonias gently back into growth propagate new cuttings.

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