

Autumn Mini Show Schedule 13th October 2015

Classes

1. 1 Squash
2. 3 Tomatoes
3. 3 Apples
4. Vase of dahlias, no more than 7 stems
5. 3 stems Michaelmas Daisies
6. Last Rose of summer
7. 4 Cheese Scones
8. 1 Victoria Sandwich
9. 5 Flapjacks (recipe in Show schedule)
10. Photo of Felixstowe Promenade mounted (not framed). Not to exceed 200mm x 250mm overall
11. A Knitted Article
12. Autumn Flower Arrangement, (max size 250mm x 250mm)

Entry rules:-

All entries taken on the night – No entry fees
Only one entry in each class
Enter as many classes as you can
Points: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point
Winner of most points will be presented with the Autumn Cup.

Open Garden – Saturday 28th June

Diane and Mick Elmes are opening their garden again on Saturday 28th June from 11am to 5pm. Entry fee of £3 is in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice. Refreshments will be available and Katie's Garden will be selling plants. Address is 41 Westmorland Road, Felixstowe.

Hever Castle – Day trip 12th September

Pat South is organising a day trip to Hever Castle, using Mick Dabbs coaches. Trip is planned for Saturday 12th September. See www.hevercastle.co.uk. Cost is £24.50 pp. For more information contact Pat South Tel: 01394 670499.

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Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society

Next Meeting – 14 July 2015



Social Evening, Show Preparation & Quiz

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Chairman's Message

Our Plant and Produce Stall at the OFCA Fair on Saturday 13th June was a great success; our stall which was a combined effort between the Felixstowe Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and ourselves, raised almost £100 for OFCA funds. Many thanks to all who provided top quality plants in spite of the weather conditions, which were snapped up by some very eager customers. Thanks also to Francis Donnelly, Guy Pearse and Jeremy Pratt who helped me to set up and man the stand. Leftover produce, although fine now, would not last until the July meeting so we have put it on the 'Swop Table' on Plot 39 at Cowpasture. In all, it was a great effort by everyone, which once again has meant that we can fulfil our obligations as members of OFCA.

Maggie Thorpe and Ann Tweddle from Plant Heritage gave us all plenty to think about with their excellent demonstration of plant propagation on Tuesday evening. They favour a peat free multi purpose compost (Melcourt) carefully sifted into a coarse mix, to ensure it is lump free, with added vermiculite for moisture retention. They swiftly divided bulbs, took stem and leaf cuttings, advised on propagation by seed. Strong advice was given not to bother with Rooting Compound powder but, do remember to cover cuttings with a plastic bag to retain moisture until rooting is well under way. I hope that everyone enjoyed the informal, but very informative way that the two ladies delivered their message. To give a balance to the 'argument' about peat free compost, the ladies were quite prepared to listen to views from the floor regarding peat use for fuel which outstrips horticultural usage. Also, my personal preference is to use hormone rooting gel which gives me good results in all the many cuttings that I take. Perhaps this serves to remind us that gardening is not an exact science and if something works for you, then keep doing it!

All you fruit and vegetable growers will be having a hard time getting any produce for the show because of the very cold season, but don't forget, everyone will be in the same boat so do try and put in your entries even though your standards might not be as high as usual. Please do look through your schedules and see what you can do to support the society and put up a colourful display again on 18th/19th July.

Our next meeting in July is the annual Quiz and Social evening. And I will also endeavour to demonstrate how you prepare some entries for the Annual Show, specifically the Master Vase class. As it is a Social evening, please bring along a plate of finger food or some nibbles to share, so we can start the evening with a bite to eat and chat with other members. We will be providing a drink of either wine or squash to go with the food. The

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evening is a very informal night, please let us know if you have any showing (or growing) related topics that you would like us to discuss.

See you soon!

Ray Martin

Annual Flower & Produce Show – 18th/19th July

- A reminder that all **Show cups** need to be returned (nice and clean please) by our July meeting at the latest, so they can be presented at the end of our Show on 19th July.
- Caroll will be happy to take **Member** and **Junior Entries** at our July meeting – final date for entries to be with Caroll at 6A Croutel Road is Tuesday 14th July. Please look through the schedule and see what you can enter, even if it is only one class – it is only 20p to have a go! Please try and get you entries in as early as you can since we are changing the way we produce entry cards.
- We will be very grateful for all **home made cakes**, pastries and produce that you can donate for sale at the show. Making/donating something for sale is a great way to help us with the Show if you cannot attend in person. Please label any cakes that have been frozen, as folk often need to know that they cannot re-freeze when they are buying items.
- We still need any **donations of “goodies”** to be made up into the **prize hampers** for our Grand Draw. Also any unwanted gifts that can be suitable for the **Tombola** stall. If you have anything you can donate, please drop them off with Sandra Pontin at 47 St Andrews Road (Tel: 01394 285577) or bring them along to the July meeting.
- **Prize Draw** tickets will be sold at our July meeting. We have plenty more available if you can sell them to friends and family, just ask Liz Ablett for some spare books. Tickets will also be sold at Solar on 4th July and 9th/10th July, we also have an event in the Triangle on Saturday 11th July – if you can help to sell tickets on any of these days please let Liz Ablett know on (Tel: 01394 285727).
- Finally, if you are available to help out manning a stall at the Show on the Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th or setting up the show on Friday 17th at about 5.00pm please see Angela or Jeremy at the July meeting, to put your name on the **Rota of Helpers**.

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