







# ASHFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Dear Member

The next meeting of the Society will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in St. Matthew's Hall at 8pm. The speaker is Paolo Arrigo of Franchi Seeds: he will be giving us another talk about Franchi Seeds, entertaining us with his accordion and treating us to a taste of pesto. This should be great fun and you are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbour - either as a guest (£1) or as a new member. The April meeting will be the Spring Show, and while the judging is taking place Mary Braddock, a wildlife photographer, will talk to us and show us images of the birds, dragonflies and orchids of the La Brenne Natural Park in the Loire Valley in France.

## Competitions for the Evening

1. A pot or bowl of bulbs
2. A camellia flower on a card
3. 3 stems of daffodils
4. 1 specimen stem daffodil
5. 1 vase of any other cut flower
6. Any vegetable, 1 specimen

**Plant Fair** A further reminder of our Plant Fair on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Now is the time to take those few extra cuttings, sow a few more seeds or pot up those unwanted seedlings (especially veg) to grow saleable plants for our eager customers. It will also be very helpful if you can offer some greenhouse space (not necessarily heated) to bring on some of our bought-in plants. If you can help, please contact Bob Calder on 10784 250561.

**Outings** You will have received details of the outings planned for 2017 to Bosham, Loseley Garden Show, Great Comp Summer Show and Coton Manor Gardens with your membership renewal. The cost of all outings includes coach, driver's tip and entry to the gardens. Friends are very welcome to join us.

In addition to these outings we are arranging a tour of the Gardens at Frogmore, Windsor on one of the few National Garden Scheme Open Days. **The tour will be at 3pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.** We are also hoping to arrange a garden tour of Great Fosters with Head Gardener Russell Dixon in either June or July. Details should be available at the next meeting. As last year's walkabout on Staines Moor was so popular, Barry Dix has volunteered to head another one on the other side of the Moor in either May or June. Members will have to make their own transport arrangements to these three outings.

If you are interested in any of the outings, please contact Joy at the next meeting or on 01784 246900 or [joyandjohn2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joyandjohn2004@yahoo.co.uk).

**Membership Renewal** A renewal slip is attached to this newsletter. Please don't forget to renew as anyone who has not paid their subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 will be deemed to have allowed their membership to lapse and will not receive any further newsletters.

Barbara Baghapour  
Hon Secretary

**Subscriptions** These are to remain at £6 per member and £10 for member and partner, and are due from 1st January. In past years members have queued for an unacceptably long time to renew their subscriptions. In an attempt to avoid this we are introducing a different method for 2017 by having two ways to renew:

Please complete the tear off slip printed below and put it in an envelope together with your cheque, made payable to Ashford Horticultural Society and EITHER send it to the Membership Secretary (address below) OR drop it in the marked box on the membership desk when you attend a meeting. Renewals will be processed and membership cards, together with the Show Schedule, will be ready for collection at the next and subsequent meetings.

If you are unable to attend meetings and would like the paperwork posted to you, please enclose a C5 sized SAE.

New membership will be processed at the meetings, as before.

We do hope that members will find this a smoother process.

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**ASHFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017**

£6 SINGLE MEMBER; £10 MEMBER & PARTNER

**TO: Miss Cathy Setterfield, Membership Secretary, 67A Chesterfield Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3PF**

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