



# ASHFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY


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Dear Member

The next meeting of the Society will be held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017** in St. Matthew's Hall at 8pm. The speaker is Mary Braddock, a wildlife photographer, who will be talking about and showing us images of the birds, dragonflies and orchids of the La Brenne Natural Park in the Loire Valley in France. Once again you are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbour - either as a guest (£1) or as a new member.

The speaker for May will be Tim Winter, whose subject is Woodland Industries.

## Spring Flower Show

This is also, of course, the date for the Spring Flower Show. Entries and staging take place from 8pm until 8.30pm. The entrance fee is 10p per class and entries are as per Schedule. The Edgar Hawes Salver will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in classes 1-22. The Daffodil Society's Bronze Medal will be awarded for the best exhibit in show. Help is needed to set up the hall at 7.45pm and will be much appreciated. This year the daffodils have been early, so it is more important than ever for members to support the Show by putting in as many exhibits as they can. There are 24 classes to choose from, so do try to enter at least one and help to make this another show we can be proud of.

## Outings

We have had a very good response to the outings planned for this year. If you are interested in any of the trips to Bosham Open Gardens, Loseley Garden Show, Great Comp Summer Garden Show or Coton Manor Gardens, please contact Joy as soon as possible as seats on the coaches are going fast.

We have a date for the walkabout on Staines Moor with Barry Dix: Thursday 1st June at 6.30pm. Please let Joy know if you are interested. Members provide their own transport to the moor.

The guided tour of the garden at Great Fosters will be in June (date to be confirmed). We have been advised by Great Fosters that the cost of the tour of the garden, including tea/coffee and cookies, is £15 per person. If you have put your name on the list for the tour, please let Joy know if you are still interested. Members will make their own way there.

Frogmore: We have a tour booked at 3pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £9.50 per person, which includes garden entry and a garden history tour. You can buy an optional ticket to visit Frogmore House (£7.00, over 60s £6.00) when you are there. Please let Joy know as soon as possible, as numbers are limited. Members will make their own way there. If you need any more information on any of the outings, contact Joy on 01784 246900, [joyandjohn2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joyandjohn2004@yahoo.co.uk).

## Plant Fair

Takes place this year on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, which is rapidly approaching. But, there is still time to bake a cake or bring on any surplus seedlings you may have. We always sow too many seeds; so save some of your "extras" for the Fair! Helpers on the day are always needed, so put the date in your diary now. I've attached a sheet of fliers to this newsletter, please cut them up and put them through your neighbours' letterboxes in order to publicise the event.

## Plant Swap

We are planning to hold another Plant Swap this year so please put the date in your diary: **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

Barbara Baghapour  
Hon. Secretary