

# **KNARESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

*Established circa 1850 -*

*one of the oldest horticultural societies in the country but full of young ideas*

## ***2012 Winter Newsletter***



2012 has been a great success for KHS in many ways. There are a number of new members and the meetings, outings, and shows have been well attended.

Several Hidden Gardens of the town were open to the public in June and the money raised helped to swell the society's coffers. The gardens were all spectacular and very different styles. The visitors included a number of tourists from all over the world. Two American ladies said they felt very privileged to have been allowed into such beautiful gardens that gave them a different perspective on the town.

The weather for the open gardens evening was perfect, as it was for the evening visit to Harlow Carr. Everyone enjoyed being able to walk about without having waterproofs on and carrying open umbrellas.

Considering the dreadful growing conditions, the success of both the Early and Late Shows was remarkable. There were some outstanding exhibits, and a good number of entries for each event. Thanks to everyone who was able to help with the shows.

Ivor Fox kindly sponsored the mini show for bulbs earlier this year, and the numerous entries made a beautiful display in the hall. He has generously provided bulbs for further mini shows in February and March 2013. The two sets of bulbs were distributed at the September meeting. The Iris Reticulata are to be judged in February, and the Narcissi in March. It is hoped that the number of entries will be at least equal to that of this spring.

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**2013** starts off with the New Year Party on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Bring some food along to share.

The meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February will be focussed on judging the pots of Iris Reticulata and members' contributions to Looking Forward to Spring.

20<sup>th</sup> March, the speaker is John Richardson of Johnson's Nurseries and judging the pots of narcissii.

17<sup>th</sup> April – A.G.M.

## **N.B.**

Meet at 7.15 pm in **the small hall** at St. John's Church Hall, and at 7.30 pm move into the large hall.

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### **And finally – Mike's Practical Hints**

Indoor Christmas Plants –

Poinsettias – keep out of cool drafts and water sparingly.

Cyclamen – need good light and cool temperatures.

Potted bulbs – keep cool and moist.

Outside -

Collect leaves from underneath rose bushes and fruit trees to stop the spread of disease.

Put sulphur granules on the ground under acidity loving plants.

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