



## KNARESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Established @ 1850

*One of the oldest horticultural  
Societies in the country – but  
full of young ideas*

### MARCH 2012 MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

#### Welcome!

Times have certainly changed since 12<sup>th</sup> May 1859, when a notice appeared in the Leeds Mercury advising its readers that *schedules for the Knaresborough Floral, Horticultural and Poultry Exhibition are now ready and may be had on application to the Secretaries!* Due to the rising cost in postage, we'd like to be able to contact as many members by email – so if you have an email address, then please let us know on: [info@khsyorkshire.org](mailto:info@khsyorkshire.org) Details of events and shows can also be found on our website [www.khsyorkshire.org](http://www.khsyorkshire.org)

**POLITE NOTICE: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

#### Wednesday, 18 April from 9.00 a.m, Market Place, Knaresborough

We shall have a stall at the Market, selling plants and promoting the activities of the Society, and would be very grateful for any spare plants and / or produce (such as cakes) to sell. Thank you to Terry Maud for organising the stall.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm  
St John's Church Hall, Knaresborough

1. Chairman's Report – Mike Prest
2. Show Secretary's Report – Brian Chatten
3. Treasurer's Report – Emmie Bilton
4. Future activities to discuss format and ideas
5. Selection of working groups

Following the meeting, have a go at making your own hanging basket.  
Bring along a basket and any plants you wish to use. Moss & compost provided.

#### Evening Visit to Harlow Carr, Thursday, 26 July

Members can go and explore the gardens. There's also an option for a guided tour at £2 per person, min. 10 in the group. If you're interested in either the tour or want to wander at will, please let Margaret Knight know by 18<sup>th</sup> April on: 01423 864419 or email: [margaret.knight@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.knight@btinternet.com)

#### Beat those pests!! Mike's Tips

- Use environmental insect mesh to stop carrot fly and cabbage root fly on your vegetables. Stop them - and vine weevil and slugs by using biological nematodes. Encourage natural predators, like ladybirds, into your garden by growing some wild flowers.

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