



MEETINGS HELD AT  
THE RHS GARDEN,  
HARLOW CARR,

CRAG LANE, HARROGATE, HG3 1QB

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## EDITORIAL

January has come round again and another year has begun, hopefully a 'fruitful' one. The severe winter we were promised has not materialised yet; just one short episode of snow between Xmas and New Year, very patchy in distribution. East Yorks. had a heavy fall but in the Harrogate area, where I am, there was barely an inch or two, not enough to cause serious disruption of traffic. However we still have February and March to get through! Outdoor work at Harlow Carr might have to be postponed if conditions get difficult (snow, hard frost, heavy rain)—if in doubt contact Margaret, Charlie or Hilary before setting out.

January also means subscription time. This year we are changing tactics and sending Membership Cards to all current members with this Newsletter. It is easier for the Membership Secretary to print them all at once than to do them in dribs and drabs as the subs come in. Also there is no problem over free access to Harlow Carr for meetings in the first quarter. Get your sub in before April if you wish to remain a member and receive further Newsletters. The amount stays the same in spite of an increase in printing costs and the expected increase in postage in April. Luckily the running expenses of the Group are cushioned by our Show medal winnings and sales of leaflets, preserves, plants etc.

The Committee obviously hopes that all members will want to stay with us. We try to set up an interesting programme of talks, workshops and visits; if anyone has any suggestions for improvement, or any special topic they want covered, please contact the Chairman, Secretary or Editor.

A happy and productive New Year to all.

*Diana Davis*

## PROGRAMME 2006

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.** Study Centre, Harlow Carr.

10.30 Executive Committee Meeting

13.30 Talk by Abigail Johnson ( East Malling Research):

Strawberry Breeding.

Rootstocks ordered from Matthews will be available for collection. Budded trees from previous propagation workshops will also be available; see Notice on pp 4-5. for details.

