



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Dear Subscriber

Happy New Year and welcome to our new email newsletter.

First, many apologies for the brevity of this issue - we haven't had a chance to get the website up to date because the weather has been so mild we have been out round the nursery doing essential maintenance.

Show Calendar

Our [events calendar](#) is beginning to take shape and we are really pleased to be able to confirm the major show dates for 2016. The website will be updated regularly over the next few months as we hear about the outstanding events we have applied for.

Nursery News

Our plan to have a selection of every variety for sale in a single poly-tunnel is over half way through and we hope to report this job done next month. This should make it significantly easier for visitors to find what they are looking for, and help us to keep our show operations from cluttering up the entrances of the tunnels.

Work on the exhibition garden has not continued because the ground is too damp to work on, but we have been busy setting up a new water pump, creating more storage and doing other routine work round the nursery.

Exhibiting at Flower Shows

The Horticultural Exhibitors' Association are currently surveying their membership regarding the future of exhibiting at flower shows? Your experiences of visiting flower shows would be really interesting to gather, so if you have any words of wisdom you would like to share, you can email Mel (melonious@btinternet.com) in confidence. In particular, she would like to know what it is you are looking for when attending flower shows and if you feel they are attracting the right sort of exhibitor to meet your expectations.

That's all for now but we will have more to report in February when we plan to confirm our 2016 availability list.

Team Mickfield

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Happy Hens at New Year

If you would like to see our feathered ground crew - click on the photo to watch a mini video clip.

Warm weather confusion

We have augmented our stock for 2016 with new varieties and some old favourites.

Here is [H. 'Janet'](#), looking very confused about the time of year. It hasn't begun to develop its variegation yet but I expect it may not, especially if we now get some cold weather before the spring. If this is the case we will cut the leaves off in a couple of months and hope the next flush of leaves are characteristic.

