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YEARBOOK 2025

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Alice Coulter 1922 - 2024

Our Honorary President, Alice Coulter, passed away peacefully at home at the end of last year, a few weeks before her 102nd birthday.

Alice was a member of Benfleet Horticultural Society for decades and served as the society's Secretary for many years, eventually becoming our Honorary President.

Alice will be greatly missed.



Benfleet Horticultural Society

Affiliated to the

Royal Horticultural Society - National Dahlia Society - National Vegetable Society - Daffodil Society

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DIARY OF EVENTS 2025

2.00pm	Sat. Feb. 1 st	STORES OPEN
2.00pm	Mon. Feb. 24 th	CLUB EVENT 'Edwardian Flower Seller' Maz Morgan
8.00pm	Fri. March. 21 st	QUIZ NIGHT with Quizmaster Simon Foxen
2.00pm	Mon. March. 24 th	CLUB EVENT 'The Snowdrop – a story of a simple little flower' Nick Dobson
	Sat. April. 12 th	SPRING SHOW Richmond Hall
	Sun. April. 27 th	OUTING Chenies Manor Tulip Festival
2.00pm	Mon. May 19 th	CLUB EVENT 'Fuchsias with a difference' Nick Dobson
12.00pm	Sun. June 1 st	Benfleet Community Fayre Woodside Park
10.00am	Sat. June. 7 th	STORE OPEN DAY 10am – 4pm at the Stores
	Sat. June. 14 th	SUMMER SHOW Richmond Hall
8.00pm	Fri. June. 20 th	QUIZ NIGHT with Quizmaster Simon Foxen
	Sun. June. 29 th	OUTING Hidden Gardens – Bury St. Edmunds
2.00pm	Mon. June. 30 th	CLUB EVENT 'Botanical Tulips' Nick Dobson
	Sun. July. 20 th	OUTING Wisley Gardens
10.00am	Sat. Aug. 2 nd	STORE OPEN DAY 10am – 4pm at the Stores
8.00pm	Fri. Aug. 22 nd	FLORAL ART QUIZ NIGHT with Quizmaster Simon Foxen
	Sat. Sept. 6 th	AUTUMN SHOW Richmond Hall
	Sun. Sept. 7 th	OUTING Wakehurst Place NT
2.00pm	Mon. Sept. 8 th	CLUB EVENT 'My life with flowers' Irene Bowkett
8.00pm	Fri. Nov. 28 th	QUIZ NIGHT with Quizmaster Simon Foxen
8.00pm	Thurs. Dec. 4 th	Annual General Meeting

AGM and club events are held at the St. Mary's Church Hall, 376 High Road, Benfleet, SS7 5HL.

Annual General Meeting and Quiz Nights are 8.00 pm start. Entrance to Quiz Nights is £5 per person and are held at Richmond Hall, please bring your own food and drink.

Club Events are 2.00 pm start and free entrance with tea, coffee and biscuits served.

The flower shows are held in the Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Essex SS7 5HA. Admission to these is £1 per person.

Further details will be published in the NEWSLETTERS / THE STORE / THE WEBSITE.

Please pre-book your table for Quiz Nights at the Store.

Outings: to avoid being disappointed please put your names down early on the list at the stores together with a non-returnable deposit of £5.

Store Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers for the store are available to purchase in store now.

£5
£10
£20



These are the perfect gift for the gardeners in your life.

Outings 2025

All 2025 outings around £26 - £30 unless otherwise stated.

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

CHENIES MANOR TULIP FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

HIDDEN GARDENS – BURY ST EDMUNDS

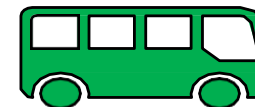
SUNDAY 20TH JULY

WISLEY GARDENS (£16)

SUNDAY 7TH SEPT

WAKEHURST PLACE NT

Please put your name down at the stores with a £5 deposit to secure your seat.



THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024

It is with sadness that I start this report by noting the passing of our president and oldest member, Alice Coulter, in November.

I hope you all had a good gardening year despite the varied weather. We were informed that it was one of the hottest years on record for some time.

We had a productive time at the stores with the help of many volunteers, which has made us the success we are today as a local horticultural society, now with over 800 members.

We hosted three successful shows: Spring, Summer, and Autumn.

We also organized two open days with refreshments, raising money for local charities.

Unfortunately, our club event days were not very successful due to speaker cancellations.

We held a stall at the Benfleet Community Fayre, which was very successful.

Our quizzes continue to be well-attended, expertly guided by Simon.

Our trips to Thriplow, Great Compton, Chelsworth, Nymans, and Wisley were well-received and enjoyable.

I hope 2025 will be a wonderful year for you all.

My thanks go to my committee and all the helpers who have supported us.

Terry

Club Events 2025

Mon Feb 24 Maz Morgan 'Edwardian Flower Seller'

Mon Mar 24 Nick Dobson 'The Snowdrop a story of a simple little flower'

Mon May 19 Nick Dobson 'Fuchsias with a Difference''

Mon June 30 Nick Dobson 'Botanical Tulips'

Mon Sept 8 Irene Bowkett 'My Life with Flowers'

**ALL EVENTS AT ST MARYS CHURCH HALL 376 HIGH ROAD SS7 5HL. 2PM
FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS REFRESHMENTS AND A RAFFLE FREE
ENTRANCE FOR MEMBERS**

Quizzes 2025

FRI 21ST MARCH

FRI 20TH JUNE

FRI 22ND AUGUST (FLORAL ART)

FRI 28TH NOVEMBER



Quiz Nights are 8.00 pm start. Entrance to Quiz Nights is £5 per person and are held at Richmond Hall, please bring your own food and drink.

Please pre-book your table for Quiz Nights at the Store.

ANNUAL AWARDS 2024

Presidents Trophy	Awarded to the member who has given outstanding service to the society	Doreen Colvin
Banksian Medal	Most points in all shows	Andre Mackie
Sanders Cup	Most points in all shows	Andre Mackie
Arnold Cup	2nd highest points in all shows	Terry Babbage
Rayner Cup	3rd highest points in all shows	Laurence Chapman
Presidents Award	Best exhibit of the year (Hort)	Bob Frith
Ernie Williams Cup	Most points in fruit & veg	Andre Mackie
B H S Jubilee Cup	2nd highest points in fruit/veg	Laurence Chapman
Garden News Shield	Gentleman gaining most points in flower classes in all shows	Peter Yapp
Garden News Shield	Lady member gaining most points in dec. arrangements	Maz Morgan
Sutcliffe Shield	Most points in pot plant, cacti and succulents	Bob Frith
Elizabeth Floral Cup	Most points for a lady member in flower classes	Gill Horgan
Certificate	Second Highest Points in flower classes	Eileen French
Hart Trophy	Most points in cookery classes	Sue Mackie
Certificate	2nd highest points in cookery	Judy Bonham
BHS Wine Cup	Most points in wine classes	not awarded
BHS Childrens Cup	Most points in children's classes	Josh & Toby Monk

PRIZES

There are NO entry fees for any classes. Prizes will be given in Children's classes and sponsored prizes may be given.

POINTS AWARDED

1st = 5 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, Highly commended = 1 point

SHOW AWARD WINNERS 2024

Spring Show

Bennett Trophy	Most points in show	Terry Babbage
Frank Hazel Trophy	2 nd highest points in show	Andre Mackie
Webbs Jubilee Cup	3 rd highest points in show	Eileen French
Best Exhibit Cup	Best Exhibit in show	Bob Frith
Terry Babbage Cup	Most points in bulbs in containers	Terry Babbage
Daffodil Society Bronze Medal	Best vase in classes 18 - 45	Jeremy Wilkes
Daffodil Society Diploma	Best container in classes 3 -11	June Willett
Daffodil Society Diploma	Best bloom in classes 18 - 45	Jeremy Wilkes
Anne Crocket Trophy	Best exhibit in floral art	Hazel Cade
Iris Fisher Memorial Trophy	Most points in cookery	Susan Mackie
Reg. Pomeroy Wine Cup	Most points in wine classes	not awarded
Hayward Cup	Best wine in show	not awarded
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy	Child gaining most points	Joshua Hounsell & Toby Hounsell
Valerie Spence Trophy	Most points in handicraft	Judy Bonham Andre Coverley Lorraine Coverley
Althea Cup	Best exhibit handicraft	Lorraine Coverley
Certificate	Most points in misc. classes	Maz Morgan
Certificate	Best exhibit cookery	Susan Mackie
Certificate	2 nd highest points cookery	Judy Bonham
Certificate	Most points in decorative arrangements	Maz Morgan
Certificate	Most points in novice classes	not awarded
Certificate	Best pot plant	Wendy Webster
Certificate	Best exhibit in children's classes	Judy Bonham Andre Coverley

Choice Discount Stores Sponsored Prizes

Best Exhibit in Show	£10 Choice Voucher	Bob Frith
Best Vase of Narcissi	£10 Choice Voucher	Jeremy Wilkes
Best Exhibit in Floating Flower Class	£10 Choice Voucher	Maz Morgan
Best Exhibit in Handicraft Classes	£10 Choice Voucher	Lorraine Coverley
Best Exhibit in Cookery Classes	£10 Choice Voucher	Susan Mackie

Rose and Summer Show 2024

Wilks Cup	Most points in show	Terry Babbage
Durley Challenge Cup	Second highest points in show	Eileen French
Harry Phillips Cup	Third highest points in show	Gill Horgan
Acres Rose Bowl	Most points in rose section	Peter Yapp
Colvin Cup	Winner of the Rose class with the most entries	Peter Yapp
Dr. Vin Tyndal Memorial Shield	Best Vase of Climbing Roses	Eileen French
Mr Fothergills Seed Cup	Highest points in miscellaneous flowers	Terry Babbage
Harvey Memorial Cup	Most points in Sweet Peas	Terry Babbage
National Vegetable Society Medal	Most points in vegetables and salading	Eileen French
Best Exhibit Cup	Best Exhibit in Show	Bob Frith
Murphy Challenge Cup	Best Exhibit in vegetables, salading and fruit	Eileen French
Iris Fisher Memorial Trophy	Most points in cookery classes	Judy Bonham
Reg. Pomeroy Wine Cup	Most points in wine classes	not awarded
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy	Most points in children's classes	Elizabeth & Helena Monk
Anne Crockett Trophy	Best Exhibit in Floral Art	Maz Morgan
Althea Cup	Best Exhibit in handicraft	Sue Foxen
Valerie Spence Cup	Most points in handicraft	Laurence Chapman
Stores Voucher	Best Rose in Show	Laurence Chapman
Certificate	Most points in decorative arrangement	Maz Morgan
Certificate	Best exhibit in Pot Plant Classes	Judy Bonham
Certificate	Best Exhibit in Cookery	Eileen French
Certificate	Second highest points in Cookery	Eileen French

Choice Discount Stores

Sponsored Prizes

Best Rose in Show	£10	Laurence Chapman
Best Exhibit in Show	£10	Bob Frith
Winner of Class 45 Fuchsia	£10	Gill Horgan
Winner of Class 125 Arrangement of fruit or vegetables in a trug	£10	Maz Morgan
Winner of Class 139 Centenary Cake	£10	Eileen French

Autumn Show 2024

Sugg Trophy	Most points in Show	Andre Mackie
Perry Cup	Second Highest Points in Show	Peter Yapp
Goom Cup	Third Highest Points in Show	Laurence Chapman
Best Exhibit Cup	Best exhibit in show	Andre Mackie
Dahlia Cup	Most Points in Dahlia Classes	Peter Yapp
EA Hunt Plate and National Dahlia Soc Silver Medal	Best Vase of Dahlias	Peter Yapp
National Dahlia Soc Bronze Medal	Best Bloom in Dahlia Classes	Peter Yapp
Reg Everett Dahlia Trophy	Best Water Lily Dahlia Class 26	not awarded
F. Tomkins Davenport Cup	Most points in chrysanthemums	not awarded
National Vegetable Society Medal	Best Exhibit in Fruit and Veg Classes	Janet Pryer
Ken Hegon Cup	Most points in fruit and veg	Andre Mackie
Althea Cup	Most points in fruit and veg	Andre Mackie
Valerie Spence	Best Exhibit in Handicraft classes	Val Toulson
Iris Fisher Memorial Trophy	Most Points in Handicraft classes	Sally Clark
Reg. Pomeroy Cup	Most Points in Cookery classes	Susan Mackie
Anne Crockett Trophy	Most points in wine classes	not awarded
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy	Best exhibit in Floral Art	Maz Morgan
Certificate	Most points in children's classes	Joshua & Toby Hounsell
Certificate	Most Points in Misc. Classes	Andre Mackie
Certificate	Most Points in Decorative	Maz Morgan
Certificate	Best exhibit in pot plants	Katherine Mansfield
Certificate	Best exhibit in cookery	Janet Pryer
Certificate	Most points in novice classes	not awarded
J. Delroyd Memorial Prize (cash prize)	Most points in children's classes	Joshua & Toby Hounsell

Simon Foxen Barber Shop

Sponsored Prizes

Best Exhibit in Show	£5	Andre Mackie
Best Pot Plant	£5	Katherine Mansfield
Best Exhibit Fruit & Vegetables	£5	Janet Pryer
Best Exhibit in Cookery	£5	Janet Pryer
Best Exhibit in Children's Classes	£5	Toby & Joshua Hounsell
Best Exhibit in Wine	£5	Not awarded
Best Exhibit in Handicraft	£5	Val Toulson
Best Photograph	£5	Roger Russ
Best Exhibit in Class 64	£5	Peter Yapp
Best Exhibit in Floral Art	£5	Maz Morgan

REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

1. The exhibitor must be a member of the society before the show, except in the case of OPEN CLASSES or in the case of children of members entering the children's classes.

2. All exhibits in vegetable, salading, fruit and flower divisions, but excluding floral art, must have been grown in the member's garden or allotment, or shall have been in their possession for at least two months prior to the show, and must not display any commercial labels. A pot plant, which has been awarded a First Prize in any show, may not be entered again in that show year.

3. All exhibits in domestic, handicraft and floral art classes must have been prepared or made by the exhibitor and must not have been exhibited in any B.H.S. show in the previous 3 years. The minimum age in these classes is 10 years.

4. All entries shall be arranged at the show, with the exception of fruit and vegetables in a trug, unless stated otherwise in the appropriate show schedule.

5. For the guidance of exhibitors in the vegetable, salading and fruit division, the following tables show the number of specimens required

VEGETABLES	2 Celery	2 Peppers
3 Artichokes (Jerusalem)	6 Chard	6 pods, Peas
3 Artichokes (Globe)	2 Endive	6 Radishes
3 Aubergines	2 Kale	3 Rhubarb
5 Beans, broad	2 Leeks	3 Potatoes
7 Beans, runner	2 Lettuce	3 Salsify
5 Beans, dwarf	1 Marrow	2 Savoy
3 Beetroot	6 Mushrooms	2 Seakale
9 Brussels Sprouts	3 Onions (under 8 oz)	9 Shallots
1 Cabbage	3 Onions (over 8 oz)	9 Spinach leaves
3 Carrots	9 Onions (pickling)	1 Squash
1 Cauliflower	9 Onions (Spring)	2 Sweetcorn cobs
5 Chillies	3 Parsnips	5 Tomatoes
1 Cucumber		3 Turnips

Other vegetables & Salading as per the R.H.S. Handbook

FRUIT	9 Damsons or Bullaces	3 Nectarines
3 Apples	3 Figs	9 Nuts
3 Apricots	1 Other Fruit	3 Peaches
9 Blackberries	9 Gooseberries	3 Pears
9 Cherries	1 bunch Grapes	3 Plums
9 Bunches Currant (one type)	9 Loganberries	4 Quince
	1 Melon	9 Raspberries
	9 Mulberries	6 Strawberries

6. All vegetable roots to be washed, tops to be cut at approximately four inches, except where otherwise stated and shall not be polished. All fruit should bear its natural bloom and soft fruit have stalks attached.

7. Garnishing will be allowed except where expressly excluded in flower classes. Additional foliage is not allowed except where stated.

8. Exhibition vases will be supplied and must be used, except for decorative effect classes, but where the schedule stipulates bowls, these must be supplied by the exhibitor.

9. Competitors are particularly requested to name their exhibits. In the event of close competition, a named exhibit would be preferred to an unnamed one.

10. Wine exhibitors please refer to 'Guide to Exhibitors' within this book

11. The right is reserved by the Committee to refuse any entry

12. The society's officers reserve the right to alter the positioning of exhibits if they deem it desirable, except those in the floral art classes

13. All entries must be notified to the Show Secretary or at the stores by the Thursday morning prior to each show. The Show Secretary may, but only under exceptional circumstances, consider late entries.

14. No exhibitor to take more than one prize in any class, except for different varieties, special awards excepted. The number of entries is unlimited, but every entry must be of a different variety or kind

15. The Committee reserve the right to alter any prize at their discretion

16. The decision of the Judges will be final, except in cases where, after an award has been made, the exhibit is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the schedule. All matters of protest must be made to the Hon. Show Secretary by 4.00 p.m. On the day of the show. The matter will be dealt with by the Committee, whose judgement shall be final.

17. Every care will be taken of exhibits by the Committee, but they can accept no responsibility for them.

18. All cups and trophies, excluding medals and mementos are the property of the Society and are perpetual. They are held by the winners for one year and must be returned to the Hon. Show Secretary seven days prior to the relevant show.

19. All cups, trophies and medals are to be handed to the Hon. Show Secretary after presentation on the day of the show for the purposes of having them engraved.

20. The Committee have the power to deal with matters not provided for in these regulations and their decision shall be final.

21. A member can exhibit in the novice classes if he or she has never won first prize in any previous show of the Society.

EXEMPTION FROM THESE RULES CANNOT BE CLAIMED UNDER A PLEA OF IGNORANCE

THE SHOW SECRETARY IS VERY ACCOMMODATING TO LATE ENTRIES BUT WOULD ASK MEMBERS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT SHE IS NOTIFIED OF ENTRIES BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE SHOW.




A POEM BY GILBOUCHEREAU

WE'RE BENFLEET HORTICULTURAL
VOLUNTEERS, ONE AND ALL,
HERE TO SERVE AND WELCOME YOU
AT OUR STORES OR GIVE US A CALL.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE START OF ANOTHER YEAR,
NEW MEMBERS, NEW STOCK, AND MUCH MORE.
LOTS TO SEE AND LOOK FORWARD TO—
IT'S ALL HERE IN OUR STORE.

ONIONS, BULBS, FLOWER POTS,
COME IN AND LOOK AROUND.
PLANTS, ACCESSORIES, CANES, AND SEEDS,
AND BIRD FOOD ALL YEAR ROUND.
YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT WE SELL—
GARDEN TOOLS AND HOSES,
EVERYTHING TO MAKE YOUR GARDEN GROW,
INCLUDING BEAUTIFUL ROSES.

OUR COACH TRIPS, VERY POPULAR—
BOOK EARLY, DON'T MISS OUT.
AND QUIZ NIGHTS HOSTED BY SIMON—
INTERESTED? GIVE US A SHOUT.
OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR—
IT'S ALL HERE IN THIS BOOK.



IF YOU NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING, WE'RE HERE—
COME IN AND LOOK.
WE'VE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR MANY YEARS,
WE'LL GREET YOU WITH A SMILE.
WE ARE ALL LOCAL VOLUNTEERS,
SO COME IN AND CHAT A WHILE.

BENFLEET BEST VASE

1. The **Benfleet Best Vase** class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten stems, taken from a minimum of three different kinds of plants. Please note that it is three different KINDS of plants; three varieties of the same plant are NOT three kinds (For further clarification, please see 'Notes for Exhibitors and Judges' a copy of which is available from the Show Secretary)
2. The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 points for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 points for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions.
3. Judging of the flowers should be to the normal rules used for other classes. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only. No seed heads or berries will be allowed.
4. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories whatsoever - such as bows and additional foliage - will be allowed. Foliage which is growing naturally from the flowering stem and still attached to that stem is allowed. Packing material - including florist's foam - to keep the stems in place is allowed.
6. The winner of the **Benfleet Best Vase** class will receive a £10 Store voucher, a prize card and a Special Certificate. The Runner-up will receive a £5 Store voucher and prize card. Third place will receive a £3 Store voucher and prize card.

This Class will be sponsored by Benfleet Horticultural Society

BENFLEET BEST TRAY

1. The **Benfleet Best Tray** Class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of ten. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets: Carrots (3), Cauliflowers (2), onions (3), Parsnips (3), Peas (6 pods) Potatoes (3), Runner beans (6 pods), Tomatoes (6), Beetroot (3), Celery (1), cucumbers (2), courgettes (3), sweetcorn (2), and/or Peppers (sweet) (5). Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 15 points. This is split into three sections as follows: 5 points for size, shape and colour, 5 points for condition and 5 points for uniformity. The overall mark will therefore be out of a total of 45.
2. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 18 inches by 24 inches (45 x 60 cm), without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 18 in by 24 in (45 x 60 cm) MUST be used to display the vegetables. Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 18 in x 24 in (45 x 60 cm).
3. A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories such as plates, sand, rings, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.
4. The winner of the **Benfleet Best Tray** Class will receive a £10 Store voucher, a prize card and Special Certificate. The Runner-up will receive a £5 Store voucher and prize card. Third place will receive a £3 Store voucher and prize card.

This Class will be sponsored by Benfleet Horticultural Society

GUIDE FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Allow sufficient time to stage exhibits. The hall must be cleared for the Judges at 11.30 a.m. sharp (12 noon for floral art exhibitors)
2. Make sure that you have entered your exhibit in the correct class; if in doubt, consult a Committee member - there will be one in the hall.
3. Be careful to place your card with your exhibit, print name and fold under.
4. If possible, name your varieties.
5. If a set number of flowers, fruit or vegetables is specified in any class, make sure you show the correct quantity. The exhibit will be disqualified if more or less is included.
6. Do not polish fruit. Show with the natural 'bloom'. Apples should be shown with the eye uppermost, stalk end downwards.
7. Remember to bring containers where anything other than a vase is specified.
8. **Salading or salad vegetable.** A vegetable used in either raw or cooked state and served in salads as a cold dish. The following kinds may be used for horticultural show purposes - Beet, Cabbage (green), Carrots, Celeriac, Celery, Chicory, Chives, Corn salad or Lambs lettuce, Cress (American land), Cucumbers, Dandelion (blanched), Endive, Florence fennel, Kohl rabi, Mustard or Rape, Spring onions, Potatoes, Radishes, Tomatoes, Turnips and Watercress.
9. **Root vegetables** should be washed with a soft sponge and for horticultural purposes include the following - Artichokes (Jerusalem), Beet, Carrots, Celeriac, Kohl rabi, Parsnips, Potatoes, Radishes, Salsify, Schorzonera, Swedes and Turnips.
10. **Flowers** should be fresh. To ensure this, try to cut them in the morning or evening before the show and place them up to their necks in water.
11. Aim for uniformity of size.
12. If you are unsure what is required in a class or how to present it, do ask for advice from a Committee member.
13. If you are interested in a particular flower or horticultural subject, remember that there are many specialist societies who give advice and information to members. The Committee will help you to contact them if they can.
14. Try to beg, borrow or otherwise obtain a copy of the Royal Horticultural Society's "The Horticultural Show Handbook". This gives a lot of guidance.
15. **Cookery Hints.** Always read the schedule carefully - jam does not mean jelly - if six tarts or buns are asked for, this does not mean five or seven. Cookery exhibits should be well shaped, evenly baked and nicely presented. Sponge cakes should not be dredged with sugar, the glaze in fruit flans should be clear and completely cover the fruit. Do not bake in foil cases. Jams and jellies should be of a good colour, flavour and well set. Pots should be well filled, the top completely covered with a wax disc, a cellophane cover or screw top. PLAIN JAM JARS MUST BE USED and they should be very clean with no trace of stickiness and labelled with

the contents and date of making. Jars should be approximately 14 oz to 1lb size. Pickles and chutney should be exhibited in small plain, jam jars, well filled and covered with a plastic screw top lid. Remember, the judge can disqualify any exhibit not conforming to the schedule or the basic requirements of plain jars or bottles.

16. **Wine exhibitors** should note that - labels will be supplied. Still wine bottles must be of the 'sauternes' type, punted of clear glass, approximately 26 fluid ounces capacity. Stoppers must be cork with a plastic flanged top. Beer to be in one pint brown bottles with gold crown closures. Barley wine to be in half pint bottles. All bottles to be filled to within approximately one inch of the stopper. Labels shall be fixed centrally between the bottle seams.
17. **Handicraft hints.** Always read the schedule carefully and comply with the requirements. Knitted and crocheted articles should be pressed but not washed. They should be finished off neatly and securely; knots should never be used. Either join your wool at the end of a row or carefully graft it. You will gain marks for your embroidery if it is an original design and a transfer has not been used
18. **Floral art.** Any living, preserved or dried natural plant material, including berries, may be used, unless otherwise stated. All entries to be arranged at the show hall, except where stated otherwise in the respective show schedule. Artificially coloured plant material may be used with discretion. Spaces allowed each measuring 24" wide by 22" deep for each entrant. Height to reflect the scale of the design.

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SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 12th April

Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, SS7 5HA
Staging 8.30 until 11.30 a.m. (Floral art until 12 noon) *Open to the public at 2.30 p.m.*
Presentation of awards from 4.00 p.m.

AWARDS

Bennett Trophy
Frank Hazel Trophy
Webbs Jubilee Cup
Best Exhibit Cup
John Penny Cup
T. Babbage Cup

Daffodil Society Bronze Medal
Daffodil Society Diploma
Daffodil Society Diploma
Floral Art Cup
Iris Fisher Memorial Trophy
Reg. Pomeroy Wine Cup
Hayward Cup
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy
Valerie Spence Trophy
Althea Cup
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Best exhibit in show	£10	Choice voucher
Best vase of Narcissi	£10	Choice voucher
Best exhibit of floating flowers class	£10	Choice voucher
Best exhibit in handicraft classes	£10	Choice voucher
Best exhibit in cookery classes	£10	Choice voucher

Most points in show
2nd highest points in show
3rd highest points in show
Best Exhibit in Show
Most points in cut flowers
Most points in bulbs in containers
Best vase in classes 16 – 51
Best container in classes 3 – 11
Best bloom in classes 16 – 51
Best exhibit in floral art
Most points in cookery
Most points in wine classes
Best wine in show
Child gaining most points
Most points in handicraft
Best exhibit in handicraft
Best exhibit in show
Most points in miscellaneous classes
Best Exhibit in cookery
2nd highest points in cookery
Most points in decorative arrangement
Most points in novice classes
Best pot plant
Best exhibit in children's classes



Trumpet daffodil
Division 1



Small-cupped daffodil
Division 3



Triandrus daffodil
Division 5



Jonquilla daffodil
Division 7



Poeticus daffodils
Division 9



Split Corona Daffodil
Division 11a

ILLUSTRATION OF DAFFODILS FROM TWELVE OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE CLASSIFICATION

Division 1 Trumpet Daffodils

One flower to a stem - corona (trumpet) as long or longer than the perianth

Division 2 Large Cupped Daffodils

One flower to a stem - corona (trumpet) more than one third but less than equal to the length of the perianth or petals

Division 3 Small Cupped Daffodils

One flower to a stem - corona (cup) not more than one third the length of the perianth

Division 4 Double Daffodils

One or more flowers to a stem with doubling of the corona or the perianth segments or both

Division 5 Triandrus Daffodils

Usually more than one flower to a stem. Heads drooping - perianth segments reflexed with narrow and silky texture

Division 6 Cyclamineus Daffodils

One flower to a stem (except for Tete-a-Tete, Jumbilee and Flyaway). Perianth segments reflexed and narrow. Corona straight and has a very short neck or pedicel

Division 7 Jonquilla Daffodils

One to three flowers to a stem. Rounded stem - leaves dark and rush-like. Flowers fragrant - not reflexed - Perianth segments spreading

Division 8 Tazetta Daffodils

Usually 2-4 medium or 4 or more smaller flowers to a stem. Coronas very short - leaves broad - perianth spreading, not reflexed, rounded and often crinkled. Flowers sweet scented

Division 9 Poeticus Daffodils

Usually one flower to a stem. Perianth pure white - corona usually disc-shaped with green and/or yellow centre with a red rim. The stamens are usually 3 forward and 3 much smaller and set back

Division 10 Bulbocodium Daffodils

Usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments insignificant compared with the dominant corona; anthers dorsified (ie attached more or less centrally to the filament and style usually curved

Division 11a Split Corona Daffodils

Corona split - usually for more than half its length

a) Collar Daffodils

Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in two whorls of three

Division 11b Split Corona Daffodils

Corona split - usually for more than half its length

b) Papillon Daffodils

Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments alternate to the perianth segments usually in a single whorl of six.

Division 12 Other Daffodils

Daffodils which do not fit the definition of any other division



Large-cupped daffodil
Division 2



Double daffodil
Division 4



Cyclamineus daffodil
Division 6



Tazetta daffodil
Division 8



Bulbocodium daffodil
Division 10



Split Corona Daffodil
Division 11b

- 1 A display of anything grown by the exhibitor (must fill space)
- 2 A display of Narcissi - cut or in a container (must fill space)
(both items NOT judged as floral art) space allowed 2'6"

BULBS, CORMS or TUBERS, GROWN IN A CONTAINER

- 3 Narcissi - trumpet - Div. 1
- 4 Narcissi - large cupped - Div. 2
- 5 Narcissi - small cupped - Div. 3
- 6 Narcissi - double, one bloom per stem - Div. 4
- 7 Narcissi - double being multi headed - Div. 4
- 8 Narcissi - any other kind in Divs. 5, or 6
- 9 Narcissi - any other kind in Divs. 7 or 8
- 10 Narcissi - any other kind in Divs 9 or 10
- 11 Narcissi - any other kind in Divs 11 or 12
- 12 Tulips
- 13 Hyacinths
- 14 Any other kind of flowering bulb, corm or tuber.

Please note that in the above classes, bowls should not have a diameter greater than 14" or if a trough type, should not exceed 8" x 24"

MISCELLANEOUS CUT FLOWERS

- 16 Narcissi - trumpet all white - 3 blooms - Div. 1
- 17 Narcissi - trumpet all white - 1 bloom - Div. 1
- 18 Narcissi - large cupped all white - 3 blooms - Div. 2
- 19 Narcissi - large cupped all white - 1 bloom - Div. 2
- 20 Narcissi - any variety - 5 stems
- 21 Narcissi - trumpet - 5 blooms - Div. 1
- 22 Narcissi - trumpet - 3 blooms - Div. 1
- 23 Narcissi - trumpet - 1 bloom - Div. 1
- 24 Narcissi - large cupped - 5 blooms - Div. 2
- 25 Narcissi - large cupped - 3 blooms - Div. 2
- 26 Narcissi - large cupped - 1 bloom - Div. 2
- 27 Narcissi - small cupped - 5 blooms - Div. 3
- 28 Narcissi - small cupped - 3 blooms - Div. 3
- 29 Narcissi - small cupped - 1 bloom - Div. 3
- 30 Narcissi - double (more than 1 flower on a stem) 3 stems - Div. 4
- 31 Narcissi - double (more than 1 flower on a stem) 1 stem - Div. 4
- 32 Narcissi - double (one flower to a stem) 3 blooms - Div. 4
- 33 Narcissi - double (one flower to a stem) 1 bloom - Div. 4
- 34 Narcissi - triandrus - 3 stems - Div. 5
- 35 Narcissi - triandrus - 1 stems - Div. 5
- 36 Narcissi - cyclamineus - 3 blooms - Div. 6
- 37 Narcissi - cyclamineus - 1 blooms - Div. 6
- 38 Narcissi - jonquilla- 3 stems - Div. 7
- 39 Narcissi - jonquilla- 1 stems - Div. 7
- 40 Narcissi - tazetta - 3 stems - Div. 8
- 41 Narcissi - tazetta - 1 stems - Div. 8
- 42 Narcissi - poeticus cultivars - 3 blooms - Div. 9
- 43 Narcissi - poeticus cultivars - 1 blooms - Div. 9
- 44 Narcissi - bulbocodium cultivars 3 blooms - Div. 10
- 45 Narcissi - bulbocodium cultivars 1 blooms - Div. 10
- 46 Narcissi - split corona - 3 blooms - Div. 11a/ 11b
- 47 Narcissi - split corona - 1 stem - Div 11a or 11b
- 48 Narcissi - miscellaneous type - 1 bloom/stem Div. 12

- 49 Narcissi - 1 trumpet, 1 large cup, 1 small cup in one vase
- 50 Narcissi - miniature / rockery types - 3 stems
- 51 Narcissi - six vases - 1 stem per vase from different divisions—no more than 2 from 1 division
- 52 Tulips- one variety - 3 blooms
- 53 Tulips - 1 bloom
- 54 Tulips - mixed varieties - 5 blooms
- 55 Tulips - mixed varieties - 3 blooms
- 56 Hyacinths - 3 blooms
- 57 Hyacinths 1 bloom
- 58 Iris - one or more varieties - 3 blooms
- 59 Polyanthus / Primrose - 6 stems in container provided
- 60 Pansies / Violas - 6 stems in container provided
- 61 Auriculas- 1 stem in any container
- 62 Muscari - 5 stems
- 63 Wallflowers- 3 stems
- 64 Carnations 1 bloom
- 65 Crown Imperialis (Fritillaria) 1 stem
- 66 Any other flowers, one or more varieties 3 stems
- 67 Any other kind of bulb, corm or tuber - 3 stems
- 68 Flowering tree or shrub - 5 stems
- 69 Hellebore 3 stems 1 or more varieties

POT PLANT SECTION

- 70 Cacti or Succulent - 1 pot - one or more plants
- 71 Bonsai- 1 specimen container
- 72 Alpines 1 pot or pan - maximum size 9" diameter
- 73 Any foliage pot plant or plants maximum pot size 9" diameter
- 74 Auricula - 1 plant per pot
- 75 Streptocarpus - 1 plant per pot
- 76 Orchid - 1 plant per pot
- 77 Pot plant up to 5" diameter (excluding any from 65 - 71)
- 78 Pot plant over 5" diameter (excluding any from 65 - 71)
- 79 Hanging basket - 16" diameter maximum

NOVICE CLASSES

A member can exhibit in the Novice Class if he / she has never won a prize in any previous Show of the Society.

- 80 Narcissi - any variety - 3 blooms
- 81 Narcissi - any variety - 1 bloom
- 82 Any other flowers - 5 stems

FLOWERS ARRANGED FOR DECORATIVE EFFECT

Any kind of flowers arranged for decorative effect NOT FLORAL ART. Self-foliage may be used (natural means foliage from any plant, free from artificial treatment such as dyeing etc.) Any container may be used

- 85 A basket of Spring flowers (not to include shrubs)
- 86 A hand tied posy of flowers in a jam jar
- 87 An arrangement of flowers in an unusual container
- 88 A bowl of floating Hellebore flowers
- 89 A bowl of floating flowers

VEGETABLE CLASSES

All dishes are to be of one variety

(Please see Regulations for Exhibitors on page 10)

- 95 Rhubarb - 3 sticks - 3" leaf blade to be left on
- 96 Leeks - two
- 97 Any root vegetable
- 98 Any other vegetable except root vegetable
- 99 Any winter stored vegetable or fruit

HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 105 A photograph – "Pub Sign(s)" Max. overall size A4
- 106 A photograph – "Tree Trunk(s)" Max. overall size A4
- 107 A photograph – "Dog(s)" Max. overall size A4
- 108 An exhibit of 'soft' craft – knitting, patchwork, macramé etc.
- 109 An exhibit of 'hard' craft – metalwork, pottery etc.
- 110 An exhibit of artwork – painting, drawing, pressed flowers etc.
- 111 An exhibit of jewellery
- 112 An Easter card
- 113 An exhibit of woodwork

COOKERY

One entry per person per class

- 115 Simnel Cake
- 116 Jar of Raspberry Jam
- 117 Jar of Tomato Chutney
- 118 Chocolate Roulade 9x13" swiss roll tin (see recipe page 42)
- 119 4 Cheese Twists
- 120 Wholemeal Loaf max size 8" round tin

WINE SECTION

- 125 Red – table dry
- 126 White – table dry
- 127 White – social sweet
- 128 Wine made from a kit
- 129 Liqueur (sloe gin etc.)

CHILDREN'S SECTION

- 135 School Year 2 (a) 1 daffodil stem in own container and under
(b) Easter Card
- 136 School Year 3-6 (a) 1 daffodil stem in own container
(b) Easter Card
- 137 School Year 7-11 (a) 1 daffodil stem in own container
(b) Easter Card

FLORAL ART

- 140 An Arrangement "Spring Awakening"
- 141 An Arrangement "Woodland Glade"

For both of the above, a space of 24" is allowed with fresh materials and accessories being allowed



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Spotlight on Best Vase in Class

Along with the winner of the individual classes, in every show there is also a prize for the best exhibit in each of the sections of the show. Whether this be the best pot plant, best fruit or vegetable, best in Floral Art, etc....

Arguably, in each of the shows, one flower takes the limelight and so there is a prize for: the Best Vase of Daffodils in Spring; the Best Vase of Roses in Summer; and the Best Vase of Dahlias in Autumn.

Below are the winners of each of these in 2024.



Jeremy Wilkes won in Spring with his entry in Class 45 which was for 3 daffodils, one trumpet (division 1), one large cupped (division 2), and one small cupped (division 3).

Laurence Chapman won in Summer with his entry in Class 9 which was for a hybrid tea (HT) rose of any other colour (than already had their own class).

Peter Yapp won in Autumn with his entry in class 5 which was for any 5 dahlia blooms of one variety. These dahlia blooms were so large that they had to spread across 2 vases which is allowed for this class.

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Presentation of awards from 4.00 p.m.*

AWARDS

Wilks Cup	Highest points in show
Durley Challenge Cup	2 nd highest points in show
Harry Phillips Cup	3 rd highest points in show
Best Exhibit Cup	Best Exhibit in Show
Acres Rose Bowl	Most points in rose section
Colvin Cup	Winner of the Rose Class with the most entries (exc. Class 15.)
The Rose Society UK Bronze Medal	Best rose in show
Dr. Vin Tyndal Memorial Shield	Best vase of climbing roses
Mr. Fothergills Seeds Cup	Highest points in miscellaneous flowers
Harvey Memorial Cup	Most points in Sweet Pea classes
National Vegetable Society Medal	Most points in vegetables, salading and fruit
Stores Voucher for £10	Best Exhibit in show (excl. Floral art)
Murphy Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in vegetable, salading and Fruit
Floral Art Cup	Best exhibit in Floral art
Iris Fisher Trophy	Most points in cookery section
Reg. Pomeroy Wine Cup	Most points in wine classes
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy	Most points in children's classes
Valerie Spence Trophy	Most points in handicraft
Althea Cup	Best exhibit in handicraft
Certificate	Best exhibit in horticultural classes
Certificate	Most points in decorative arrangement
Certificate	Best exhibit in pot plant classes
Certificate	Best exhibit in cookery classes
Certificate	2 nd highest points in cookery

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Best exhibit in show	£10.00
Winner of class 45 Fuchsia	£10.00
Winner of class 125 Arrangement of vegetables and / or fruit in a trug	£10.00
Winner of class 141 4 Hot Cross Buns	£10.00

1 A display of anything grown by the exhibitor – space allowed 2'6"
(must fill space)

ROSE SECTION

- 2 Display of roses – space allowed 2'6" wide (must fill space)
 3 Roses 1 vase of 3 HT blooms – one variety
 4 Roses 1 vase of 3 HT blooms - more than one variety
 5 Roses 1 vase of 3 HT blooms – 1 bud, 1 perfect, 1 fully open
 6 Roses 1 specimen HT bloom – red or pink
 7 Roses 1 specimen HT bloom – yellow or white
 8 Roses 1 specimen HT bloom – bi-coloured
 9 Roses 1 specimen HT bloom – any other colour
 10 Roses 3 stems shrub roses
 11 Roses 1 stem shrub rose
 12 Roses 3 stems floribunda/cluster flowered – one variety
 13 Roses 1 stem floribunda/cluster flowered
 14 Roses 3 stems floribunda/cluster flowered – more than one variety
 15 Roses 1 vase of climbing or rambler roses – 3 stems
 16 Roses 1 vase of miniature – one or more varieties – 3 stems
 17 Roses 1 vase HT blooms – any variety – maximum of 9 blooms
 18 Roses 1 stem any other rose
 19 Roses 1 pot grown miniature rose. Maximum height 12" (excl. pot)

MISCELLANEOUS CUT FLOWERS

- 25 Antirrhinums 5 stems
 26 Sweet Peas 3 vases – 3 distinct varieties (3 stems of 1 variety in each vase)
 27 Sweet Peas 7 stems – one or more varieties
 28 Sweet Peas 1 specimen bloom
 29 Perennial Sweet Pea 3 stems
 30 Pansies/Violas 6 stems in container provided
 31 Stocks 3 stems
 32 Delphiniums 1 spike
 33 Delphiniums 2 spikes – to be vased separately
 34 Pinks single 3 stems (NOT disbudded)
 35 Pinks double 3 stems (NOT disbudded)
 36 Iris 3 (bulbous rooted)
 37 Flowering shrubs 1 or more varieties
 38 Carnations 3 blooms
 39 Marigolds 5 stems African or French
 40 Perennials 3 stems – 1 or more varieties
 41 Gaillardias 5 blooms
 42 Calendula 5 stems
 43 Lily 1 stem
 44 Annuals 3 stems of 1 or more varieties.
 45 Fuchsias 6 blooms displayed in container provided
 46 Pelargoniums 3 flowering stems – 1 or more varieties
 47 Pelargoniums 6 leaves in container provided (min. 3 varieties)
 48 A vase of any climbing flower, excluding roses.
 49 Allium 1 stem
 50 Hosta leaves 3 in vase
 51 Grasses 1 vase

POT PLANTS

- 53 Foliage pot plant 1 plant
 54 Cactus 1 plant
 55 Collection of Cacti/Succulents in pot or decorative container
 56 Succulent 1 plant
 57 Fuchsia 1 plant (up to 5" diameter pot)
 58 Fuchsia 1 plant (over 5" diameter pot)
 59 Begonia 1 plant
 60 Gloxinia 1 plant
 61 Saintpaulia (African Violet) 1 plant
 62 Streptocarpus 1 plant
 63 Orchid 1 plant
 64 Pelargonium 1 plant
 65 Miniature Pelargonium 1 plant
 66 Bonsai 1 specimen
 67 Hosta 1 pot
 68 Lilies 1 pot
 69 Flowering plant – Large (greater than 5" pot) excl. plants named above
 70 Flowering plant – Small (max. Pot 5") excl. plants named above
 71 A container of growing flowers
 72 A hanging basket – maximum size 16" diameter
 73 Ferns 1 pot
 74 Alpines 1 pot

NOVICE SECTION

- 78 Vase of any flowers – any varieties
 79 Roses 1 bloom
 80 Roses 1 stem floribunda/cluster flowered
 81 Vegetable 1 specimen

FLOWERS ARRANGED FOR DECORATIVE EFFECT

NOT Floral Art (must be grown by the exhibitor) Any container may be used

- 86 Vase of mixed flowers arranged for frontal effect. Foliage permitted (Not Roses)
 87 Roses arranged in a rose bowl
 88 Lady's spray
 89 Gentleman's buttonhole
 90 Container of Sweet Peas for all round effect (self foliage only)
 91 Assorted foliage (no flowers)
 92 A bowl of floating flowers

VEGETABLE SECTION

(Please see Regulations for Exhibitors on page 10)
All dishes are to be of one variety

- 98 Collection of 3 dishes of vegetables, salading and/or fruit (3 kinds) (staging permitted)
 99 One of each of four kinds of vegetables, salading and/or fruit
 100 Dwarf beans 5
 101 Broad beans 5
 102 Cabbages 2 – one variety with 4" stem
 103 Onions 3 – with top foliage roots
 104 Peas 6

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| 105 | Potatoes – white | 3 |
| 106 | Potatoes – any other colour | 3 |
| 107 | Carrots | 3 – with 4" foliage |
| 108 | Lettuce | 2 – to be shown with roots |
| 109 | Beetroot | 3 – with 4" foliage |
| 110 | Radish | 6 |
| 111 | Cucumber | 1 |
| 112 | Any other salading | Quantities (see page 10) |
| 113 | Tomatoes | 5 |
| 114 | Cherry tomatoes max. size 35mm dia. | 5 |
| 115 | Rhubarb | 3 sticks (3" leaf blade to be left on) |
| 116 | Any other vegetable | Quantities (see page 10) |
| 117 | Gooseberries | 9 |
| 118 | Strawberries | 6 |
| 119 | Currants – red, white or black | 9 bunches |
| 120 | Raspberries | 9 |
| 121 | Cherries | 9 |
| 122 | Any other fruit | 5 |
| 123 | 6 Different herbs in individual small vases supplied | |
| 124 | Herbs growing in a container (maximum size 9" diameter) | |
| 125 | An arrangement of vegetables and/or fruit in a basket or trug | |

HANDICRAFT SECTION

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| 128 | Photograph – " <i>Village Signs(s)</i> " maximum overall size A4 |
| 129 | Photograph – " <i>Tree(s)</i> " maximum overall size A4 |
| 130 | Photograph – " <i>Cat(s)</i> " maximum overall size A4 |
| 131 | An exhibit of soft craft – knitting, patchwork, macramé, etc. |
| 132 | An exhibit of hard craft – metalwork, pottery, etc. |
| 133 | An exhibit of artwork – painting, drawing, pressed flowers, etc. |
| 134 | An exhibit of jewellery |
| 135 | An exhibit of woodwork |

COOKERY SECTION

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| 139 | Jar of Lemon Curd |
| 140 | Madeira Cake (7" deep round tin) |
| 141 | 4 Hot Cross Buns |
| 142 | 4 Flaky Pastry Sausage Rolls |
| 143 | 4 Savouy Muffins(see recipe page 42) |
| 144 | 1 Round of Shortbread (8" round tin) |

WINE SECTION

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| 150 | Fruit wine - red |
| 151 | Vegetable wine - white, sweet |
| 152 | Vegetable wine - white, dry |
| 153 | Liqueur (Sloe gin, etc.) |

CHILDREN'S SECTION

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| 159 | School Year 2 and under | (a) Vegetable Person or Animal
(b) Any flower in a vase
(c) Any cake |
| 160 | School Year 3-6 | (a) Vegetable Person or Animal
• (b) Any flower in a vase
(c) Any cake |
| 161 | School Year 7-11 | (a) Vegetable Person or Animal
(b) Any flower in a vase
(c) Any cake |

FLORAL ART

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| 166 | An Arrangement "Holiday In The Sun" |
| 167 | An Arrangement "Secret Garden" |

For both of the above, a space of 24" is allowed with fresh materials and accessories being allowed

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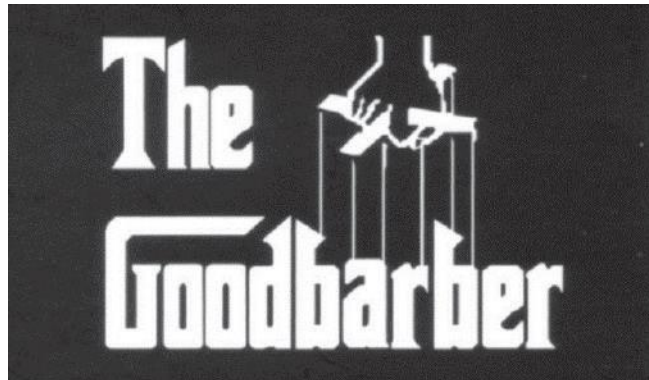
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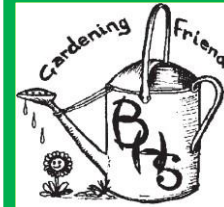
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AUTUMN SHOW

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet SS7 5HA Staging 8.30 until 11.30.a.m.

(Floral art until 12 noon)

Open to the public at 2.30 p.m.

Presentation of awards from 4.00 p.m.

Owing to the show's popularity, entrants may enter a maximum of 2 entries per class. Furthermore, we may need to refuse entries made after 8pm the Thursday before the show.

AWARDS

Sugg Trophy	Most points in the show
Perry Cup	2 nd highest points in the show
Goom Cup	3 rd highest points in the show
Best Exhibit Cup	Best Exhibit in Show
Dahlia Cup	Most points in Dahlia classes
E. A. Hunt Plate & NDS Silver Medal	Best vase of Dahlias National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal
Society Bronze Medal	Best bloom in Dahlia classes
Reg. Everett Dahlia Trophy	Best Dahlia Water lily type class 9
F. Tomkins	Best exhibit in pot plant classes
Stores Voucher for £10	Best exhibit in show (excl. Floral Art)
Davenport Cup	Best exhibit in fruit and vegetable classes
Ken Hegan Cup	Most points in fruit and vegetable classes
National Vegetable Society Medal classes	Most points in fruit and vegetable classes
Floral Art Cup	Best exhibit in Floral art
Iris Fisher Memorial Trophy	Most points in cookery classes
Reg. Pomeroy Cup	Most points in wine classes
Monica Spackman Memorial Trophy	Most points in children's classes
Valerie Spence Trophy	Most points in handicraft
Althea Cup	Best exhibit in handicraft
Certificate	Most points in miscellaneous classes
Certificate	Most points in decorative arrangement
Certificate	Best exhibit in pot plant classes
Certificate	Best exhibit in cookery
Certificate	Most points in novice classes
Certificate	Best exhibit in handicraft

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Best exhibit in show	£5	Best exhibit in wine	£5
Best Pot Plant	£5	Best exhibit in handicraft	£5
Best exhibit in vegetables & fruit	£5	Best photograph	£5
Best exhibit in cookery	£5	Best exhibit in class 64	£5
Best exhibit in children's classes	£5	Best exhibit in floral art	£5

- 1 A display of anything grown by the exhibitor (must fill space)
- 2 A display of Dahlias - cut or in a container (must fill space) (both items NOT judged as floral art) space allowed 2'6"

DAHLIAS

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| 5 | 5 blooms - | 1 variety – may be vased separately |
| 6 | 2 vases of Dahlias - | 3 blooms per vase – 2 varieties |
| 7 | Giant decorative - | 1 bloom |
| 8 | Giant cactus or semi-cactus | 1 bloom |
| 9 | Large decorative - | 1 bloom |
| 10 | Large cactus or semi-cactus | 1 bloom |
| 11 | Medium decorative | 1 bloom |
| 12 | Medium cactus or semi-cactus | 1 bloom |
| 13 | Small decorative | 1 bloom |
| 14 | Small cactus or semi-cactus | 1 bloom |
| 15 | Miniature decorative | 1 bloom |
| 16 | Medium decorative | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 17 | Medium cactus or semi-cactus | -3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 18 | Small decorative - | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 19 | Small cactus or semi-cactus | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 20 | Miniature decorative | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 21 | Any variety | 1 specimen bloom |
| 22 | Ball type | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 23 | Large decorative, cactus or semi-cactus | 2 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 24 | Pompon | 5 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 25 | Pompon | 3 blooms – 1 variety |
| 26 | Collarette | 3 blooms – 1 or more varieties |
| 27 | Water lily type | 3 blooms 1 variety |
| 28 | Any other dahlia | 1 blooms |
| 29 | Orange or yellow | 1 specimen bloom |
| 30 | Pink, red or purple | 1 specimen bloom |
| 31 | White or cream | 1 specimen bloom |
| 32 | 2 vases of Dahlias: | 1 large decorative, 1 large cactus or semi-cactus |

In memory of Alan Jones, who was a leading grower and breeder of Dahlias, and also a National Dahlia Judge and winner of Chelsea Medals for matching hanging baskets and troughs. His wife is kindly donating prizes of £5 for the winners of the following categories 1, 7, 16, 66, 107 & 111.

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| 35 | 3 medium blooms – three distinct varieties |
| 36 | 1 stem naturally grown spray |
| 37 | 1 specimen bloom – any variety |

MISCELLANEOUS FLOWERS

51	Annuals – one vase -	1 or more varieties 3 stems
52	Perennials – one vase -	1 or more varieties 3 stems
53	Michaelmas daisies -	1 variety 3 stems
54	Gaillardias -	3 blooms
55	Roses -	3 blooms
56	Carnations -	3 blooms
57	Rose -	1 HT bloom
58	Rose - any other	1 stem
59	Asters, single -	5 blooms
60	Asters, double -	5 blooms
61	Gladioli -	1 spike
62	Gladioli -	2 spikes
63	Pinks	3 stems
64	Any other flowers -	1 stem
65	Pansies -	6 stems displayed in a box.
66	Fuchsias -	6 blooms displayed in a box.
67	A vase of grasses	
68	Benfleet Best Vase – see regulations on page 13	Class sponsored by Benfleet Horticultural Society
69	Largest sunflower	

POT PLANT SECTION

72	Begonias -	1 plant
73	Saintpaulia (African Violet)	1 plant
74	Streptocarpus -	1 plant
75	Fuchsia -	1 plant
76	Orchid	1 plant
77	Flowering plant – small (up to 5” pot) excluding those above	
78	Flowering plant (over 5” pot) excluding those above	
79	Foliage pot plant	1 plant
80	Cacti or Succulent -	1 plant
81	Hanging basket – maximum size 16”	
82	Bonsai -	1 specimen
83	Fern	1 pot

NOVICE SECTION

88	Dahlia -	1 specimen bloom
89	Chrysanthemum -	1 spray
90	Any other flowers	1 vase
91	Any vegetable – For quantity page 10	

FLOWERS ARRANGED FOR DECORATIVE EFFECT**Not Floral Art – must be grown by the exhibitor**

95	Bowl of Dahlias arranged for all round effect (can include other foliage)
96	An arrangement of flowers and foliage in a Jug
97	Any berries and / or foliage arranged for frontal effect in one vase
98	A bowl of floating flowers

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

105	Benfleet Best Tray – see Rules on page 13. sponsored by Benfleet Hort Soc	
106	One of each of 4 kinds of vegetables, salading and / or fruit	
107	An arrangement of vegetables / fruit in a basket or trug	
108	Runner beans -	7 with stalk
109	Dwarf Beans -	7 with stalk
110	Carrots -	3 with 4” foliage
111	Tomatoes -	5 with calyces left on
112	A truss of Tomatoes	
113	Cherry tomatoes -	5 with calyces left on
114	Beetroot -	3 with 4” foliage
115	Cabbages -	2 with 4” stem
116	Marrow -	1 maximum length 15”
117	Courgette -	3 size between 4 & 6 inches
118	Pumpkin -	up to 15” diameter
119	Parsnips -	3
120	Onions – up to 8 oz -	3
121	Onions – over 8 oz -	3
122	Potatoes – White -	3
123	Potatoes – Coloured -	3
124	Shallots – Large -	9
125	Shallots – pickling	9 max 30mm diameter
126	Leeks -	2
127	Celery -	2
128	Cucumber	1
129	Peppers (sweet)	2
130	Chilies	5
131	Lettuce -	2 with roots
132	Sweetcorn	2
133	Rhubarb	3 sticks (3” leaf blade to be left on)
134	Any salading not named above	Quantities (see page 10)
135	Any vegetable not named above	Quantities (see page 10)
136	A comical vegetable (unusual shape)	
137	Apples – dessert -	3
138	Apples – culinary -	3
139	Pears -	3
140	Gooseberries -	9
141	Raspberries	9
142	Blackberries	9
143	Plums -	3
144	Strawberries	6
145	Grapes	1 bunch
146	Any other fruit not named above	
147	Heaviest tomato	
148	Heaviest onion	
149	Heaviest marrow	
150	Heaviest pumpkin	
151	Heaviest Potato	
152	Heaviest Apple	
153	Longest runner bean	
154	Longest carrot	
155	Longest Cucumber	
156	Six different herbs in individual small vases. (supplied)	

MIXTURE SECTION

- 158 Flower(S) & Veg – 1 Vases of any type of flower(S) 1 or more varieties & 1 dish of vegetables (from classes 108 – 135)

HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 160 Photograph – "Black & White" Maximum overall size A4
161 Photograph – "Water Feature(s)" Maximum overall size A4
162 Photograph – "Sunrise or Sunset" Maximum overall size A4
163 Painting or drawing on any medium
164 An exhibit of soft craft – knitting, patchwork, macramé, etc.
165 An exhibit of hard craft – metalwork, pottery, etc.
166 An exhibit of artwork – painting, drawing, pressed flowers, etc.
167 A handmade Christmas card
168 An exhibit of woodwork
169 An exhibit of jewellery

COOKERY SECTION

One entry per person, per class

- 171 1 Jar stone fruit jam
172 1 Jar chutney
173 6 Viennese Fingers
174 6 Pieces of Parkin
175 Apple & Cinnamon cake (see recipe page 43)
176 6 Marzipan Fruits

WINE SECTION

- 177 Flower wine – medium sweet
178 Dessert wine – red
179 Dessert wine – white
180 Grape wine – table dry (can be made from a kit)
181 Liqueur (Sloe gin etc.)
182 1 bottle of Cider

CHILDREN'S SECTION (Membership not necessary)

- 185 School Year 2 (a) Full Seed Tray Garden
and under (b) A piece of artwork
186 School Year 3-6 (a) Full Seed Tray Garden
(b) A piece of artwork
187 School Year 7-11 (a) Full Seed Tray Garden
(b) A piece of artwork

FLORAL ART

To be arranged at the show unless otherwise stated and judged by the public

- 190 An Arrangement "Harvest Fruits"
191 Table Arrangement "Date Night"

For both of the above, a space of 24" is allowed with fresh materials, and accessories being allowed

Outings Report 2024

We had five good outings this year starting with Thriplow Daffodils in March then Great Comp Gardens in April for their Spring Fair, Open Gardens in Chelworth Suffolk in June and Nymans Gardens National Trust in July and lastly the Wisley Plant Show in September.

I am planning four outings next year starting with Chenies Manor House Tulip Festival in April, Hidden Gardens in Bury St Edmunds in June, Wisley in July and Wakehurst Place in September.

Thanks, Hazel.





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RECIPES 2025

Chocolate Roulade

Ingredients

Sunflower oil for greasing
175g plain dark chocolate
6 large eggs separated
175g caster sugar
Icing sugar for dusting

Filling

90g plain dark chocolate
300ml double or whipping cream
Whip until thick



Method

1. Put the chocolate into a small heatproof bowl over a pan of hot water, stirring occasionally, to melt the chocolate. Cool. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a large bowl until light and creamy. Add the cooled chocolate and blend evenly.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Carefully fold into the chocolate mixture. Turn the mixture into the greased and lined tin, tilting the tin so that the mixture spreads evenly over the base. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C (350°F, Gas 4) for 20 minutes or until firm to the touch.
3. Remove the tin from the oven. Place a clean, dry tea towel on top of the cake and on top of this lay another tea towel that has been soaked in cold water and wrung out. Leave in a cool place for 8 hours.
4. Make the filling: Put the chocolate into a heatproof bowl over a pan of hot water, stirring occasionally, to melt the chocolate. Cool. Remove the tea towels from the cake, and turn it out onto a sheet of baking parchment sprinkled with icing sugar. Peel the lining paper from the cake. Spread the chocolate over the cake, then spread the cream evenly over the top.
5. Roll up the cake from a long edge tightly at first, using the sugared paper to help lift the cake and roll it forward. Dust the roulade with more sifted icing sugar before serving.

Savoury Muffins

Ingredients

225g plain flour
1 level tablespoon baking powder
1 egg
225ml milk
2½ tablespoons caster sugar
½ level teaspoon salt
50ml vegetable oil



Method

1. Brush 12 (6cm/2½") muffin tins with oil or melted butter.
2. Put flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a large bowl and stir to mix well.
3. Beat egg lightly, then stir in the milk and vegetable oil.
4. Add the egg mixture to the dry ingredients and stir lightly until the flour is just moistened. *Do not overbeat*—the mixture should still be lumpy.
5. Bake at 200°C/400°F/Mark 6 for 20–25 minutes until well risen.
6. When cooked, a skewer should come out clean.

Apple & Cinnamon Cake

Ingredients

225g (8oz) softened butter
225g (8oz) light muscovado sugar
3 large eggs
100g (4oz) chopped walnuts
100g (4oz) sultanas
225g (8oz) self-raising flour
2 level teaspoons baking powder
400 g (14oz) cooking apples, peeled, cored, and grated
1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon

To Finish

Light muscovado sugar, for sprinkling
Extra chopped walnuts, for sprinkling
Icing sugar, for dusting



Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/Fan 160°C/Gas 4. Grease a 23cm (9in) deep round cake tin then line the base with baking parchment.
2. Measure the butter, sugar, eggs, chopped walnuts, sultanas, flour, and baking powder into a large bowl and beat for about 2 minutes until thoroughly blended.
3. Spoon half the mixture into the prepared tin, then spread the grated apple and ground cinnamon in an even layer on top. Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top, level the surface, then sprinkle generously with light muscovado sugar and walnuts.
4. Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 1¼–1½ hours



CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIA FLOWERS

A classification system of 14 distinct groups, based on the overall shape of the flowers and petals, recognised by The International Dahlia Register

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2024 PRICES WERE:

14" - £20

16" - £25

WE EXPECT 2025 PRICES TO BE SIMILAR

2025 GENERAL SHOW DATES

- FEB 1 MAR 2 KEW ORCHID SHOW
- MAR 19-20 RHS HYDE HALL EARLY DAFFODIL SHOW
- APR 6 RAYLEIGH FLOWER SHOPW
- APR 12 BENFLEET SPRING SHOW
- MAY 2-4 GARDENERS WORLD LIVE SHOW
- MAY 8-11 RHS MALVERN SHOW
- MAY 20-24 RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW
- MAY 29-31 ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW
- JUNE 14 BENFLEET SUMMER SHOW
- JUNE 16 GARDENERS WORLD LIVE SHOW NEC B'HAM
- JUNE 27-29 BLENHEIM PALACE SHOW
- JULY 1-6 HAMPTON COURT GARDEN FESTIVAL
- JULY 30 SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW
- JULY 31-AUG 4 RHS HYDE HALL SHOW
- AUG 8-9 SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW
- AUG 14-19 SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW
- AUG 15-17 RHS ROSEMOOR FLOWER SHOW
- AUG 29-31 GARDENERS WORLD FLOWER SHOW AUDLEY END
- SEPT 2-7 RHS WISLEY FLOWER SHOW
- SEPT 6 ORSETT FLOWER SHOW
- SEPT 6 BENFLEET AUTUMN SHOW
- SEPT 7 RAYLEIGH FLOWER SHOW
- SEPT 26-28 MALVERN FLOWER SHOW

2025

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Floral Art Report 2024

The Floral Art Club has had a successful year with our membership of 34 this year. We have had some good demonstrators but have also had an in house demonstration and dabble evening which helps to keep costs down.

We also had a great Quiz night in August which helped us to raise some funds. My thanks to Simon for a good evening.

Our Christmas Demonstration was a great evening and was well attended in November with Gill McGregor demonstrating.

We raised funds for Breast Cancer on our Pink evening in October, and we also raised £200 for the Alzheimer's Charity from selling plants and books throughout the year together with the charity raffle on the November evening.

Our annual subscription is still only £20 with a monthly admission of £3.50 and visitors pay £6. For more information, please contact Patricia Bolton on 01371 878064 or Hazel Cade on 01268 751216

Floral Art Program 2025

- JAN 22ND AGM - TALK - MAZ MORGAN - 'WHEN I AM OLD I SHALL WEAR PURPLE'*
- FEB 26TH LORRAINE GAGEM - 'SWEET MEMORIES'*
- MAR 26TH TRUDIE EASTON - 'QUEEN BEES'*
- APR 23RD IN HOUSE WORKSHOP - IRENE BOWKETT 'MAKING FLOWERS'*
- MAY 28TH DAVID THOMSON - IT'S THAT MAN AGAIN' GUEST TICKETS £10*
- JUNE 25TH TERRY BABBAGE - AN INDIAN EXPERIENCE 2*
- JULY 23RD ANGELA WOODLEY - TRAVELLERS TALES*
- AUG 22ND QUIZ NIGHT*
- SEPT 24TH IN HOUSE DEMONSTRATION*
- OCT 22ND ROBIN WHITE - 'LOOKING BACK'*
- NOV 26TH LEE BERRIL - ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS - TICKET ONLY*

Castle Point PROBUS Club Outings 2025

Wednesday 12th March

Michelham Priory Historic Museum

Wednesday 9th April

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- Sulphate of Ammonia Use at the rate of 1 oz per sq yd (35 g/m²) or a small handful. Best in Spring and Summer DO NOT MIX WITH LIME
- Nitrate of Soda Use at 1 oz per sq yd (35 g/m²) as a top dressing in Summer. This is quick acting. Do not allow contact with foliage.
- Nitro Chalk Use at 1 oz per sq yd (35 g/m²). Another quick acting fertiliser especially for the cabbages and raspberries in February

For fruit & flowers: POTASSIUM FERTILISERS (K)

- Sulphate of Potash Use at 1 oz per sq yd at any time of the year. It is the best form of potash in general use. It will increase the disease resistance of plants. Ideal for tomatoes

For root growth and root vegetables: PHOSPHATES (P)

- Superphosphate of Lime Use at the rate of 2 oz per sq yd (70 g/m²) or a large handful in Spring or Summer. Don't be misled! This contains no useable Lime so can be used on LIME FREE soils.
- Bone meal Use at 4 oz per sq yd (140 g/m²) or a very large handful. Most useful in Autumn & Winter. Slow acting. When planting trees or shrubs, put some in the hole before planting

Compound fertilisers: supply a general feed

- Fish, blood & bone Use at 2 oz per sq yd (70 g/m²) all the year round.
- Good general purpose fertiliser containing Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potash (K)
- Growmore Use at 2 oz per sq yd (70 g/m²) all the year round Good general purpose, balanced fertiliser
- Lawn Weed and Feed Use at the rate of 2 oz per sq yd on lawns. NOT before March or after September. If it does not rain within 48 hours, WATER IT IN. If this is not done it will burn your lawn. DO NOT use too much rather too little. This is not a fertiliser as such, it will kill all common weeds in the lawn and at the same time, feed the grass.



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