



Overleaf is our
2024 Diary of Events

Annual Subscription covers the calendar year and costs £20. **Payment can be made after 1 Jan by BACS system or cheque. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Pay anytime after 31 July and it costs £10 for the remaining months of 2024.

Postal applications for membership to 23 Longview, Heathfield, TN21 8BL should be accompanied by a stamped s.a.e. + a cheque for £20 [or £10 after 31 July], made payable to "Heathfield & District Horticultural Society".

Membership offers you:

- entry to evening meetings and Annual shows
- **free entry** to 4 classes at both shows;
- **price reductions** on our coach trips
- **free entry** to the society's annual growing competition(s)
- details of the Society's **unadvertised** Open Garden events;
- access to Members' **discount scheme**;

Coach Trips **Members enjoy a reduction on trips.** The venue for our trip this year will be confirmed at a later date. Seat prices will include the driver's tip.

Almost all classes in both our **Annual Shows** are **OPEN** to everybody of any age. The Spring Show has a range of classes in flowers, floral art, cookery & preserves, photography, and handicraft. In addition, the Summer Show also offers classes in fruit and vegetables.

The shows are held in the Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 0XG. A schedule for each show is available a few weeks before the event at our meetings, from local nurseries and from local retail outlets.

Members are entitled to **enter 4 classes** in each show **FREE OF CHARGE.** Every other class entry costs 20p in both the Spring Show and the Summer Show.

Class Entry forms must be submitted even if no class entry fees are payable. Entry forms, together with any fees, must be returned to the Show Secretary, or delivered to Heathfield Ironmongers, no later than the Wednesday before the day of the show.

Those judged 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each class win money prizes. Trophies are awarded in accordance with the show schedules and are normally held for a period of one year.

Every adult who views the exhibits at both shows may donate on the door to enter but under 16's get in free.

A **"pop-up cafe"** sells coffee, tea, squash, and a range of home-made cakes, may be at both shows.

The Society's plant stall is just inside the main entrance.

Evening Meetings are held in the main hall of the Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 0XG on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm [Doors open at 7pm]. Visitors are always made welcome for an entrance fee of £3.00.

The annual programme usually comprises: seven talks; a plant swap and advice evening in May; a private tour of a local garden in June; and social evenings in July and December.

Open Gardens are sociable events where Members invite fellow Members and friends to look around their garden and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea or coffee or a glass of squash and a slice of delicious home-made cake.

A payment of £5.00 gives access to the garden, free refreshments, and a free ticket in the lucky number draw. A second cup or glass is always available, free of charge. Another slice of cake is normally available for a small donation.

One half of the money raised at each event, including proceeds of the plant stall, goes to a good cause chosen by those who kindly open their garden to fellow Members and friends.

An **H D H S Stall** sells surplus plants, garden sundries, produce and second-hand books at most events. The Society organises a **Raffle** at many events. All the proceeds from both activities normally go to Society funds.

For further information about the Society, please go to our website

heathfieldhorticultural.org.uk

or contact our Membership Secretary
Nick Jeggo, telephone: 01435 830725

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Held at the Community Centre, unless
stated otherwise

Monday 15 January
The Gardens of Impressionism. Monet and
impressionist artists as gardeners, and painters
of gardens.
Martin Heard

Monday 19 February
Sussex Disasters. Caused by weather, rain,
plane etc.
Paul Green

Monday 18 March
Fruits of our Labours. East Malling's
Horticultural Station.
Peter Batty

Possible open garden - to be confirmed.

Saturday, 6 April; 2 – 4 pm
SPRING SHOW- Community Centre,
Sheepsetting Lane.

Monday 15 April
A summer stroll along an English lane.
Raymond Hale

Monday 20 May,
Members Plant Exchange & Sale

Monday 17 June EVENING VISIT
Venue yet to be confirmed.

Monday 15 July
The Weird & Wonderful World of Pollination.
Clive Nuttman

Saturday
Saturday, 17 August; 2 – 4 pm
SUMMER SHOW- Community Centre,
Sheepsetting Lane

Possible open garden – yet to be confirmed.

Monday 16 September
The Adur Valley and its history
Dr Janet Pennington

Monday 21 October
British Alstroemeria & UK cut flower industry.
Ben Cross

Monday 18 November
Sussex Piers – Disappointed Bridges or
Palaces of Delight.
Dr Sally White

Monday 16 December
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Dates and venues for coach trips to be
confirmed.

Evening Meetings Competition

*A trophy is awarded to the member
accumulating the highest number of points
in competitions held at the indoor
meetings, in the Community Centre, during
the year.*

*We hold two competitions at each meeting.
Each entry earns one point. In addition, the
winner earns three points, second earns
two points and third earns one point.*

*The first competition is always for the best
specimen bloom[s] on a single stem. The
second varies by month, as follows:*

January:	arrangement of evergreens
February:	bowl of spring bulbs
March:	spring arrangement
April:	vase of polyanthus
May:	vase of mixed spring flowers
July:	bowl of roses
September	vase of dahlias
October:	hedgerow arrangement
November:	cactus or succulent
December:	Christmas arrangement

*A number of local shops and nurseries have kindly
agreed to offer discounts on gardening supplies to
Society members on presentation of their current
membership card. These include:
Balcombes DIY & Garden Shop, Hailsham Rd
Heathfield Ironmongers, High Street
River Mead Nursery, Foords Lane, Vines Cross
Thorpe Gardens, Little London Road, Horam
Trading-4-U, High Street*