



Overleaf is our 2025 *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 2025.

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 make a donation 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 usually on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm unless shown differently overleaf [*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

2025 Diary of Events

Held at the Community Centre, unless stated otherwise

Monday 20 January
Mintern Gardens and plant exploration in the Himalayas.
Mark Bobin

Monday 17 February
Great Dixter – Chris Lloyd’s Well Tempered Garden.
Chris Donohue

Monday 17 March
Plants, Foods and Traditions of Easter.
Peter Battie

Saturday, 5 April; 2 – 4 pm
SPRING SHOW- Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane.

Monday 28 April
Spiders – Friends not Foe
Raymond Hales

Monday 19 May,
Members Plant Exchange & Sale

Monday 16 June EVENING VISIT
Venue to be confirmed

Sunday 29 June
OPEN GARDENS – Kennedy Close

Monday 21 July
Through a year in a wildlife friendly garden

Saturday, 16 August; 2 – 4 pm
SUMMER SHOW- Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane

Monday 15 September
What is the point of wasps?
Clive Nutman

Monday 20 October
Autumn Colour in the Garden
Morag Hutchin

Monday 17 November
TBC

Monday 15 December
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Dates and venues for coach trips to be confirmed.

Evening Meetings Competition

A trophy is awarded to the member who accumulates the highest number of points in competitions at the indoor meetings in the Community Centre during a 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