



## Diary of Events 2026

Held at the Community Centre,  
Sheepsetting Lane,  
Heathfield, TN21 0XG  
unless stated otherwise

**Monday 19 January**  
Wadhurst Park Estate.  
Talk by Brad Draga-Willaims

**Monday 16 February**  
A.G.M.  
Frogheath Landscapes Projects  
2025.

**Monday 16 March**  
Lullingstone Castle. The World  
Garden.  
Tom Hart-Dyke.  
Followed by Seed Swap

**Saturday, 28 March 2 – 4 pm**  
SPRING SHOW,

**Monday 20 April**  
Libby Drew.  
Knepp Estate. Nature recovery  
across Sussex.

**Monday 18 May,**  
Members Plant Exchange, Sale  
And Social Evening

**Monday 15 June**  
EVENING VISIT  
Merriments.

**Monday 20 July**  
The work of WRAS with Trevor  
Weeks

**Saturday, 15 August 2 – 4 pm**  
SUMMER SHOW-

**Monday 21 September**  
A History of Hop growing in  
England.

**Monday 19 October**  
TBA

**Monday 16 November**  
Peter Guide.  
'What do we know about Christmas  
plants'

**Monday 21 December**  
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

## Coach Trips.

**Savill Gardens – Saturday 30 May**

**Hyde Hall – Sunday 6 September**

**Visit to Member's Gardens - TBA**

## 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

## **Membership.**

Everyone who was a fully paid-up member on 1 November 2025 will have free membership for 2026.

Anyone joining or rejoining the society after that date will pay the standard **Annual Subscription of £20.**

**Payment can be made after 1 Jan by BACS system or cheque.** Pay at any time after 30 June and it costs £10 for the remaining months of 2026.

The Society's Bank Details are:  
The Heathfield and District Horticultural Society.  
Acc No. 72851760  
Sort Code.30 90 91

Membership offers you:

- Free entry to evening meetings and Annual 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;

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 Gemini Greetings, no later than the Wednesday before the day of the show.

Those judged 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Discounts** are offered by the following businesses on gardening supplies to Society members on presentation of their current membership card, these are:

Balcombes DIY & Garden Shop, Hailsham Rd. River Mead Nursery, Foords Lane, Vines Cross.  
Thorpe Gardens, Little London Road, Horam. Trading-4-U, High Street.

## **SHOP LOCALLY**

For further information about the Society, please go to our website **heathfieldhorticultural.org.uk** or contact our Membership Secretary Nick Jeggo, telephone: 01435 830725