



SPRING NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025

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SPRING SHOW

This year we couldn't have asked for better weather in March. The week leading up to our Spring Show was brilliant sunshine. We had so many Daffodils, Narcissi and Tulips. The Flower Arrangements were certainly outstanding. In the Photographic Section virtually every board was full. Frewen Pre Prep School showed their artistic talent. We had more entries in the Art & Craft Section. Best in Show was Fergus Garrett with his Tulip. Thank you everyone who displayed, helped in one way or another and visitors.

Winners of the Spring Show Cups are as follows:

Lt. Col Bagnall Perpetual Challenge Cup Exhibitor with most prize money in horticultural classes	Gillian Harrison
Norman Lamford Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 5 – container daffodils/narcissi	Sue Gunther
Society's Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 29 – flower arranging	Alison Kirk
Margaret Williams Memorial Salver - Exhibitor with most prize money in domestic section	Rosemary Husey
Elsie Prior Perpetual Challenge Cup - Best exhibit in handicraft section	Sally Tipler
Junior Perpetual Challenge Cup - Best junior exhibit in show	Gracie Knight

WE NEED YOU! COMMITTEE MEMBER OR HELPER??

We are always grateful to those who give us a hand when needed but we could do with more coming onto the Committee and giving us fresh ideas. This could be YOU!!! Please not only consider this but ACT ON IT!

For more information, please give Carol Knowles a ring on 01797 252134.

SOCIETY DONATIONS

As a Society committed to supporting our Village, our Society has donated £350.00 to the Conservation Society towards planting of hedges in St. Frances Field, and £350.00 to the

Nature Recovery Group towards new signage at Harlots Wood, once agreement has been made on the design and size.

We also intend to support Northiam Primary School's Garden Club and are waiting for more information from the School on what will be most useful.

If you have any ideas for donations to be made locally and within the Horticultural Constitution Rules for next year, please let us know.

PLANT SALE

Our Annual Plant Sale this year will take place on Saturday 10th May in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. Fergus Garrett has once again acquired bare rooted plants for us to sell plus some trees! We will have the usual variety of plants, vegetables, herbs, and possibly some shrubs. The Committee and some dedicated members have been busy potting-up over the last couple of months at Great Dixter. The Society would like to thank Fergus and his team of students for their donation of plants, we so appreciate the support they give us for this event.

We are always grateful for any donations of plants you can give us towards this popular event in our calendar. Please bring plants to the Village Hall on the morning between 8.00am and 9.00am. It would be very helpful for us if you would kindly label the plants, please.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social will be held at Great Dixter on Saturday 14th June between 6pm and 8pm for Members only. If you would like to attend, please contact Rosemary Husey either by email: rosehus@hotmail.com or by phone 01797 253259 by Saturday 1st June latest. A donation towards the refreshments would be appreciated on the night.

MID SUMMER FESTIVAL

Northiam Midsummer Festival is on Saturday 21st June, and we will have our usual stall there so please come and say hello.

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

This year's Autumn Show is on Saturday 6th September at 2.30pm. Please take a look in the schedule for the list of classes www.northiamhorticulturalsociety.com/schedule In the Photographic Section the classes for the Autumn Show are as follows:

52. A house plant
53. Cloud formation
54. A local landmark
55. A vegetable garden
56. Your favourite photograph – JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTING

NOTE; Home printed photographs are accepted in Classes 52 to 56. Prints taken at any date but not previously exhibited, should not exceed 15cm x 21cm (8" x 6") and be mounted on card. Total size, including card, MUST NOT EXCEED 20cm x 25cm (10" x 9"). (Photographs showing places should state location).

COACH TRIP TO LEONARDSLEE LAKES AND GARDENS

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025

Leaving from Northiam Car Park at 9.00am and returning by 7.00pm (traffic permitting).

COST £25.00 Members £30.00 for guests and other visitors.

Leonardslee in West Sussex has over 200 years of history and 240 acres of Grade I listed woodlands, plus seven lakes, ancient trees, deer park and the Rhododendron Loderi National Collection. As you wander around the gardens you will see/hear abundance of wildlife as well as rare wallabies.

There's a café, garden shop and Plant Centre, and a Sculpture Park & Art Gallery.

A buggy shuttle is available for visitors with limited mobility. Please note; picnics are not allowed.

If you are interested, please return the form below by 4th May with your payment (cash or cheque) to Linda Belton, South Grange, Quickbourne Lane, Northiam tel. 01797 252984 email belton.northiam@gmail.com

Please note: You will not hear from Linda unless there's a problem.



BOOKING FORM COACH TRIP TO LEONARDSLEE LAKES AND GARDENS

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025

Please reserve place(s) at £25.00 per person (members)

Please reserve place(s) at £30.00 per person (non-members)

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Telephone/Mobile

Email

Payment of £..... enclosed (cheques payable to Northiam Horticultural Society) or cash enclosed.

**PLEASE BOOK BY 4 MAY
NOTE - LINDA WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS A PROBLEM
WITH YOUR BOOKING OR WITH THE TRIP**