



SPRING NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

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YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

We are thriving Society with over 200 members and our activities and events throughout the year are organised by the Committee. We're down to just 8 of us on the Committee so we need some of you to join us to keep things running smoothly. It's not a lot of work and it's great fun and rewarding; we work as a team to organise the shows, talks, socials and outings so please get in touch with Carol Knowles on 01797 252134 to offer your help. Some roles we need help with are running the raffles, organising the talks and Show Secretary. You'll get lots of help and the pleasure of contributing to Village life and keeping one of the oldest Horticultural Societies in the country going, so please do get in touch.

SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show this year was at the end of March. A lovely, sunny day brought out lots of members and visitors to admire the wonderful displays of tulips, daffodils, narcissi and many more spring plants. The flower arrangements were abundant with colour and artistically displayed. The photographic section was very popular. Frewen School displayed drawings of tulips whilst Northiam Primary School Year 5 showed their artistic talents with images of daffodils. These were much admired on stage. We had many more entries than normal in the handicraft section. Keith Whiting, Chair of the Village Hall Trust joined us to hand out the cups and prize money. As well as tea and coffee, we had home-made cakes available, which proved very popular.

Thank you to everyone who displayed, everyone who helped in one way or another and to all the visitors to our popular spring show. 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	Gillian Harrison
Frewen Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 27 Pot plant in bloom (excluding bulbs)	Gillian Harrison
Society's Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 29 – flower arranging	Alison Kirk
Margaret Williams Memorial Salver - Exhibitor with most prize money in domestic section	Jamie Todd

Who doesn't like a raffle? Could you spare some time and help with running one for us? If so, please give Carol Knowles a ring on 01797 252134.

SOCIETY DONATIONS

We recently donated £190 to Northiam Primary School for hydroponic pods and seeds to be grown by the school children. We wish them success.

We have also donated £100 to the Parish Magazine. The magazine is very important to all the societies in the village and local tradespeople for communication and we value their support publicising our events.

If you have any ideas for donations to be made locally (within the rules of our Constitution), please let us know.

PLANT SALE

Our Annual Plant Sale this year will take place on Saturday 9th May in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. We will have the usual variety of plants, vegetables, herbs, and possibly some shrubs. Fergus Garrett has once again acquired bare rooted plants for us to sell along with the many plants donated by members. 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.

At the sale, please bring cash, small coins preferably, and boxes to take your purchases home.

The first half hour of the plant sale can be very busy, so if you prefer a quieter experience come a bit later - there should still be plenty to buy!

NO NAME NURSERY

If you have put your name down to go to the No Name Nursery on 4 August, Linda will be in touch with you with the relevant details. As the car park is rather small, please could you fill your car with 4 passengers as it will make life easier. Thank you.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social will be held at Great Dixter on Saturday 13th 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 Sunday 31st May latest. If you accept to attend and find you can't make it, please let us know so we have the right numbers for catering and drinks. Thanks!

MID SUMMER FESTIVAL

Northiam Midsummer Festival is on Saturday 20th 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 5th September at 2.30pm. Please 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:

46. Tree/s, e.g. orchard, woodland, forest.
47. Autumn leaves.
48. Train/s, e.g. steam. electric, diesel
49. An historic building, named please.
50. 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 booking form on next page...

COACH TRIP TO RHS WISLEY GARDENS

Thursday, 9 July 2026

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

COST £20.00

This is a very popular trip with many of our members and non-members. Wisley was given to the RHS in 1903. It has 240 acres for you to explore. There is a large shop and garden centre where you can buy plants, several cafés throughout the site, and a restaurant. The Oudolf Landscape has rivers of foliage and flowers with wonderful views down to the glass house. The spectacular orchid house is home to over 3,000 orchids. The Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden should be at its best in the summer and the Exotic Garden has a jungle like atmosphere with bananas, cannas, palms and more. So much to see! So let the coach take the strain and join us for a lovely day out.

If you are interested, please return the form below by Saturday 20th of June 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 RHS WISLEY GARDENS

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2026

Please reserve place(s) at £20.00 per person

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Telephone/Mobile

Email

Payment (tick as appropriate)

I enclose a cheque for £..... (cheques payable to Northiam Horticultural Society) or,

I enclose cash totalling £.....

PLEASE BOOK BY 20 JUNE

**NOTE - LINDA WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS A PROBLEM
WITH YOUR BOOKING OR WITH THE TRIP**