

NORTHIAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Our next talk this year will be on **Wednesday 5th November at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall by our President Fergus Garrett (Village Hall, Frewen Close, Northiam, Rye TN31 6RA). They are always of interest with humour added. Doors open at 2pm where you are welcome to tea and coffee. Fergus is a popular speaker, and the hall gets quite full so come early for the best seats!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

This year's AGM and Christmas Social will be held on Friday December 5th, 2025, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The evening consists of business and pleasure. If you are attending the AGM and Christmas Social, please ring Rosemary on 01797 253259 or email rosehus@hotmail.com by the end of November. This gives us an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Nominations for the Committee, Auditor and any proposals to change the Constitution should be made in writing to reach the Honorary Secretary no later than Monday 10th November 2025 – see Items 6-11 of the Agenda and contact Della at dellaweight@yahoo.co.uk or 07712 410478. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM will be available at the Meeting, and are on our website www.northiamhorticulturalsociety.com

2025 EVENTS ROUND UP

THE PLANT SALE – We were very lucky with the weather which as usual brought the crowd out. There were an amazing number of plants and some trees grown by Great Dixter and our Members. A BIG THANK YOU. We raised £2,412.71. Also, our thanks to all who helped with potting up the plants and on the day of the sale.

THE SUMMER SOCIAL – We had a lovely evening at Great Dixter with 65 members attending, but there were 85 acceptances, which we catered for, and total cost of the event was £486 so please do let us know if you need to cancel coming to future events. Again, we were blessed with good weather and able to use the front lawn of Great Dixter. Members had the opportunity to stroll around the lovely gardens at Great Dixter.

THE COACH TRIP – This year the coach took us to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens. The coach was full, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. There was such a variety of things to see, including an amazing Dolls House Exhibition. The gardens were beautiful with wallabies jumping around their allotted area. We sold £1,240 in tickets. The total cost was £1,490 and the Society subsidized the difference of £250.

SPRING SHOW 2026 CLASSES – advance notice

HANDICRAFT SECTION

All exhibits open to Adults and Children (Children please state age).

38. A picture, any medium, including collage, pencil etc. (to be hung).
39. A greeting card, for any occasion, any medium.
40. Any other craft not named in the Section e.g. knitting, crochet, woodwork etc.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

41. Spring flowers e.g. snowdrops, daffodils, hellebores, tulips etc.
42. Flowering shrub/s
43. A toy/s
44. 'Farmyard Animals' e.g., sheep, cows, pigs, hens, geese etc.

45. Your favourite photograph JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTING

AUTUMN SHOW 2026 CLASSES – advance notice

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

- 52. Tree/s e.g. orchard, woodland, forest
- 53. Autumn leaves
- 54. Train/s, e.g. steam, electric, diesel
- 55. An historic building, named please
- 56. Your favourite photograph - JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTING

2026 TALKS – Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tea and coffee from 2.00pm

- Wednesday 4th February – the Great Dixter students on their Inspiration to become a gardener.
- Wednesday 11th March – Hamish Bett, Head Gardener, Scotney Castle.
- Wednesday 7th October – speaker to be confirmed.
- Wednesday 4th November – Fergus Garrett, our President.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This year our membership has grown, which is good news. To continue all the talks, flower shows and social occasions we really need more Committee Members. Please, please give this your full consideration and offer your services. If you have very little spare time, then perhaps volunteer at our events? Give Carol Knowles a ring for more information and a chat on 01797 252134.

TROPHY WINNERS AUTUMN SHOW 2025

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BANKSIAN MEDAL to the winner of the most prize money in the whole of the Horticultural Classes at the Society's two shows in 2025 (to be Presented at the AGM).
AVERIL PHILLIPS

THE PEARSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Exhibitor with the most prize money in the Horticultural classes

AVERIL PHILLIPS

THE TROWELL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Best Horticultural exhibit

RAY NOBLE

THE MARY BERKLEY MEMORIAL SALVER

Winner of Class 42 (any other flowers)

AVERIL PHILLIPS

BATEHUP PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL

Winner of class 43 (flower arranging)

SUE GUNTHER

EVAN JONES MEMORIAL SALVER

Exhibitor with the most prize money in the Vegetable sections of the Spring and Autumn Shows combined

CLARE BARBER

SOCIETY'S DOMESTIC PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

Exhibitor with most prize money in the Domestic Section of the Spring and Autumn shows combined

ROSEMARY HUSEY

SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL CUP Best exhibit in the Dahlia Classes

RAY NOBLE

MIN REEVE CUP Best fruit exhibit

JENNY FARRANT

Northiam Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 5 December 2025
in Northiam Village Hall

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** for Absence
2. **AGM** 2024 minutes are available to Members from the Secretary, and on our website and no matters arising were received.
3. **Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report** for the Financial Year ended 30th September 2025.
 - a. **Matters arising** from the Report and Accounts
 - b. **Adoption of the Accounts**
4. **Election of Officers and Committee Members** (not more than nine) for the ensuing year as follows:

President	Fergus Garrett
Chair	Carol Knowles
Treasurer	Deborah Moon
Hon. Secretary	Della Weight
Membership Secretary	Penny Bone
Show Secretary	Linda Belton
Committee Members	Lewis Boshier Joan Davis Rosemary Husey Christine Luxton

The Officers and Committee Members offer themselves for re-election.

5. **President's Address**
6. **Presentations for 2025:** Banksian Medal to Averil Phillips.
7. **Subscriptions for the calendar year 2026.** The Committee proposes no changes to the annual subscription for 2026.
8. **Amendments/Addenda to the Society's Constitution.** The Committee proposes no updates to the Constitution.
9. **Election of Hon Auditor for the ensuing year.** The Committee proposes Mrs. Ann Antrobus as Auditor.
10. **Any Other Business**

Please contact the Hon. Secretary, Della Weight at dellaweight@yahoo.co.uk for a copy of the 2024 AGM minutes, or to stand for the Committee, position of Auditor or to propose a change to the Constitution by November 20th 2025.