



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

NEXT TALK

Our next talk this year will be on **Friday 1st November at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall, when Katie Whittingham, Commercial Director, will be speaking about THE GLASS HOUSE - an innovative project based in Cranbrook giving women in UK prisons a second chance through discovering the benefits of caring for plants. The Glasshouse exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show for the first time this year and were awarded a Gold Medal for Houseplant Studio Exhibitor. We are very honoured to hear of their experience in setting up this project and achieving positive attitudes and results with women in prisons so please come along.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

This year's AGM and Christmas Social will be held on Friday 6th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The evening will be a combination 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 Monday 11th November. The purpose of this is to give 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 11th November 2024 – see Items 6-11 of the Agenda contact dellaweight@yahoo.co.uk. Copies of the current Constitution are available from the Secretary on request. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes of the of the last AGM will be available at the Meeting, and are on our website www.northiamhorticulturalsociety.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sandy Alexander is stepping down from the Committee and we wish her the very best.

If you enjoy the Society's activities, we'd love to welcome you onto the Committee or as a volunteer for our events – please consider how you could help. Give Carol Knowles a ring for more information and a chat 01797 252134.

2024 EVENTS ROUND UP

THE PLANT SALE was a wonderful success and along with variety of plants and some trees, we raised £3,410.00 this year! A huge thank you goes to Great Dixter for their contributions and time, everyone who helped potting up and on the day of the sale, and to all our members who supplied us with some amazing plants to sell.

THE SUMMER SOCIAL - well over 70 members attended Great Dixter in June for our Social Evening of canapes and wine. We were fortunate the weather held for us and able to use the front lawn. Members had the opportunity to stroll around the beautiful gardens afterwards.

COACH TRIP - This year the coach took us to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex. The gardens were alight with colour with some amazing roses. We were blessed with good weather and able to have lunch/picnic outside.

2025 TALKS

Our talks for 2025 will now be on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm. to 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available, and we encourage you to come along for a chat as well as the talk.

- Wednesday 5th February 2025 – this year’s Great Dixter students will share what has inspired their journey into horticulture.
- Wednesday 12th March 2025 –Steve Edney from The No Name Nursery “A tale of two Gold medals – Chelsea and Hampton Court” (plants for sale).
- Wednesday 8th October 2025 – ‘Hands of Hope’ Community Garden Hawkhurst – sharing how this Edwardian Walled Garden is being restored.
- Wednesday 5th November 2025 – Our President - Fergus Garrett CEO Great Dixter.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CLASSES SPRING SHOW 2025

ART & CRAFT SECTION

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

38. A picture, any medium, watercolour, oil, pencil etc.
39. A collage made with leaves, dried flowers, and similar materials etc.
40. Any other craft not named in this Section e.g. pottery/small items of woodwork/metalwork/cushions/embroidery/knitting etc.



PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION



Prints taken at any date, but not previously exhibited, should not exceed 15cm x 21cm (8”x6”) and be mounted on card. Total size, including card, must not exceed 20cm x 25cm (10”x 8”). Photos may be home printed. Photographs showing places should state location.

41. Spring flowers, e.g. snowdrops, daffodils, primroses, hellebores etc.
42. Favourite animal (domestic or wild)
43. Sunrise or Sunset
44. A black and white photograph (any subject)
45. Your favourite photograph JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTING

THIS YEAR'S CUP WINNERS

Winners of the Annual & Autumn Show Cups are as follows:

The Royal Horticultural Society's **Banksian Medal** to the winner of the most prize money in all of the Horticultural Classes at the Society's two shows in 2023 (to be presented at the AGM) - **GILLIAN HARRISON**.



The **Christopher Lloyd Achievement Cup** awarded to a newcomer entering any Show this year and who has won a prize – chosen by the Committee on merit - **MARGARET DAVIES**.

The Pearson Perpetual Challenge Cup Exhibitor with the most Prize money in the Horticultural Classes. **SIMON SNELL**

The Trowel Perpetual Challenge Cup Best Horticultural exhibit. **ALISON KIRK**

The Mary Berkley Memorial Salver Winner of Class 42 (Any other flower) **AVERIL PHILLIPS**

Batehup Perpetual Challenge Bowl Winner of Class 43 (Flower Arranging) **ALISON KIRK**

Evan Jones Memorial Salver Exhibitor with most prize money in the Vegetable Sections of the Spring, Summer and Autumn Shows combined **SIMON SNELL**

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 **AVERIL PHILLIPS**

Northiam Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 6 December 2024
in Northiam Village Hall

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** for Absence
2. **AGM 2023** – minutes available to Members from the Secretary and no matters arising were received.
3. **Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report** for the Financial Year ended 30th September 2024.
 - 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

Mrs. Sandy Alexander has stood down from the Committee.

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

5. **President's Address**
6. **Presentations for 2024:** Banksian Medal to Gillian Harrison.
7. **Subscriptions for the calendar year 2025.** The Committee proposes no changes to the annual subscription for 2025.
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 2023 AGM minutes, or to stand for the Committee, position of Auditor or to propose a change to the Constitution by November 11 2024.