



SPRING NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

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SPRING SHOW

There were many people in the week before the Spring Show, walking around their gardens with very worried faces, looking for anything that might still be in a suitable state for showing. The weather kept playing tricks on us and the plants; either the sunshine encouraged development or chilly wet days put things back. But on the day all was well and competitors turned up with some wonderful examples of all sorts of flowers, foliage, bulbs and pot plants, alongside the crafts, photographs and cookery to put on a wonderful show. There were lots of very eye-catching entries with the Tulips taking over from the Narcissi this year and a beautiful display of art from the students at Frewen. Well done to everyone!

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	Linda & Mike Belton
Frewen Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 27 – pot plant in bloom	Gillian Harrison
Society's Perpetual Challenge Cup Winner class 29 – flower arranging	Linda Whiting
Margaret Williams Memorial Salver - Exhibitor with most prize money in domestic section	Karen Ayling and Linda Belton
Elsie Prior Perpetual Challenge Cup - Best exhibit in handicraft section	Linda Whiting
Junior Perpetual Challenge Cup - Best junior exhibit in show	Gracie Knight

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & HELPERS

Many hands make light work! And with new blood comes new ideas. We urge you to consider your strengths that could be put to use in your local Society. Please give Carol Knowles a ring for more information; 01797 252134.

PLANT SALE

Our annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 11th May in the Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. This year Fergus Garrett has acquired some bare rooted plants for us to sell plus the usual variety of other plants, vegetables, herbs and possibly some shrubs. The Committee and a dedicated group of Members have been busy over the last two months potting up at Great Dixter and we have a great selection. The Society would like to thank Fergus and his team for their kind donation of plants and support for this event. We are always grateful for any donations from yourselves towards this popular event in our calendar. Please bring any plants you can donate to the Village Hall on the morning between 8am and 9am. Also, it would be very helpful if you could label the plants, please.

SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social will be held at Great Dixter on Saturday 15th 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 18th May latest. A donation towards the refreshments would be appreciated on the night.

MID SUMMER FESTIVAL

Northiam Midsummer Festival is on Saturday 22nd June, and we will have our usual stall there so please come and say hello.

NGS GARDEN OPEN DAYS

Society Member Linda Belton is opening her garden at South Grange, Quickbourne Lane, Northiam under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Light lunches to order plus homemade cakes available. Plants for sale. Wheelchair accessible.

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

This year's Autumn Show is on Saturday 7th September at 2.30pm. Please take a look in the schedule for the list of classes: <https://www.northiamhorticulturalsociety.com/schedule>

In the Photographic Section the classes for the Autumn Show are as follows:

52. An English Country Garden
53. A mode of transport, e.g. car, train, boat, aeroplane etc.
54. The interior of a church.
55. A photograph of an insect.
56. Your favourite photograph – JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTING

NOTE: Home printed photographs are accepted in Classes 52 to 56.

DON'T FORGET - JUST FOR FUN – AUTUMN EXTRA CLASS!

Class 57. Grow something in a HAT.

**COACH TRIP to RHS HYDE HALL
Thursday 20 June 2024**

Leaving from Northiam Car Park at 9.00am and returning by 19.00 (traffic permitting)

COST £20 for members, £25.00 for guests and other visitors

Nestled in the heart of rural Essex, enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Hyde Hall, with its eclectic mix of traditional and modern styles. The many highlights include the Dry Garden with its fantastic range of drought resistant plants and the Hilltop Garden with its roses and herbaceous borders.

There's the Gardeners Rest Restaurant and Clover Café for refreshments, and a shop and garden centre of course. A lovely day out!

If you are interested, please return the form below **by 31 May, with your payment** to Linda Belton South Grange, Quickbourne Lane, Northiam, tel. 01797 252984, email belton.northiam@gmail.com



**BOOKING FORM COACH TRIP to RHS HYDE HALL, ESSEX.
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2024**

Please reserve place(s) at £20.00 per person (members)

Please reserve place(s) at £25.00 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 31 MAY
NOTE - LINDA WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU IF THERE IS A PROBLEM
WITH YOUR BOOKING OR WITH THE TRIP**