

Denmead Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 4th April 2026



to be held in

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Hambledon Road, Denmead, PO7 6NN

Opening 1pm - Prizegiving 3.30pm

DENMEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Affiliated to the following Societies:

The Royal Horticultural Society
The British Fuchsia Society
The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies

See the Denmead Horticultural Society website for the latest information on our talks, visits and shows. To contact any member of the committee please use the Contact form on the website and your message will be passed on to the appropriate person.

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latest information, reports, and pictures of events

SPRING SHOW – 4th APRIL 2026

Rules for Exhibitors

1. All exhibits in classes D1 – D4, 1 – 20 and 29 – 40 shall be the bona-fide property of the Exhibitor, grown in their own garden or allotment. See Rule 9.
2. All entries shall be made on the Form provided and delivered to Lesley Schofield (see entry form) on or before Wednesday 1st April. Earlier entries will be appreciated.

Entry fees: Adults - 25p per entry Juniors - 10p per entry

3. Exhibits must be staged for judging between 8am and 10.30am, 4th April in the Church Hall, Denmead.
Exhibitors must not move other exhibitors' entries. Should more space be needed, please ask the Show Secretary or Stewards.
4. a) No more than three entries in any one class may be made by the same exhibitor.
b) Only one cash prize in any one class will be awarded to the same exhibitor.
5. The Judge's decision is FINAL regarding the merit of exhibits. All matters of dispute shall be settled by the Society's Show Committee. Any protest shall be made to the Show Secretary by 3pm with a payment of £1 which will be refunded if the Exhibitor's complaint is upheld.
6. NO EXHIBITS or prize cards shall be removed until after an announcement is made – approximately 4pm.
7. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

8. Cups and Trophies will be awarded on the Judge's decision of merit and points will be awarded as follows:
1st - 4 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point, HC - ½ point.
9. The Committee reserves the right for its official representative to visit, by appointment, before or after the Show, gardens from which produce has been entered for competition.
10. The Committee cannot be responsible for exhibits or personal property.
11. All prize money will be paid out by the Treasurer after 3pm. All prize money must be checked before leaving the Treasurer and must be collected on the day. Any money not collected on show day to be assumed a donation to the Society.
12. Exhibits in Homecraft may be cut at the Judge's discretion. Cake covers will be provided.
13. Exhibitors shall provide plates and vases (although vases are available). A 'vase' has a greater height than the width of its mouth. A 'bowl' has a width measurement at least equal to, but usually greater than, its height.
14. In all horticultural classes, varieties should be named (if known).
15. Novice classes are restricted to entrants who have never won a first prize for the material exhibited in any of the Shows held by the Society.
16. All trophies must be returned, cleaned, to Jooles Allison, 25 Mill Road, Denmead, PO7 6PA, before 1st March 2026.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

The DAFFODIL CUP

For the highest points in Classes D1 – D4, 1, 2, 3 and 9

The FLOWER CHALLENGE CUP

For the lady with the highest points in classes 1 – 20

The SECOND CHALLENGE CUP

For the gentleman with the highest points in classes 1 – 20

The VEGETABLE CUP

For the highest points in classes 29 – 40

The LITTLE LINDEN CUP

For the highest points in classes 50 - 84, excluding classes 70 - 73

The ANMORE DELL FARM TROPHY

For the winner of class 4

The ASHCROFT CUP

For the highest points in classes 85 - 87

The PASS JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

For the highest points in classes 88 - 91

The BRAXTONE JUNIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY

For the highest points in classes 93 - 96

The WINE CHALLENGE TROPHY

For the highest points in classes 70 - 74

The ROWLAND CUP

For the best Floral Art exhibit in classes 23 – 28

The SPRINGTIME AWARD

For the best Novice Floral Art exhibit – classes 23 – 28

PRIZES:	ADULT CLASSES	1 st - £1	2 nd – 70p	
	JUNIOR CLASSES	1 st - £1	2 nd – 70p	3 rd – 50p

SET RECIPE (Class 56, page 11)

ICED LEMON CURD LAYER CAKE

Ingredients for Cake

175g self-raising flour, sifted
1 level teaspoon baking powder
175g butter at room temperature
175g caster sugar
3 eggs, size 1
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Ingredients for Lemon Curd

75g caster sugar
Grated zest and juice of large,
juicy lemon
2 eggs, size 1
50g unsalted butter

Ingredients for Icing

75g icing sugar
Zest of 1 large lemon in long curly strips
3-4 teaspoons lemon juice

Method

Preheat oven to 170C / fan oven 150C / gas mark 3.

Grease 2 x 18cm (7 inch) sandwich tins, 4cm / 1.5ins deep, and line with baking parchment.

Put all cake ingredients into large mixing bowl and beat (ideally using an electric hand whisk) to smooth creamy consistency. Divide mixture evenly between the two prepared tins and bake in oven on centre shelf for about 35 minutes until centres of top of cakes feel springy when lightly touched. When cooked leave in tins for 30 seconds before turning out onto wire racks to cool completely.

While cakes are cooking make the lemon curd. Put sugar and grated lemon zest into a bowl. In another bowl whisk the lemon juice and eggs together then pour over sugar and grated zest. Cut butter into small pieces and add to bowl. Place bowl over a pan of barely simmering water – stir frequently until thickened – about 20 minutes.

When cakes are absolutely cold, carefully cut each one horizontally into two, using a sharp serrated knife (making four layers). Now spread the lemon curd thickly to sandwich the sponge layers together (three layers of lemon curd).

For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a bowl and gradually stir in the lemon juice until you have a soft, runny consistency. Leave the icing to stand for 5 minutes before spreading it on the top of the cake with a knife, almost to the edges. Don't worry if it runs a little down the sides of the cake. Scatter the lemon zest over the top and leave for half an hour for the icing to firm up before serving.

Section 1

FLORAL

Judge: Phil Stock

*For Classes D1 to D4 please see the definitions of divisions on page 9
Daffodil is the common name for bulbs in the genus narcissus and
where a division is not specified, they may be single or multi headed.
Classes 9 to 14 - Bulbs/plants to be shown in the container in which
they are grown.*

- D1 Vase of trumpet daffodils (div 1) – 3 stems, 1 variety
 - D2 Vase of large-cupped daffodils (div 2) – 3 stems, 1 variety
 - D3 Vase of small-cupped daffodils (div 3) – 3 stems, 1 variety.
 - D4 Vase of double daffodils (div 4) – 3 stems, 1 variety
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- 1. Vase of 5 stems of daffodils (one variety)
 - 2. Vase of 5 stems miniature daffodils (one variety)
 - 3. Vase of 5 stems of daffodils (mixed varieties)
 - 4. Vase of mixed cut spring flowers
 - 5. Vase of 5 tulips (one variety)
 - 6. Vase of 5 tulips (mixed varieties)
 - 7. Vase of 5 stems of polyanthus or primroses (mixed varieties)
 - 8. Vase of flowering shrubs
 - 9. 5 daffodils growing in a pot or bowl.
 - 10. Hyacinths (any number) growing in a pot or bowl.
 - 11. Flowering spring bulbs other than those already mentioned,
growing in any type of container.
 - 12. Viola growing in a pot or bowl.
 - 13. Cyclamen growing in a pot or bowl.
 - 14. Polyanthus or primroses growing in a pot or bowl.
 - 15. Container of cacti/succulents
 - 16. Container of Tillandsia (air plants)
 - 17. Flowering pot plant
 - 18. Foliage pot plant
 - 19. Fern pot plant
 - 20. Vase of mixed foliage



DIVISION 1 TRUMPET DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; corona (trumpet) as long as, or longer than the perianth segments (petals)



DIVISION 2 LARGE-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; corona more than one third, but less than equal to the length of the perianth



DIVISION 3 SMALL-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVAR

One flower to a stem; corona not more than one third the length of the perianth segments



DIVISION 4 DOUBLE DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

One or more flowers to a stem; with doubling of the perianth segments or the corona or both

Section 2

FLORAL ART

Judge: Carol Edney-Gunter

Judging to be in accordance with NAFAS schedule definitions, except classes 25 and 26.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material with or without accessories, displayed in a niche 61cms (24") wide, 61cms (24") deep and 76cms (30") high.

Novices and gentlemen may enter any Floral Art classes.
Please state on entry form if Novice – see Rule 15, page 4

- 22. 'Spring in Mind' – an exhibit
- 23. 'Straight and Curved – an exhibit without using floral foam
- 24. 'An Arrangement for Easter' - **NOVICE** only class
Space allowed 46cms (18") in width and depth
- 26. 'Easter Chicks' - an exhibit - Gentlemen only
- 27. Petite arrangement, overall size not to exceed 23cms (9") in width, height and depth.
- 28. Miniature arrangement, overall size not to exceed 10cms (4") in width, height and depth.

Denmead Horticultural Society Flower Arranging Workshop

meets at the Memorial Hall, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm.

At each session a different style or aspect of Floral Art is demonstrated, and members can then try it out for themselves. The evening is very friendly and informal, beginners welcome.



Section 3

VEGETABLES

Judge: Phil Stock

- 29. 3 sticks of rhubarb
- 30. 1 head of lettuce
- 31. 1 vase of mixed herbs (no less than 3 named varieties)
- 32. 6 radishes
- 33. Pair of leeks – washed roots attached, and leaves tied
- 34. 1 spring cabbage – washed roots attached
- 35. 4 shoots of sprouting broccoli
- 36. A bunch of chard
- 37. A bunch of kale
- 38. Pair of parsnips
- 39. Any other variety of vegetable not included in the above classes (for quantity please contact the Show Secretary)
- 40. Microgreens growing in a container.



Section 4

PHOTOGRAPHY

Judge: Mike Parry

Maximum **overall** size 20cm x 15cm – may be mounted but not framed.

- 45. Towers
- 46. Reflection
- 47. Trumpets
- 48. Silver



Section 5

MECRAFT

Judge: Natasha Edwards

Cake covers will be provided for classes 50 - 59

50. A Simnel cake
51. Victoria sandwich
52. A Swiss roll
53. 5 Chocolate Brownies
54. 3 Congress Tarts
55. 5 Easter Biscuits
56. Set recipe – (see page 6) - Iced Lemon Curd Layer Cake
57. 3 Vegan cheese scones – state ingredients used
58. 3 Cinnamon Buns
59. A Quiche Lorraine
60. Jar of soft fruit jam
61. Jar of stoned fruit jam
62. Jar of jelly
63. Jar of marmalade
64. Jar of lemon curd
65. Jar of fermented vegetables
66. Jar of chutney
67. Jar of relish
68. Jar of pickled onions
69. Bottle of cordial
70. Bottle of wine made from fruit
71. Bottle of wine made from flowers
72. Bottle of wine made from vegetables
73. Bottle of fruit spirit



Section 6

HANDICRAFT

Judge: Jane Andreoli

No exhibit in classes 75 - 84 shall have been shown previously at any of the Society's Shows

Please state size of exhibit on entry form

- 75. A single item of hand knitted clothing
- 76. Any other article of hand knitting
- 77. Hand knitted toy suitable for a child under 3 years
- 78. A garment that has been repaired
- 79. Article of crochet
- 80. A knitted or crocheted flower garden
- 81. Article of embroidery (framed or backed) may include cross stitch
- 82. A painting in any medium
- 83. Any other handicraft
- 84. Handmade Easter card

ENTRY NOTES

Section 7

JUNIOR SECTION

Judge: Hannah Bristow

Hint: you may find ideas for some of these classes on the internet

UP TO 6th BIRTHDAY *(as at show date)*

- 85. Cress growing in an egg box
- 86. A colourful Easter card
- 87. Decorate a Digestive biscuit

FROM 6th BIRTHDAY UP TO 9th BIRTHDAY *(as at show date)*

- 88. Make and decorate 3 edible Easter birds' nests
- 89. Garden Bugs made from fruit and vegetables
- 90. A photograph of a pet
- 91. A jar with 3 handmade flowers

FROM 9th BIRTHDAY UP TO 14th BIRTHDAY *(as at show date)*

- 93. An Easter themed painted pebble
- 94. 3 individually decorated Muffins
- 95. A robot made with recycled materials
- 96. Photograph featuring Easter

The Society would like to extend sincere thanks to the judges, to all helpers, exhibitors, and visitors.
Ideas for classes for future shows will always be appreciated.

SPRING SHOW 2026 - ADULT ENTRY FORM

Please deliver entry form and fee to: Lesley Schofield, 1 Frenchies View,
Denmead, PO7 6SH. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 1st April 2026. Late
entries will be charged 50p per class entered.

Contact Details MUST be provided

Name.....

Address.....

Tel no.....Email.....

I wish to exhibit in the undermentioned classes. I agree to abide by the rules
printed in the schedule and confirm that no handicraft exhibit shall have
previously been entered in any of the Society's shows.

Signature.....

Class No	Description as in schedule	Entry Fee

Number of entries..... times entry fee: 25p adult

Amount enclosed £.....

SPRING SHOW 2026 - JUNIOR ENTRY FORM

Please deliver entry form and fee to: Lesley Schofield, 1 Frenchies View, Denmead, PO7 6SH. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 1st April 2026. Late entries will be charged 50p per class entered.

Contact Details MUST be provided

Address.....

Tel no.....Email.....

Signature (Parent or Guardian)

We wish to exhibit in the undermentioned classes and agree to abide by the rules printed in the schedule.

Junior NameAge (as at show date)

Class No	Description as in schedule	Entry Fee

Junior Name Age (as at show date)

Class No	Description as in schedule	Entry Fee

Number of entries..... times entry fee: 10p juniors

Amount enclosed £.....

DENMEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We meet in All Saints Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month (not Jan or Aug) for talks on a variety of gardening and related topics, AGM with cheese & wine in November and Christmas Social in December, meetings start at 7:30pm. Visitors and non-members are welcome - £2 per meeting. If you would like to join the society the annual membership to the end of September is £12.

You don't have to be an expert to join us, we are all amateurs with a keen interest in plants and gardens. If you would like to meet like-minded people and have a chat over a cup of tea you will be made very welcome. We are all still learning, and the talks are a great way to pick up some tips and new ideas.

As well as evening meetings we have outings to various events and a summer garden party.

2026

Saturday 4 th April	Spring Show, 1pm to 4pm
Saturday 29 th August	Summer Village Show, 11am to 4.30pm
Wednesday 28 th October	Pumpkin Show, 6pm to 8pm PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE in Denmead Memorial Hall

