



2026 GUIDE - SHOWS and EVENTS

Our 96th year

Spring Show Saturday, March 21st

Summer Show Saturday, August 8th

Mannings Heath Village Hall, Golding Lane RH13 6JU

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RECIPES



Ovens vary - temperatures and cooking times shown may need to be adjusted for best results.

Use EITHER the metric OR the imperial measures given - do not mix them!

Abbreviations used : tsp = teaspoon, dsp = dessert spoon, Tbsp = tablespoon.

Recipe 1: Cheddar Pennies. Recipe makes 20 (can be frozen)

40g/1.5oz butter at room temperature, diced. 115g/4oz grated strong-flavoured cheddar cheese. 40g/1½oz plain flour, pinch of salt, pinch of chilli powder.

Method: Beat the butter until soft. Stir in the cheese, flour, salt and chilli powder, form a dough. Shape into a long cylinder about 3cm (1¼") in diameter. Wrap in baking parchment and chill for 1-2 hours. Preheat oven to **180C/fan**

160C/gas 4. Grease a baking sheet. Cut the dough into 5mm (¼") thick slices and place on baking sheet. Bake for about 12 minutes, until light golden brown. Remember ovens vary so keep an eye on them.

Recipe 2: Picnic Slices. Recipe makes 16 pieces (can be frozen)

8oz milk chocolate, 2oz butter, 4oz caster sugar, 1 beaten egg, 4oz desiccated coconut, 2oz sultanas, 2oz glacé cherries, chopped.

Method: Break the chocolate into pieces and melt in a basin over a pan of hot water, pour into the bottom of a greased/lined Swiss roll tin. Leave to set for 10 minutes in the fridge. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg, add the coconut, sultanas and cherries. Spread the mixture over the set chocolate. Bake in oven **150C/fan 130C/gas 2** for about 45 minutes until light golden brown but check after 35 minutes. Take out and allow to cool completely before marking into 16 slices.

Recipe 3: Cheddar, Chive and Ham Muffins (can be frozen)

270g self-raising flour, 1tsp baking powder, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 1/2 tsp English mustard powder, 100g strong cheddar cheese, coarsely grated, 50g wafer-thin ham, chopped, 2 Tbsp chopped fresh chives, 125ml milk, 150ml natural yoghurt, 1 egg.

Method: Preheat oven to **200C/fan 180C/gas 6.** Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases. Mix together the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, mustard powder, cheddar, ham and chives. Whisk the milk, yoghurt and egg together and mix into the flour mixture. Divide between the paper cases, bake for 20-25 mins until set and golden.

Recipe 4: Mocha Squares (can be frozen)

Cake: 8oz margarine, melted, 8oz granulated sugar, 8oz self-raising flour, 5oz porridge oats, 2oz cocoa powder. **Icing:** 2oz margarine, 1 teaspoon coffee essence (1 heaped tsp instant coffee dissolved in 1Tbsp hot water), 1Tbsp water, 8oz icing sugar.

Method: Preheat oven to **180C/fan 160C/gas 4**. Mix together the granulated sugar, flour, oats & cocoa powder. Add the melted margarine and mix together. Press into a greased tin (20 x 32 cm) and bake in the oven for approximately 15 minutes. **Icing:** Melt the margarine with the water & coffee essence. Stir in the sifted icing sugar and spread over the cooled cake. Cut into 2" squares.

Recipe 5: Mrs Darlington's Raspberry & Almond Slices.* Makes 12 Slices (can be frozen)

Pastry: 226g / 8oz plain flour, 113g / 4oz butter, cold water.

Almond Topping: 170g / 6oz granulated sugar, 113g / 4oz butter, 1 beaten egg, 1tsp almond essence, 170g / 6oz porridge oats, 28g / 1oz flaked almonds, ½ jar of raspberry jam.

Method: Preheat oven to **200C/fan 180C/gas 6**. Grease a 7" x 11" baking tin (swiss roll tin). Place the flour & butter into a bowl and rub in till the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Avoid overmixing. Slowly add the water until the mixture comes together in a ball. Wrap in cling film and place in fridge for 30 minutes. Melt 4oz of butter for the almond topping in a pan over a low heat, add the sugar, oats, egg and almond essence. Set aside. Roll out the pastry on a lightly-floured surface and line the baking tray (including the sides) with the pastry. Spread the raspberry jam over the base of the pastry. Pour the warmed butter & sugar mix over the jam and level with a knife. Sprinkle with flaked almonds. Bake for approximately 25-30 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool before cutting into 12 slices.

** recipe reproduced with the permission of Mrs Darlington.*

See: www.mrsdarlingtons.com (Jam available from Hillier's Farm Shop.)

Recipe 6: Marble Cake - Gentlemen's Class

120g unsalted butter softened, 170g caster sugar, 100g good quality dark chocolate, chopped, 2 eggs, 65g (2.2fl oz) sour cream, 1 tsp baking powder, 125ml milk, 225g of self-raising flour.

Method: Preheat oven to **170C/fan 150C/gas 3**. Grease and line a 1kg/2lb loaf tin. Melt the chocolate with 50ml of the milk in a bowl over simmering water. Beat the butter and sugar together, slowly beat in the eggs until well mixed. Sift the flour and baking powder. Mix the remaining milk with the sour cream. Fold ⅓rd of the flour into the egg mixture, then add ⅓rd of sour cream mixture. Repeat until all has been combined. Spoon half of this mixture into another bowl, add chocolate mix into one of the half mixtures. Spoon the mixture alternately into the tin, swirl the chocolate through with a skewer to give a distinctive marble appearance. Bake for approx 50 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 mins then turn out to cool completely.

Hints to Exhibitors

Read the **Entry Details** carefully. If they specify a number, size or weight, make sure that your entry complies.

Make your exhibit **look attractive**: If two equally good items are exhibited, the more attractively displayed one may take the prize. Where the rules call for several items in a single entry, try to match them for size and appearance.

Leave stems on **fruit exhibits**.

Soft fruits should be displayed on a plain white plate (which we can supply).

Roots: Wash and trim roots of onions, leeks (etc), but do not remove them entirely.

Onions should have their tops trimmed and tied. Raffia looks best, but string will do.

Shallots should be displayed on a bed of sharp sand in a container, and be topped, trimmed & tied.

Tomatoes: The calyx (the little green stalk bit), must not be removed.

Tomato trusses: The tomatoes in the truss can be a mix of ripe and unripe.

Courgettes & cucumbers can be displayed with or without attached flowers.

Sweetcorn should be stripped back to show the cob.

Take a ruler and measure your **Floral Art exhibit** to ensure that it fits within the stated measurements, in both height and area.

Try not to let the 'mechanics' be visible in any **Floral Art exhibit**.

Cookery: Judges will consider taste, texture and overall appearance. Always use the size of tin specified in the recipe. Tins are measured at the base. When lining tins use plain parchment paper. Before turning cakes out of tins, place a clean tea towel over the wire rack to prevent leaving imprints on the cake.

Preserves: Jars should be filled right to the top except chutney, where a gap should be left below the lid. All jars should be clear and clean, with no trade marks. Label to show full date when made. Details of tops required are shown with the individual show classes.

Flowers in vases can be kept upright and in position with chicken wire or crunched-up newspaper around the top of the vase.

If possible, **cut your flowers** two days before the Show, and stand stems in deep water.

Gladioli stems should be one-third tight bud, one-third just out and one-third fully out.

A **rose** which is perfect for showing too early can be cut and kept in a fridge till Show Day.



If you are uncertain, always ask someone for assistance in setting up your exhibit.

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Our Shows – the RULES!

1. Every horticultural exhibit shown, except for those in the Floral Art division, must have been grown by the exhibitor in his or her garden or allotment. The Committee shall have the power to examine any exhibitor's garden or allotment before or after a show. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.
2. Entry forms, fees, and exhibits for entries in a Show must be received as detailed in the Guide for each Show.
3. Time, date, place and setting-up times for 2026 Spring & Summer Shows are given on pages 7 & 15 respectively.
4. No exhibitor may have more than one entry in any class but other individual members of the same family may also enter in that class.
5. No exhibit shall be removed before the closing time for the show.
6. Any exhibitor having a complaint must bring it to the attention of the Committee not later than 30 minutes after the opening of the show to the public.
7. All horticultural exhibits will be judged according to the current edition of R.H.S. rules. Any imperial or metric equivalents quoted are approximate. All vegetable roots must be cleaned.
8. The judges shall have the power to withhold prizes, either because of insufficient entries or poor quality of exhibits, and also to award extra prizes if any exhibits are worthy of such distinction.
9. Any infringement of the rules renders the exhibitor liable to disqualification.
10. All cups and trophies must be returned at least one week before the appropriate show in the following year.
11. All exhibits, personal property, etc., shall be at the risk of the exhibitor and neither the Committee nor the Society shall be liable for any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.
12. Exhibitors are required to supply their own containers that do not show any trade marks or names.
13. Exhibitors are requested to name exhibits if possible.
14. The Society will seek to obtain member's permission for the Society to hold their personal details for the purpose of the normal running of the Society. The Society will not share this data with any third party.

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 21st March 2026, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm – Village Hall

Who can enter Anyone – this is an **OPEN** Show.

How to enter Bring your entries to the Village Hall **between 11:30 am and 1:15 pm** on Show Day. If possible, email Claire (manheathhortisoc@outlook.com) with your list of exhibits **by midday on Fri 20th March 2026**, as this would greatly help us to plan the table layouts – otherwise just turn up.

What then? Before staging your entries, payment for them is taken and entry cards issued to you for each exhibit. You will then be shown where to place them.

How much will it cost to enter?

Society members – 25p per entry

Non-members – 50p per entry

(why not become a member beforehand, as you then pay only 25p per entry?)

Young Persons' classes (41 to 43) – Free of charge



Can I get help in setting up my entries correctly?

Definitely! Between 11:30 and 1:15 pm when you arrive. Please do not hesitate to ask Claire or other committee members (see inside front cover) if you need help or guidance on Show rules, etc.

Do I have to hang around all day?

No. The Hall closes for judging between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

Come back after 3:00 pm to find out the winners and admire the displays.

Prize money?

1st prize **£1.00**

2nd prize **50p** All paid in our 'little brown envelopes'

3rd prize **25p**

No exhibitor may have more than one entry in any class, but other individuals from the same family may also enter in that class.

CUPS & TROPHIES

The **LANGRIDGE CUP** – Best exhibit in the whole show.

The **A E & I BARDEN CUP** – Most prize money in Daffodil classes (1 to 12)



There will be a raffle which will be drawn immediately following the prize-giving.

Also available : Tea – coffee – soft drinks – biscuits

SPRING SHOW COMPETITIONS

See our hints to exhibitors on page 3

TRUMPET: The cup (Trumpet) is **as long as or longer than** the petals

LARGE CUP: The cup is **shorter than** the petals (but longer than a Small Cup)

SMALL CUP: The cup is **not more than one third of the length** of the petals

CUT DAFFODILS - Without leaves

- 1 **Trumpet** - single variety - one colour - 3 stems
- 2 **Trumpet** - single variety - two or more colours - 3 stems
- 3 **Large or Small Cup** - single variety - one colour - 3 stems
- 4 **Large or Small Cup** - single variety - two or more colours - 3 stems
- 5 **Miniature** - any colour(s), single variety, bloom size not to exceed 50mm in diameter - 3 stems
- 6 **Any Five Stems**, any variety or varieties

ONE stem of a cut DAFFODIL - without leaves

- 7 **Trumpet** - single colour
- 8 **Trumpet** - two or more colours
- 9 **Large or Small Cup** - one colour
- 10 **Large or Small Cup** - two or more colours
- 11 **Double** - any colour
- 12 **Any other daffodil not listed above** - any colour

Cut TULIPS - with leaves

- 13 **THREE STEMS** - single variety - same colour
- 14 **THREE STEMS** - single variety - multicoloured
- 15 **ONE STEM** - specimen - any colour

One Container of Growing Plants

- 16 **ONE Orchid plant** - in bloom
- 17 **ONE plant** (other than an Orchid) - in bloom
- 18 **ONE plant** - foliage only
- 19 **ONE plant** - Succulent or Cactus



SPRING SHOW COMPETITIONS

Cut Flowers and Shrubs in any type of Vase

- 20 THREE STEMS – **Polyanthus**
- 21 THREE STEMS – **Hellebores**
- 22 THREE SPRAYS – **Heather**
- 23 ONE VASE – **Mixed Spring Flowers** with any foliage : max space 60cm (24")
- 24 ONE BLOOM – of a **Camellia**
- 25 THREE STEMS – **Hardy Shrub or Shrubs** – flowering or berry or foliage – of any variety
- 26 FIVE STEMS of **Muscari** (Grape Hyacinth)
- 27 SIX **Pansy** flower heads – displayed on a card



Floral Art

Note to Exhibitors :

Accessories are allowed – also note that the sizes quoted are the maximum allowed – yours can be smaller. We encourage exhibitors to use sustainable materials.

- 28 **Spring Fever** – An arrangement to celebrate Spring using flowers, fruit and foliage from any source. Max size 60cm x 60cm (24" x 24").
- 29 **Miniature** – An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers and foliage from any source. Overall size not more than 10cm (w) x 10cm (d) x 15cm (h) (4" x 4" x 6")
- 30 **Petite** – An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers and foliage from any source. Overall size not more than 25cm (w) x 25cm (d) x 37cm (h) (10"x10"x15")

Cookery and Preserves - please see hints on page 3

Note : Covers will be provided by us for cookery classes 34 to 38.

- 31 A jar of **Citrus Marmalade** (use a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover)
- 32 A jar of **Cooked Chutney** (use a new, vinegar-proof lid)
- 33 A jar of any **Citrus Curd** – not more than 4 weeks old (use waxed disc & cellophane cover)
- 34 **Three Savoury Scones** – made to your own recipe
- 35 **Three Cheddar Pennies** - made to our **recipe number 1**
- 36 **Three Picnic Slices** - made to our **recipe no 2**
- 37 **Coffee and Walnut Cake**, made to your own recipe (max 8" diameter tin)
- 38 **Three Chocolate Brownies** - made to your own recipe
- 39 A bottle of **home-made Alcoholic Liqueur**, labelled with **type** and **date made**
- 40 A bottle of **homemade Non-Alcoholic Drink**, labelled with **type** and **date made**



SPRING SHOW COMPETITIONS

Young persons up to 13 years

Note: Entry is free and no monetary prizes are awarded
– but in most years, each entrant is awarded some sweets!

- 41 An arrangement using flowers and foliage displayed in a jam jar
- 42 A handmade card in any medium
- 43 Decorate 3 digestive biscuits

Handicrafts

- 44 A knitted or crocheted item
- 45 A home-made card for Easter

*New
classes!*

Photography

Exhibitors - please note :

Maximum size of all photos is **A5** (148 × 210 mm or 8.3" x 5.8"), **including any mounting**.
Entries will be judged on both **interpretation of the subject** and **photographic quality**.
Photos must not have been entered in previous years' shows.

- 46 Tree Blossom in Spring
- 47 Downhill All The Way
- 48 Berries Galore
- 49 A Pot of

Mannings Heath Horticultural Society - Fuchsia Challenge 2026

Show **TWO OR MORE** entries in this year's Spring Show and get a **FREE** fuchsia plug plant that has been generously donated by

Village Nurseries at West Chiltington

Repot your plant and grow it on using your own method. Bring the result to the Summer Show on 8th August, when we shall see whose is the best. If you didn't enter the Show, you can still **buy** the fuchsia plug plants for 50p each.

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Congratulations to all these cup winners in the Spring and Summer Shows 2025

Spring Show

LANGRIDGE CUP <i>(Best exhibit in the whole Show)</i>	Andrew Ross
BARDEN CUP <i>(Most prize money in the Daffodil classes 1 - 11)</i>	Paul Dalby

Summer Show

BANKSIAN MEDAL <i>Most prize money in Horticultural classes.</i>	Paul Dalby
PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE CUP <i>Most prize money for Vegetables (1-26).</i>	Gordon Cooper
DOUGLAS MACKENZIE CUP <i>Best Vegetable exhibit (1-26).</i>	Gordon Cooper
PREWETT CHALLENGE CUP <i>Most prize money for Flowers (32-61)</i>	Claire Parkes
TOMALIN TROPHY <i>Best Flower exhibit (32-61).</i>	Jan Fitcher
DAVE HILLIAM MEMORIAL CUP <i>Best Dahlia exhibit (48-56).</i>	Claire Parkes
RON BESWICK CHALLENGE CUP <i>Best Rose exhibit (62-64).</i>	Kathy Gray
KELLAND CHALLENGE CUP <i>Most prize money in Floral Art (69-73).</i>	Marion Neden
E & D BATEMAN CUP <i>Best Floral Art exhibit (69-73).</i>	Marion Neden
WEDD FAMILY TROPHY <i>Best exhibit in Young Persons' classes (74-79).</i>	Amber Humphrey
GODSMARK CUP <i>Most prize money in Preserves (80-86)</i>	Carl Rusbridge
JOAN KELSEY CUP <i>Most prize money in Cookery (87-98).</i>	Emma Clifford
COLES CHALLENGE CUP <i>Most prize money in Handicrafts (99-107).</i>	Jane Gregory
JOAN BOWERS MEMORIAL CUP <i>Best exhibit in Handicrafts (99-107).</i>	Emma Clifford
BOB CLUBLEY CUP <i>Most prize money in Photography (108-113)</i>	Marion Neden
DANIELS TROPHY <i>Best Photograph (108-113)</i>	Marion Neden
MICKLEBURG CUP <i>Best exhibit in the whole show.</i>	Gordon Cooper



ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW

SUMMER SHOW

PRIZES, CUPS & TROPHIES

The **BANKSIAN MEDAL** is provided by the Royal Horticultural Society and awarded to the exhibitor gaining most prize money in Horticultural classes. Under the RHS rules the winners of the medal in the two previous years are not eligible in the current year.

The **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE CUP** – Most prize money for Vegetables (1-26).

The **DOUGLAS MACKENZIE CUP** – Best Vegetable exhibit (1-26).

The **PREWETT CHALLENGE CUP** – Most prize money for Flowers (32-61).

The **TOMALIN TROPHY** – Best Flower exhibit (32-61).

The **DAVE HILLIAM CUP** – Best Dahlia exhibit (48-56).

The **RON BESWICK CHALLENGE CUP** – Best Rose exhibit (62-64).

The **KELLAND CHALLENGE CUP** – Most prize money in Floral Art (69-73).

The **E & D BATEMAN CUP** – Best Floral Art exhibit (69-73).

The **WEDD FAMILY TROPHY** – Best exhibit in Young Persons' classes (74-78).

The **GODSMARK CUP** – Most prize money in Preserves (79-85).

The **JOAN KELSEY CUP** – Most prize money in Cookery (86-96).

The **COLES CHALLENGE CUP** – Most prize money in Handicrafts (97-105).

The **JOAN BOWERS MEMORIAL CUP** – Best exhibit in Handicrafts (97-105).

The **BOB CLUBLEY CUP** – Most prize money in Photography (106-111).

The **DANIELS TROPHY** – Best Photograph (106-111).

The **MICKLEBURG CUP** – Best exhibit in the whole show.



ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW

SATURDAY 8th August 2026 – 2 pm to 4 pm – Village Hall

Who can enter

Anyone – this is an **OPEN** Show and everyone is very welcome.

How to enter

We need to plan in advance where to put everything, before you bring your entries on Show Day, so **YOU** need to let us know in advance what you are going to enter.

The Entry Form

List the entries you wish to make on the **Entry Form** – a separate form for each person entering, please! (*Photocopied forms accepted*). Then deliver **on or before Wednesday 5th August**:

EITHER: By hand or by post with your entry fee to: Kate Hilliam, Winterpick Cottage, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath, RH13 6NA

OR: by email to The Show Secretary, Claire Parkes, on:

manningsheathshowsec@outlook.com and ask her how to pay by internet banking.

On Show Day

Bring your entries to the Village Hall between 8:30 am and 10:15 am.

What then?

You will find that an **Entry Card** for each of your entries has been placed where we want **YOU** to place each of your exhibits. Please ask if you can't find your card or don't know where to place your entry.

How much will it cost to enter?

Society members – 25p per entry

Non-members – 50p per entry (*why not become a member beforehand, as you then pay only 25p per entry?*)

Young persons' classes – No charge to enter

Can I get help in setting up my entries correctly? Of course! Between 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

Do I have to hang around all day?

No. The Hall closes for judging between 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Come back at 2:00 pm for the results, to see if you have won a prize, and also to admire the displays.

Prize money? **1st – £1.00 2nd – 50p 3rd – 25p** All paid in our 'little brown envelopes'



There will be a raffle – the draw will take place at about 3:30 pm, after the prizes have been awarded



Tea – coffee – soft drinks – home-made cakes

MANNINGS HEATH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW - SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2026

ENTRY FORM - can be photocopied

Completed forms (**one form per person**) **WITH ENTRY FEES** to Kate Hilliam, Winterpick Cottage, Winterpit Lane, RH13 6NA on or before **Wednesday 5th August** - or email them to **Claire Parkes** on : manningsheathshowsec@outlook.com and ask her how to pay by bank transfer.

Please enter me in the following competitions (*inc the Fuchsia Challenge if relevant, though that class is FREE to enter*) – write one class in each box. No exhibitor may have more than 1 entry in any class, but other individual members of the same family may also enter in that class.

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Total entries

at 25p per entry for members / 50p for non-members

Total cash ----->

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Membership no. ----->

Name Email / phone (optional)

Address

Young persons' competitions (Classes 74 to 78) - free of charge

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Young person's name

Age

Address

All reasonable care will be taken of the exhibits, but the Committee
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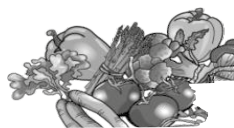
SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

See our hints to exhibitors on page 3

Vegetables

Where possible please state the **VARIETY** of the vegetable you are entering – thank you.

- 1 Three coloured **Potatoes**
- 2 Three white **Potatoes**
- 3 Three **Spring Onions** (untrimmed, with roots attached).
- 4 Five **French Beans**
- 5 Five **Runner Beans**
- 6 Three **Beetroot** (tops trimmed to 75mm (3"))
- 7 Three **Carrots** (tops trimmed to 75mm (3"))
- 8 Two **Cabbages** (stalks trimmed to 50mm (2"))
- 9 Three **Garlic Bulbs**
- 10 Two **Marrows (state variety)**, length not exceeding 350mm (14")
- 11 Three **Courgettes** (with or without flowers).
- 12 Three **Onions** - max weight 250 grams each (tops should be trimmed and tied).
- 13 Three **Onions** - each over 250 grams (tops should be trimmed and tied).
- 14 Six **Pickling Shallots**, 30mm maximum diameter (tops should be trimmed and tied).
- 15 Six **Exhibition Shallots**, over 30mm diameter (tops should be trimmed and tied).
- 16 Six small **Tomatoes** (maximum diameter 35mm).
- 17 Six medium **Tomatoes** (36 to 65 cm).
- 18 Two **Beefsteak Tomatoes**. (66mm or greater)
- 19 One complete **Truss of Cherry** or **Small Plum Tomatoes** (can include ripe and unripe fruit).
- 20 Two **Cucumbers** (with or without flowers).
- 21 Two **Sweet Peppers**.
- 22 Two **Chilli Peppers**.
- 23 Three **vegetables of one kind not listed above**.
- 24 **Bean Race** - A bundle of 5 runner beans, *judged on total length!*



SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

Vegetable Collections

25 A Basket of Vegetables for a Cook – minimum of 3 different kinds, presented in a basket. To be judged on presentation, quality & variety.

26 A Collection of any three items, in a tray, chosen from classes 1 - 22



Fruit

27 One plate (supplied by us) of **10 Soft Fruits**, one kind

28 One plate (supplied by us) of **3 Stoned Fruits** (eg plums)

29 Three **Cooking Apples**

30 Three **Dessert Apples**

31 One bunch containing four named **Culinary Herbs** in a vase (Note: no flowers please)

Cut Flowers in any sort of vase

32 One vase of **Perennial Flowers**, five stems, any variety or varieties

33 One vase of **Annual Flowers**, five stems of one kind

34 One vase of five stems of **Mixed Annuals**, foliage allowed

35 One specimen **Gladiolus**

36 Three stems of **Sunflowers**

37 Three **Hydrangea** blooms

38 Three stems of **geraniums**

39 Three **Hosta** leaves

40 Three stems of **Japanese Anemones**

41 Five stems of **French Marigolds**

42 Five stems of **Sweet Peas**

43 Five **Floating Flower Heads** (single variety) in a container of water of maximum diameter 25 cm (10")



Cut Flowers and Foliage

44 Mixed Foliage, judged for quality, variety and general effect. Space allowed 75cm x 75cm (30" x 30")

45 Mixed Flowers, judged for quality, variety and general effect. Space allowed 75cm x 75cm (30" x 30")

46 Three stems of a **Flowering Shrub** in bloom – one variety

47 Six **Fuchsia Flower Heads** – displayed on a card – one or more varieties

SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS



Decorative



Water Lily



Cactus



**Miniature Ball
/Pompom**



Collarette



Single

Cut Dahlias in any sort of vase

48 Three stems of **Decorative** or **Water Lily Dahlias**

49 One stem of a **Decorative** or **Water Lily Dahlia**

50 Three stems of **Cactus Dahlias**

51 One stem of a **Cactus Dahlia**

52 Three stems of **Miniature Ball** or **Pom-Pom Dahlias** – blooms of any size

53 One stem of **Miniature Ball** or **Pom-Pom Dahlia** – bloom of any size

54 Three stems of any other **Dahlias** not listed above

(such as **Single** or **Collarette**)

55 One stem of any other **Dahlia** not listed above

(such as **Single** or **Collarette**)

56 Five stems of **Mixed Dahlias** – any type(s)

SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

One Container of Growing Plants

- 57 ONE plant – **in bloom** (not an Orchid)
- 58 ONE **Orchid** plant – **in bloom**
- 59 ONE plant – **foliage only**
- 60 ONE plant – **Succulent or Cactus**
- 61 ONE **Fuchsia** (but not your Fuchsia Challenge plant!)



→ **Note: The Fuchsia Challenge is Class 112 (see page 27). Please remember to include your Fuchsia Challenge exhibit on your entry form (there is no charge for this class).**

Roses

- 62 One **rose**, any colour, judged on **scent** only
- 63 A vase containing one stem of **Cluster** (floribunda) **Roses**
- 64 One **specimen Rose**

A Chance for NOVICES to “Have a Go”

Novice entries 65 to 68 are only for exhibitors who have not already won a FIRST prize in the relevant division (in this show, that means vegetables, flowers, floral art and cookery) in any previous show promoted by this society.

- 65 **Two Vegetables** of one kind
- 66 A vase of **Mixed Flowers** – grown in your garden
- 67 **Floral Art** – a flower arrangement
- 68 **Three Fruit Scones** - made to your own recipe

Floral Art

Note to Exhibitors:

Accessories are allowed in all classes. In Classes 69-71 the height of your exhibit is optional. Also note that the sizes quoted are the maximum allowed – yours may be smaller.

- 69 **‘In an English Country Garden’**: An exhibit using fresh seasonal flowers and foliage from any source. Max size 50cm x 50cm (20” x 20”)
- 70 **‘Out of the Ordinary’** An exhibit in an unusual container using fresh or dried flowers and foliage from any source. Maximum size 50cm x 50cm (20” x 20”)
- 71 **‘Hot and Spicy’** An exhibit using either fresh or dried flowers, berries, fruit, vegetables, and foliage from any source. Maximum size 50cm x 50cm (20” x 20”)
- 72 **‘Petite’** – an arrangement using fresh or dried flowers and foliage from any source. Overall size not over 25cm (w) x 25cm (d) x 37cm (h). (10” x 10”x 15”)
- 73 **‘Miniature’** – Fresh or dried flowers and foliage from any source. Overall size not over 10cm (w) x 10cm (d) x 15cm (h) (4” x 4” x 6”)

SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

Young persons – Up to 13 years of age

Note: Entry is free and no monetary prizes are awarded – but in most years each entrant is awarded some sweets!

- 74 **Make a bug hotel using an item that can be saved from going in the bin. For example, milk carton, toilet rolls or a water bottle.**



- 75 **A miniature garden in a seed tray :** made from any combination of natural materials. Max size 21cm x 29.7cm (A4)

- 76 **Design a poster to advertise the MHHS Spring Show, 20th March 2027**

- 77 **Make and decorate 3 cupcakes**

- 78 **A painted pebble**

Preserves - see hints on page 6

- 79 **A Jar of Citrus Marmalade** - use either a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover

- 80 **A Jar of Raspberry Jam** - use either a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover

- 81 **A Jar of Strawberry Jam** - use either a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover

- 82 **A Jar of any other Jam except Chilli jam** - use either a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover



- 83 **A jar of jelly**, any variety - use either a new twist top or a waxed disc with cellophane cover

- 84 **A jar of citrus curd** – not more than 4 weeks old - use a waxed disc and cellophane cover

- 85 **A jar of cooked chutney** - use a new, vinegar proof lid

SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

Cookery

Note – covers will be provided!

See our
hints to
exhibitors
on page 3

- 86 3 Vegetable Samosas – using your own recipe
- 87 3 Cheddar, Chive & Ham Muffins - made to recipe number 3
- 88 Traditional Victoria Sandwich – made to your own '3 egg' recipe. 7" tin size, raspberry jam and a light dusting of caster sugar
- 89 3 Mocha Squares - made to recipe number 4
- 90 A Dundee Cake - made using your own recipe (Max size 8")
- 91 3 Shortbread Biscuits - made using your own recipe
- 92 3 Raspberry and Almond Slices (Mrs Darlington's) - made to recipe number 5
- 93 Gentlemen only : Marble Cake in a 2lb loaf tin – made to recipe no. 6



Bread Making

- 94 A loaf of bread – handmade, made to your own recipe
- 95 A loaf of bread – machine made
- 96 3 Chelsea Buns - made to your own recipe



Handicrafts *Note: Entries must not have been entered in previous years' shows.*

- 97 An item of patchwork or appliqué. Max size 75cm x75cm (30" x 30")
- 98 A stuffed toy.
- 99 'Something New from Something Old' – An item made from recycled material.
- 100 A handmade paper craft item (not a card)
- 101 A newly knitted or crocheted item.
- 102 A framed drawing or painting in any medium. Please display on a stand if possible. Max size 45cm x 45cm (18" x 18")
- 103 A greetings card.
- 104 A hand-made Christmas decoration
- 105 Any other handicraft not included above.



SUMMER SHOW COMPETITIONS

Photography

Exhibitors - please note :

Maximum size of all photos : **A5** (14.8cm × 21.0cm or 8.3" x 5.8"), **including any mounting**. Entries will be judged on both **interpretation of the subject** and **photographic quality**. Photos must not have been entered in previous years' shows.

106 Garden Pest

107 Something beginning with 'J'

108 Paws and Claws

109 A Country Event

110 Orange

111 Under Your Feet



Fuchsia Challenge 2026

- 112** Bring along the fuchsia plant that you obtained at the Spring Show as a plug plant to see whose is the best, and who needs to try a little harder next year!
Please remember to include this on your entry form! (No entry fee for this class)

**The fuchsia plugs were kindly supplied by
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Dates for your diary in 2026

All are welcome to all events (including non-members). Entry is normally free. All events are at Mannings Heath Village Hall, at 7:30 pm for 7:45 pm start, except where shown.

February	Thurs 12 th	Talk: "Out on a Limb". With over 20 years' experience, Lesley Baker will describe her life as a tree surgeon.
March	Tues 10 th	Inter-Society Quiz Night, hosted by Horsham Horticultural Society, at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham RH13 6BD. Please come and support your team! Starts at 7:30 pm sharp! Aim to be seated before then.
March	Sat 21 st	Spring Show - Times & details on page 7
April	Thurs 9 th	Talk: "Clare's Chillies". Clare will explain how to grow chillies, will give tips and techniques and will also bring along some plug plants to sell.
May / June		Garden visit: Details nearer the time
August	Sat 8 th	Summer Show - Times & details on page 15
September	Thurs 10 th	Talk: Wey and Arun Canal - David Beadman, a volunteer for the Wey and Arun Canal will discuss the history, route and design of the Wey and Arun canal, and the current progress rebuilding it, providing a green corridor through the countryside. He will illustrate the benefits of the canal for the local flora and fauna.
October	Thurs 8 th	AGM followed by another activity (Details nearer the time)
November	Thurs 12 th	Illustrated talk: "A Day in the Life of a Ranger". Steve Webster on how varied being a Countryside Ranger and Conservationist can be.