



2026 GUIDE - SHOWS and EVENTS

Our 96th year

Spring Show

Saturday, March 21st

Mannings Heath Village Hall, Golding Lane RH13 6JU

Family Membership – By Donation

Member's name :

Address :

Membership number :

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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.

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.



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 manningsheathshowsec@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**



Trumpet



Large Cup



Small Cup



Double



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 Chiltoningon

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 Futcher
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

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MANNINGS HEATH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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.

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| 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. |