



**GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP
WINNER:**

Laila Al-Shaikh



Do you
know
someone
with a lovely
garden?
Or are you
pleased with
one section
of your own
plot?



Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year
to Bethersden
Gardeners

We thank all our members for their support in 2025 and look forward to an exciting programme for 2026. See you at the Ploughman's lunch on 14 February.

For further information on the Society, go to our website:

bethersden-gardeners.org.uk

Or contact either secretary (Jackie or Helen)
via **bethersden.gardeners@gmail.com**



**DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP
WINNER:**

Paul Millen



**Entrants needed for next year please!
Any suggestions for awarding the cups
in the future?**

What an achievement!

We asked for chrysanthemums this year as the J.T. Adams cup hadn't been awarded for several years. Several members rose to the challenge, including Tina Rooks who won three trophies with her gorgeous flowers.



We're still challenging you to grow a cauliflower.

A few people said they tried this year, but the timing wasn't quite right. Lets try again to get a beautiful cauli on our show bench!



Plan your growing for the shows!

Spring Show - Saturday 11 April (eve)
Plant Exchange - Saturday 9 May
Summer Show - Saturday 11 July
Autumn Show - Saturday 12 Sept.

Looking ahead to 2026

We're tweaking a few classes in the shows next year:

We're adding an 'any vegetable' class to the spring show for those who have sprouting broccoli, leeks, spring greens or even early peas.



The decorated cakes look stunning. Look at Susan Scullard's winning contribution this year. There are lots of cake makers in the society, lets see your skill next time - you might win £10....

The theme for the 'Top Cake' in the Summer show is "Sport" - reflecting the Wimbledon finals and the football World Cup at the time of the show.

We've also added a 'specimen vegetable' in the autumn in response to several requests. Plus a basket of fruit and veg to show off your produce in a less formal way than the trays.

See the schedule or website in February for details of all the shows and competitions.

Events in 2025

We enjoyed three trips: to Leonardslee (below), Goddard's Green & Dean House. Plus interesting speakers and excellent food at our social events.



Join our trips in 2026:

Old Rectory, Otterden car share - 8 May
Tram Hatch, Charing car share - 16 June
RHS Hyde Hall Gardens coach trip - 12 August
Reserve your place with Jeanette on 07729 418275, or email j.l.jahnz@btinternet.com