

Hartley & District Horticultural Society

July Update

Dear Fellow Gardener

Hope you are continuing to enjoying this lovely sunny weather and we look forward to seeing you at our July meeting.

9 July - Preparing for the Show with John Hughes

John is an RHS judge and is also our regular judge for our autumn show. He was a member of our society and committee some years ago. Come along and hear his friendly and straightforward advice on how to enter a show. His wealth of knowledge and good-humoured advice will help you understand what judges look for and how to improve your exhibits.

Society Events

Back Bamboo – at Beth Chatto

This was Black Bamboo *Phyllostachys nigra* in flower at Beth Chatto. It may not look impressive with grass type flowers but it is a once in a lifetime event. They only flower once after 120 years then all die. Look out for it at your garden centre but buyer beware!"
Chris Cook"



June Meeting – Evening Summer Show

Thank you to Jill and Brenda and the team for putting on the show and all our members who entered and visited





Congratulation to our Winners

Moore Cup	Most points in sweet pea classes 8 – 9	Sue Zoghob & Jenny Roberts
Baillie Cup	Most points in flower and vegetable classes 1 - 23	Frances Moore
Frank Tate Rose Bowl	Most points in rose classes 1-7	Kay Turner
Bert Rich Cup	Most points in perennial classes 13-14	Jenny Roberts
Charles Edwards Trophy	Winner of class 6 Rose in three stages of development	Roy Cammack
Jubilee Cup	Hartley Flower Club – Best in Show	Marjorie Smith & Jean Hoar
Eva Edwards Memorial cup	Hartley Flower Club Winner of Petite Class 26	Jean Hoar
£5 gift voucher	Marigolds in Flower	Steve Tough
£5 gift voucher	Photography – A single Red Flower	Susan George

Thanks to all who helped put away the tables and chairs - this is a big job at the end of a long evening – much appreciated

Fawkham and Hartley Church Fete – June 2025

Thank you to Jenny R, Frances, Martin, Jill, Sylvia, Sue C and Sue Z who manned the plant stall and to all those who donated plants for the church fete. We raised £312.30 - Sue Facey from the fete committee would like to thank everyone for doing this. Another successful but very hot day.

New Ash Green Village Day - June 2025

Thank you to Francis, Martin, Jenny R, Sylvia, Sue C, Kay, Vic and Elaine who helped at village day. This was a new event for us to promote the society locally.

“Sylvia put some smiles on children’s faces – with the nasturtium seed sowing, 3 ladies were delighted with their raffle prizes, and we might have some new members. Apart from the fact it was a bit hot a good day all round.” Jenny R



Sorry Sylv only got to top of your head!!

Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies – Summer Show June 25

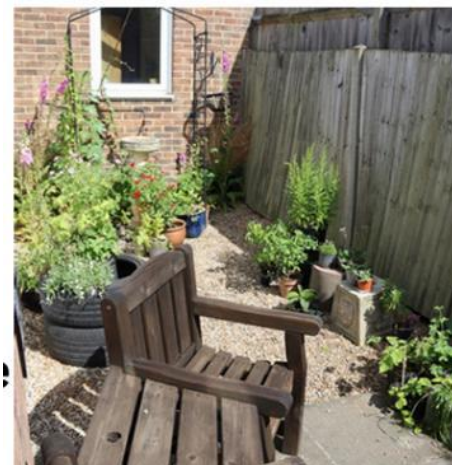
Huge congratulations to Frances and Martin for entering the Kent Federation Summer Show on behalf of our society. Jenny R's preserve and Sue Z's very small pot made an appearance alongside Frances' and Martin's flowers. Frances said "it was so hot it was difficult to keep the flowers from wilting, we were delighted to be second with a prize of £15 which will go in club funds".



Thank you for turning the Hartley Library Reading Garden from this into this in just one year



Elaine, Brenda and Chris have made fantastic progress at the reading garden at Hartley Library. They are looking for further plant donations of sun loving plants in mauve, white and pink if possible. Offers of help to maintain the garden are welcome. Please email committee@hartleyhortsoc.org.uk or speak to them at meetings.



Advance notice

Thornton House

Our members David and Susan Conroy are opening their garden once again for the Ellenor Hospice on 31st August from 2 pm to 5 pm. There is a performance by the Rock Choir at 3pm
Thornton House, Gorsewood Road, Hartley, DA3 7DE Entry £5 pp

Great Comp Flower Show - 9 and 10 August 25 from 10am – 5pm

More details – www.greatcomparden.co.uk

Hever Castle Festival Theatre Season 2025

https://www.heverfestival-tickets.co.uk/event_listing.aspx

Andrew's helianthemums - Despite the dry weather, the Helianthemums are still flourishing here in Hartley, Kent, and once again this year I have a wide selection of named cultivars available for sale, many of which are becoming scarce and not commonly available. I continue to be a hobbyist grower and propagate a small selection each year to maintain the collection of which continues to have over 120 named cultivars, with excess stock available to encourage people to continue growing Helianthemums. my current list of plant availability - <https://www.helianthemums.co.uk/mailorder/>

Local Garden Society Events

Chalk Gardeners

11 July – Growing Flowers for Cutting – Sophie Leathart

Chalk Parish Hall, Chalk. 7.30 pm

www.chalkvillagegardenersclub.co.uk

Southfleet Gardeners

Tuesday, 8th July at 7.30 pm - 'Mystery Speaker' - 'A Year in My Garden'.

Saturday, 2 August – Summer Show and Fete

Southfleet Village Hall, Southfleet

Ightham & District Gardeners Club

Saturday, 12 July – Ightham Village Hall – Summer Show

Show entry is open to on members – open for visitors from midday

Plant stall, raffle and refreshments

For a show schedule contact Pippa on 01732 883041

Istead Rise Gardeners

7 August – Social Evening – 7.30 pm

Memorial Hall, Lewes Road, Istead Rise DA13 9JQ

Meopham Gardeners

11 August at 8 pm – Clematis Through the Seasons – Everett Leeds

Meopham Village Hall, Wrotham Road, Meopham DA13 0AT

Stansted & Fairseat Horticultural Society

Stansted Village Hall

Other Events

Stansted Village Market – Thursday, 7 August 2025 at 10 am – 12 noon

Come and enjoy a leisurely tea or coffee with homemade cakes in a friendly setting at Stansted Village Hall. Plants, preserves, cards and more will be on sale.

Update - Jenny R's contact number 07754 604239 (her home phone is no more!)

Member Benefits

- Notice Board and Seed Swap at meetings
- Provender Discount Card – speak to Sue Z
Here is their latest newsletter with Drought tolerant plant options and watering tips
https://www.provendernurseries.co.uk/newsletters/view/418/5841045/42f1a55de0dafd987cee7631b27cc5507d911b3a?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Drought+tolerant+plants+and+irri&utm_content=newsletter+418&utm_source=GardenConnect+CMS+-+Newsletters&utm_term=View+this+newsletter+in+your+browser
- RHS 50% entry discount card for two members – speak to Sue Z
Jenny R's son Andrew has plants in the Helianthemum trial beds
- Local Society events – for more information please see notice board at meetings
- See more news and information on our updated website - www.hartleyhortsoc.org.uk

Best wishes and Happy Gardening

Sue Z

On behalf of Jenny R, Keith, Frances, Elaine, Chris, Kay, Sue C, Jill, Brenda and Sylvia

Please let us know if you have anything of a gardening nature to share with our members.

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