

LHS Programme for 2026

Doors open at 7.30pm and meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated.
All talks are held in the Jennings Hall and all Shows in the Community Centre.

Feb 6 th	William Robinsons Wild Garden at Gravetye by Fiona Humphreys.
March 6 th	Willow Weaving Demonstration and How to Grow Willow by John Waller.
March 28 th	Spring Show Staging 1.45-2.30 pm, Judging by members ballot 2.30-3.00 pm, Mystery activity whilst the results are totalled, Presentation of Awards at 3.30pm.
April May 1 st	Spring Flower Walk – details in the newsletter. Plant Sale preparations 6.00pm to 7.30 pm Donations welcome to Jennings Hall.
May 2 nd	Plant Sale 10.00am to 12.00 noon.
June 5 th June	Why the Ashdown Forest is Special by Ash Walmsley. Gardens visit, to be confirmed in Newsletter.
July 11 th	Summer Show, Staging 10.00-12.00 noon, Judging from 12.00 noon, Public View from 2.00 pm, Presentation of awards at 3.00 pm.
Sept 12 th	Autumn and Dahlia Show Staging 1.45 to 2.45pm, Judging from 2.45 – 3.45pm. Quiz from 2.45pm, Presentation of awards at 4.00 pm.
Oct. 2 nd Nov. 6 th Dec. 4 th	Introducing Biodynamic Gardening by Nir Halfon. Fascinating Fungi by Iona Fraser Social evening and AGM

If you would like transport to a meeting please contact a Committee Member.

The Society runs a raffle at most events to augment Society funds.
Please support the raffle.

Show Awards

Spring Show - The Fallowlands Cup
will be awarded to the winner gaining most points from Classes 1 to 5 inclusive.

Summer Show - The following Trophies will be awarded to those gaining most points in the respective Sections:

Section One -	LHS Perpetual Challenge Cup
Section Two -	Lingfield Garden Cup
Section Three -	President's Cup
Section Four -	LHS Kitchen Craft Salver
Section Five -	LHS Craft Salver
Section Six -	A selection of prizes will be awarded

The Lingfield Horticultural Society Rose Bowl will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 25 to 28 inclusive.

The Anniversary Cup is awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the summer show excluding winners of other trophies.

The Centenary Trophy will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Horticultural Classes (1 to 33).

Autumn Show

A Dahlia Society Silver Medal and Certificate are awarded for the best exhibit of Dahlias.

A Dahlia Society Bronze Certificate is awarded for the next best exhibit of Dahlias.

The following two Awards are presented at the AGM

The Secretary's Shield is awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points combined from the Spring and Autumn Shows.

If our application to the Royal Horticultural Society for the Grant of a Banksian Medal is successful it will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in the Horticultural Classes combined from all three Shows. Winners of the Banksian Medal for the previous two years are ineligible for this award.

An Award of Merit Certificate will be awarded to the competitors at each show.

Show Rules

- 1 All competitors must guarantee that their exhibits have been grown in their own gardens or allotments, or have been made by themselves.
- 2 No competitor shall be present during the judging of the exhibits.
- 3 No person shall be allowed to exhibit more than one entry in any one Class. Only one entry in any one Class will be accepted from the same garden.
- 4 The Judges are empowered by the Committee to withhold any prizes or points if they consider that the exhibits are not sufficient in number or quality to merit an award.
- 5 If an exhibitor has a protest about the management of the Show they shall lodge it with a Committee member on the day of the Show. The protest will be considered by a quorum of the Committee.
- 6 Vases and plates will be provided by the Society.
- 7 The Society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage to exhibits, personal property etc. from any cause whatsoever.
- 8 The Stewards reserve the right to move any exhibit on the staging table to ensure that all exhibits have equal prominence.
- 9 Each entry form shall be used by one competitor only.
- 10 Any disputes not covered by the above Rules will be settled by a quorum of the Committee.
- 11 Artificial flowers are NOT permitted. All cut stems to be in water or water-retaining material etc. but not floral foam (Oasis). Materials may be purchased and need not be home grown.

POINTS

FIRST	6 points will be awarded
SECOND	5 points will be awarded
THIRD	4 points will be awarded

All exhibits MUST conform to the Schedule

Entry forms for the Summer Show to be emailed to Show_Entries@gmx.com or posted at 3 Bakers Lane, Lingfield by 8.00pm Tuesday before the show to be a valid entry.

Entry is free and open to members and non-members alike.

Spring Show Schedule

- Notes: The vases belonging to the Society are to be used in all appropriate Classes.
Class 16 need not have been grown in a container and can be dug from the garden.
† Pots not to exceed 200 mm internal rim diameter.
‡ Artificial flowers are NOT permitted. All cut stems to be in water or water-retaining material etc. but not floral foam (Oasis). Floral art materials may be purchased and need not be home grown.

Classes

- 1 Vase of Standard Single Daffodils / Narcissi, 1 variety, 3 stems.
- 2 Vase of Standard Double Daffodils / Narcissi, 1 variety, 3 stems.
- 3 Vase of Multi-headed Daffodils / Narcissi, 1 variety, 3 stems.
- 4 Vase of Daffodils / Narcissi, mixed varieties, 5 stems.
- 5 Vase of Miniature or Species Daffodils / Narcissi, can be mixed, 3 stems.
- 6 Vase of Dwarf / Species Tulips, 1 variety, 3 stems.
- 7 Vase of Standard Tulips, 1 variety, 3 stems.
- 8 Vase of mixed Cut Flowers, can include daffodils/narcissi and tulips.
- 9 Hellebores, 3 blooms, can be mixed, no foliage, heads arranged in a dish of water-retaining material not floral foam (Oasis).
- 10 Flowering Shrubs, three sprays, from different species.
- 11 Shrubs, three sprays, from different species, judged for foliage.
- 12 † Pot of flowering bulbs.
- 13 † Pot plant – flowering.
- 14 † Pot plant – judged for foliage.
- 15 † Pot plant – Cactus or Succulent.
- 16 † A rooted exhibit of Primula / Polyanthus.
- 17 An exhibit of Seasonal Vegetables.
- 18 Culinary Herbs – three varieties in a vase, no flowers.
- 19 A Photograph entitled 'New Beginnings'.
- 20 An Art or Craft item, made and not previously shown by the exhibitor, to be displayed within 500 mm table space, height optional.
- 21 ‡ An arrangement of Spring Flowers with any foliage, 500 x 500 mm, height optional- viewed from the front.
Young People's classes (for under 16s)
- 22 ‡ A flower arrangement in a jam jar.
- 23 Design a plant label.

A Pumpkin Seed and a Loofah plant will be available to grow on for judging at the Autumn Show the winner will be the heaviest Pumpkin/longest Loofah.

Summer Show Schedule

Section One – Vegetables and Fruit

Notes Cauliflowers, lettuces or root vegetables must be exhibited with a minimum of 50 mm of their own stalk, root or base. Plates will be available for use where appropriate.
All soft fruit with stalks intact

Class

- 1 Potatoes, 4 of any one variety.
- 2 Runner Beans, 6 pods.
- 3 French / Dwarf Beans, 6 pods.
- 4 Tomatoes, 10 cherry, 1 variety (35 mm diameter maximum).
- 5 Carrots, 4 of any one variety.
- 6 Beetroots, 4.
- 7 Courgettes, 3.
- 8 Cucumber, 1.
- 9 Trug, box or basket of mixed vegetables displayed within a maximum area of 460 x 610 mm.
- 10 Any unusual vegetable(s), 1 variety, not mentioned in Classes 1 to 8.
- 11 Culinary Herbs, four varieties in a vase, no flowers.
- 12 Gooseberries, 10 fruits.
- 13 Black Currants, 10 strigs (bunches).
- 14 Any other soft fruit.

Section Two – Flowers and Shrubs

Note Perennial (woody herbaceous) definition – “Plants which have an annual growth, which flower, seed and die back, to grow again from the same permanent stock each Spring”.
Pot plants in classes 29-32 must always be grown and kept in a pot, one plant per pot, and be cared for by the exhibitor for at least six months.
All exhibits in Class 33 must have been planted by the exhibitor

Class

- 15 Sweet Peas, annual, 6 spikes can be mixed.
- 16 Vase of 6 stems of Pinks and / or Carnations.
- 17 Vase of 3 stems of Cosmos.
- 18 Vase of 3 stems of Phlox.
- 19 Vase of 3 Dahlias, can be mixed.
- 20 Vase of mixed cut flowers (can include Roses).

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Autumn and Dahlia Show Schedule

Classes

- 26 Shrubs, 3 sprays, mixed, judged for foliage.
- 27 Pot plant – flowering, maximum 200 mm internal rim diameter pot.
- 28 Pot plant – foliage, maximum 200 mm internal rim diameter pot.
- 29 Culinary herbs – four varieties in a vase, no flowers.
- 30 A Craft item not previously exhibited (maximum 700 mm overall).
- 31 A photograph of 'Fungi'.
- 32 A dried floral arrangement not to exceed 600x600mm.
- 33 A flower arrangement in a candle stick.
- 34 Longest loofah – plants available at the Spring Show.

Young people under 16

- 35 Heaviest Pumpkin – Seeds available at the Spring Show.
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Autumn Show Entry Form

Staging from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.

Name

Address

Age (if under 16)

Please indicate classes to be entered.

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Entry forms to be submitted on the day of the Show
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Classes

- 21 Five stems of annuals, can be mixed..
- 22 Clematis, 4 blooms, no foliage, heads arranged in a bowl
- 23 Perennials, 4 stems, mixed.
- 24 Flowering shrub, 1 spray.
- 25 A single specimen Rose bloom, large flowered (HT-type).
- 26 Cluster flowered (floribunda-type) Rose, 2 stems, 1 or more varieties.
- 27 A single Rose judged for fragrance only.
- 28 A display of 5 Rose blooms in own container, any varieties, with own foliage.
- 29 Orchid, maximum 200 mm diameter pot.
- 30 Fuchsia, maximum 200 mm diameter pot.
- 31 Flowering plant (excluding Classes 29 and 30), maximum 200 mm diameter plant pot.
- 32 Foliage, maximum 200 mm diameter pot.
- 33 A bowl garden of Cacti and / or Succulents.

Section Three – Floral Art

Notes Artificial flowers are NOT permitted. All cut stems to be in water or water-retaining material, but not floral foam (Oasis) Materials may be purchased and need not be home grown, arrangements will be viewed from the front only.

Classes

- 34 An arrangement of flowers in a basket – 450 x 450 mm, height optional.
- 35 An arrangement of fresh foliage – 450 x 450 mm, height optional.
- 36 An arrangement of summer flowers and foliage – 450 x 450 mm, height optional.
- 37 A miniature arrangement in a shell up to 100mm overall.

Section Four – Kitchen Craft

Notes Home-made jam and marmalade – fill jar to top, use plain jars and cover with wax disc and transparent jam pot covers only.
Home-made bread and cakes – these are judged on flavour, crust and texture. External appearance judged on shape, colour and uniformity.
Home-made chutney – use plastic or plastic coated covers.
Exhibitors may use their own plates for Classes 42 to 47, but paper plates will be available if preferred. All food items (Classes 42 to 47) to be covered with cling film or similar.

Classes

- 38 One jar of fruit jam.
- 39 One jar of lemon curd.
- 40 One jar of marmalade (citrus fruit to be used).
- 41 One jar of chutney, any variety.
- 42 A ginger cake.
- 43 Treacle tart not iced.
- 44 5 Cheese Straws.
- 45 A bottle of non-alcoholic drink.
- 46 3 Fruit Scones.
- 47 4 Chocolate brownies.

Section Five – Craft

Note Entries in this Section must not have been previously exhibited at a Lingfield Horticultural Society show and must have been made by the exhibitor.

Classes

- 48 A photograph of raindrops on roses.
- 49 A limerick with a lily pad as the theme.
- 50 A Greetings Card- can be computer generated.
- 51 Design a new Lingfield Gardening cCub logo – can be computer generated.
- 52 Any other craft, not included in Classes 48 to 51, to be displayed within 700 mm table space.

Notes National Dahlia Society approved rings are available and may be used by Members wanting to check their dahlia exhibits. The vases belonging to the Society are to be used in all appropriate Classes. Classes 32+33 will be viewed from the front. Artificial flowers are NOT permitted. All cut stems to be in water or water-retaining material etc. but not floral foam (Oasis). Floral art materials may be purchased and need not be home grown.

Classes

- 1 Tomatoes on a plate, 5 standard, one variety.
- 2 Tomatoes on a plate, 10 cherry, one variety (35 mm diameter maximum).
- 3 4 Onions, tops tied.
- 4 1 Cucumber.
- 5 3 Potatoes, one variety.
- 6 Heaviest Pumpkin – seeds provided at the Spring Show.
- 7 Any other vegetable(s) (excluding Classes 1 to 5), one variety.
- 8 Ugliest Vegetable (any peculiar-shaped specimen).
- 9 Eating Apples, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 10 Cooking Apples, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 11 Pears, one variety, 4 on a plate.
- 12 Any other fruit, suitably presented (excluding Classes 9 to 11).
- 13 Dahlias, medium, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (170-220 mm).
- 14 Dahlias, small or miniature decorative, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 170 mm)
- 15 Dahlias, small or miniature, cactus and/or semi-cactus, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 170 mm).
- 16 Dahlias, waterlily, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
- 17 Dahlias, pompon, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties (not to exceed 52 mm).
- 18 Nine Dahlias to be staged for frontal effect in own container.
- 19 Dahlias, 3 blooms, can be mixed (excluding Classes 14 to 18).
- 20 Annuals, 5 stems, can be mixed.
- 21 A vase of up to 5 Chrysanthemums either single blooms or sprays.
- 22 Vase of mixed cut flowers.
- 23 One Rose bloom.
- 24 One spray of flowering shrub.
- 25 One spray or stem of shrub with decorative fruit / berries.

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Section Six – Young people under 16

Note Entries in this Section must not have been previously exhibited at a Lingfield Horticultural Society show and must have been made by the exhibitor.

Classes

- 53 A close up photograph of an insect.
- 54 Design a new Lingfield Gardening Club logo – can be computer generated.
- 55 Make something by reusing waste, footprint to be no bigger than 300x300mm.
- 56 A Decorated flower pot max 80mm diameter.

Summer Show Entry Form

Staging from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Name

Address

Age (if under 16)

Please circle classes to be entered.

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Section Two 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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Section Three 34 35 36 37

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Section Five 48 49 50 51 52

Section Six 53 54 55 56

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