



FHS Newsletter June 2024

Welcome to the June newsletter for details of forthcoming events.



Monthly Meetings

Mandy Rickard came to talk to us at our May meeting. We heard about her garden and allotment where she grows plants to use in her herbal remedies and medicines. It was a very interesting talk. We will explore with Mandy the possibility of running a herbal workshop with her for our members.

Our time at Edible Culture was very enjoyable. Only a few of us were able to go but David and his wife were very helpful and pleased to host us. It was lovely to see the amount of plants David has for sale. Mostly he propagates them himself or grows from seed. It is well worth a visit. Hopefully we will repeat the evening again sometime for members.



These are our competed containers

Molly Hollman - 19th June at 7.30pm

Molly is an award-winning photographer who specialises in flower, plant and insect photography, particularly close-up work. She is a member of the Professional Garden Photographers Association (PGPA), the Guild of Photographers (with whom she won the 'Flora and Plants' category in 2021 and the Insects category in 2022) and the Societies of Photographers (she won the 'Natural World - Botanical and Fungi' category last year).

This looks like it will be an interesting talk that we should all benefit from – we all like to take a photo even if it's with our phone.



We have now started to have a raffle at each of our monthly meetings, any contributions towards this are welcome, and remember to bring a spare £1 to have a go. We need to find ways to raise money and this in a small way helps to do that.

Adam Frost comes to Faversham - 24th July

We have now sold out of tickets for Adam Frost and are running a waiting list. We hope that all members who wanted to come have got their ticket.

We will be having a larger raffle on that evening, as it should be a way of raising money for our funds. The seat tickets have been priced so that Adam can be paid without using our funds, but we will not be making any profit. It is hoped that by having such a celebrity we raise our profile and maybe encourage more people to join the Society.

The seats will not be numbered so if you want to sit near the front, come early. We will open the doors at 7pm.

If you can help on the evening, please let a committee member know. We need enough people to greet visitors, to sell raffle tickets, and to direct people to seats.

And moving towards the Summer

On **August 21st** we will be visiting Tram Hatch Garden, near Charing. This is a private garden, not usually open to the public and one that we love to go to. We are always made very welcome and if we are lucky with the weather sitting in their garden with tea and cake is perfectly lovely.

We will be taking names at our meeting in June, so that we can give an idea of how many cakes our hosts need to make. Hopefully members will be happy to car share.

But before this we are planning for as many who would like to join us for an afternoon, more locally, at Mount Ephraim. This will be at 2pm onwards on the **7th August**. We can take our own afternoon tea or use the café there. We will meet in the car park at 2pm.

Autumn Show

Our autumn show will take place on the **14th September**. Please look at the show schedule – you may have a plant or something you have grown or an item of handicraft you would like to enter. We would welcome any offer of help in setting up the evening before or for a time on the day. The show schedule is on our website – www.favershamhorticulturalsociety.org or a few printed copies are still available.

Once again, we need to ask you for any items for the tombola, for the children's lucky dip or any plants you can donate on the day for us to sell. All proceeds help our funds.

Things for the tombola can be brought to the monthly talk in June or let us know and we can collect.

Fund Raising

We are exploring the idea of organising a quiz evening during the Autumn. This could be a fun way of raising funds and promoting the Society. Look out for more about this very soon.

NGS Open Garden Scheme

Some of the local gardens open this month are Avalon on the 8th and 9th June, Norton Court on the 10th and 11th June, Pheasant Barn on the 28th, 29th and 30th June and Torry Hill and Yokes Court on the 30th June. Also a new garden, Farriers Cottage in Throwley Forstal, is open on the 23rd June.

Slightly further but well worth a drive is Challock and their open gardens on the 16th June. Entry to all gardens is just £5 and Jean Griffin from BBC Radio Kent Sunday Gardening will be there to answer plant questions. Ploughman's lunches, cakes and hot drinks will be on sale as well as plants.

Other matters

We will not be producing a newsletter in July due to holidays and all events for the summer have been included in this. The next newsletter will be in August and be looking forward to the Autumn.

Committee Members 2024

Chairperson – Judith Foulkes – 07710 521462 (leave a message).

Treasurer – John Mulford.

Secretary – Pamela Scott.

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