



FHS Newsletter January 2025

Welcome to the January newsletter with details of the Society's activities as we go into the New Year.



Wishing all our members a Happy New Year!

Monthly talks

Our December meeting was a fun event. The quiz was interesting and thought-provoking, and the overall results were very close! We look forward to the next in December 2025. It was great to have a social evening with time for members to get to know one another.

January 2025 is the time for our **Annual General Meeting – on the 15th of January**. Please come along to give your support to the committee and to hear about our plans for this coming year.

Spring Show 2025

It is not too early to start thinking about our next Show. This will take place on 22nd March. Take a look at the Show schedule – on our website events page or collect a copy at the AGM – to plan your entries.

We know we continually repeat ourselves, but once again the tombola is very much depleted. It is a good way of raising funds for the Society, so if you can donate anything please do. You can bring any items along to the monthly meeting.

Events for 2025

Our proposed events for 2025 will be shared at the AGM. Hopefully many of you will be able to support these as the committee work hard to try and find exciting and different activities for our members.

January is the time to re-join the Faversham Horticultural Society. Unless you complete the application form, either in person or on-line, by the end of March 2025, you will be removed from the membership database in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Society. You can pay with cash, card, or by bank transfer. Bank details are: account name: Faversham Horticultural Society, sort code: 56-00-51, account number: 00548626. The annual subscription remains at £15.

Remember that we have a website – www.favershamhorticulturalsociety.org – and we are moving towards more presence on Facebook. Please connect with us and help spread the word by sharing posts.

The Committee will need to stand down at the AGM and be re-elected. If you wish to stand for a place, then find someone to propose you and a seconder and then come along to the Meeting.

Contact is by email to showsec@faershamhorticulturalsociety.org or chair@faershamhorticulturalsociety.org

Finally, some very sad news

In November 2024 a past member of the Society passed away. Margaret George who would have been known to some of you was someone who loved to garden. She also loved flower arranging and in previous years would enter the floral art classes of our Shows. She leaves a widower, Roy George, who will also be known to many. Up until a few years ago he entered and often won many trophies for entries in the vegetable and fruit classes of the Shows. We offer our condolences to Roy and their family.

In December 2024 an active member of the Society passed away. Anne Austen was a very talented flower arranger. For many years Anne has entered and, on many occasions, won trophies in the floral art classes of our Shows. Anne was the wife of our President, Mike Austen, and was a big supporter of the Society for many years. Anne often lent a hand in running raffles, numbering the tombola prizes, running the plant stall and many other tasks.

We offer our condolences to Mike and their family, all of whom have been involved with the Society over the years. Anne will be greatly missed by very many people.