



FHS Newsletter March 2025

Welcome to the March newsletter for news and details of forthcoming events

Monthly meetings

Dr Clive Nuttman joined us at our February meeting. Clive talked about 'the wonderful world of pollination'. Everyone found his talk extremely interesting, and we feel that we could easily invite Clive to talk again on a number of other topics.

Dan Deakins will be visiting us on the 19th March – our next monthly meeting to tell us "How to commit the perfect murder!" Hopefully we will have many of you come to listen and learn! Please let your friends know. We believe Dan will be a popular speaker.



You can book any of our monthly talks by going onto our website – favershamhorticulturalsociety.org and clicking on 'talks'. This will lead you to TicketSource to book your ticket. It's £5 for members and £8 for visitors. Alternatively, you can pay by card or cash on the night.

Membership of FHS

Most have now renewed their membership of the Society – thank you, but there are still a few who haven't. If you have not completed the membership form and paid your 2025 fee, then your name will be removed from the membership list at the end of March. This is to comply with Data Protection rules.

To join or re-join you can do this by visiting the FHS website and completing the online membership form and paying the subscription (£15) by bank transfer. Our bank details are: Account name: **Faversham Horticultural Society**. Sort code: **560051**. Account number: **00548626**. Please use your name as the reference.

You can also join in person at our next monthly meeting with cash, cheque, or card for your payment.

All members need to complete the 2025 membership form to comply with the data protection rules.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members.

Please note that we have not increased our annual subscription, but we will be asking for £5 for members and £8 for non-members for our monthly talks. Escalating charges to the Society are difficult to absorb and we feel that our evenings are of good value.

Spring Show

Our Spring Show will take place on the **22nd of March**, so be sure to start your preparations now. The schedule is now available as the booklet and can be viewed on our website at www.favershamhorticulturalsociety.org

As the tombola did so well at the Autumn show, once again we are requesting any contributions. Maybe an unwanted Christmas gift? We are happy to collect things from now on – just bring along to the March evening meeting. Or get in touch with one of the committee to arrange collection/delivery. We will also be at the Alex on the 14th March from 11 am until 1 pm. **We also would love to receive any plants to sell on our plant sales table.**

Ways you may be able to help with the Spring Show

We have a free market stall in Faversham on the **15th March** and on **21st March**. Just come along anytime from about 9.30am until 1pm to hand out flyers and generally talk to the public about the society and the Show.

Help with setting up the show on **Friday 21st March** from about 4.30pm until we have finished! Just come along to The Alex.

Help on the day of the Show **22nd March** anytime from 8am until 12 noon.

This could be welcoming people at the door, selling raffle tickets, helping with the refreshments, selling plants, and finally helping to clear up after the presentation of the trophies and awards.

Finally and most importantly you can enter the Show. All entries are welcome – take a look at the Show schedule to see what you might have. There will be people around on Friday evening and early Saturday morning to show you the ropes. It is great fun and such a great way to publicise the Society.

RHS – just a reminder

As the Society is affiliated to the RHS we have a card for sharing amongst our members that offers 2 adults a 50% discount off entry to any RHS Garden (Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley). If you would like to take advantage of this please let a committee member know. You will have to show your membership card to the FHS as well as take the RHS Card when you visit. We have re-newed our membership of the RHS so this is available for 2025.

Visit to Wisley RHS Garden

We are now taking names for a seat on the coach to RHS Wisley on **the 7th June** this year. This is a outing for members and costs only £26 – the cost of the coach. We do not pay for our entry to the Garden as we are affiliated to the RHS. We expect this to be popular, so let one of the committee know soon if you wish to come. We will collect the money for the trip in March. We only have a very few seats left now, so let one of us know if you would like to come along.

Finally – advance notice

We have booked **Sue Kent** from Gardeners' World to talk to us as our celebrity speaker this year.

This will be on **15th October** in the Gatefield Hall at the Alex. Put the date in your diary now! Tickets will be on sale in June. More details to come soon.

Committee Members 2025

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

Treasurer: John Mulford

Secretary: Pamela Scott

Other committee members: Mary Cole, Carolyn Marriott, Gerri Ford.

Contact is by email to showsec@favershamhorticulturalsociety.org

Or see our Facebook page – thanks to Nicky and Scarlett Silby. More to come on there soon.