



FHS Newsletter March 2026

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



Hellebores in Spring

Monthly meetings

It was lovely to welcome Darren Everest to our February meeting. He was interesting, informative and funny! Great to hear about his adventures that growing sweet peas takes him on. And he was quietly proud of his Chelsea Gold medal he brought to show us.

We were happy to buy his own grown sweet pea plants and hopefully we will all have something to show later this year.

Our own member and show winner Paul Jemmett will be with us at our March meeting to talk about growing vegetables in a small space with an eye on showing them but eating them as well we hope. As we don't have many vegetable-based talks, we hope that everyone will come along. The meeting will be on the 18th March in the Alex as usual.

A new activity for the Society starting at our March meeting

Bring along one daffodil (any variety) and a vase or container to place it in for an informal and fun "competition" Just one!

If this is successful, then we will choose a different flower or vegetable each month.

We will ask the Speaker for the evening to be the Judge.

Membership of the Society for 2026

Thank you to many of you that have completed your membership form and paid the subscription for 2026.

Our year runs from January to December so all membership subscriptions are now due. Data Protection rules do not allow us to keep the details of anyone who does not submit their details annually, so although you may have not joined the Society until later in 2025 your details will be deleted by the end of March if you have not renewed.

The membership form is on our website – you can complete and submit on line and pay the subscription direct to the bank account – Faversham Horticultural Society Sort Code 56 00 51 Account number 00548626 with your name as the reference. The fee remains at £15 per annum.

Or you can complete the form in person at the March meeting and pay with either card or cash.

Our membership cards are now available, and you will receive yours at the March meeting.

So, to conclude, unless you have renewed your membership by the end of March 2026 you will not continue to receive this newsletter or be eligible for

member benefits. Hopefully you will all want to renew, and we shall look forward to seeing you soon.

Coach trip to Hyde Hall – 6th June 2026

We have just a few seats left on this trip, for members. The cost is £27 per person. If we have any seats left after the March meeting then we will open it to non-members.

Summer Show for Fun

With the news that we would not be able to hold our Shows at the Gatefield Hall this year – because of the damage of the fire – we have decided to have a fun Summer Show or event.

The schedule for this is not ready yet, but hopefully it will be soon. But to give you advance warning that it will be on the **29th August in the Assembly Rooms in Preston Street.**

The emphasis will be on making this event fun, colourful and something to keep us in the public eye. Anyone will be able to enter, and the prizes will be fun and not the usual trophies etc. We would like to make this something accessible to all members and friends.

If you would like to help with the planning and organising of this event please let Judith know soon.

However, we will be back in Spring 2027 with our usual Spring Show in the Gatefield Hall.

Garden Visits in August 2026

There will be two garden visits in August. These are instead of our monthly indoor meetings.

The first will be on the 5th August to Belmont Garden. The second will be to Goodnestone Park Garden on the 19th August. Cost to be announced.

If you would like to come but need a lift, then we will sort out car share amongst everyone so all can join in.

We will let you know more details nearer to August, but if you would like to come please let Carolyn know and she will put you on the list.

Celebrity Speaker in October 2026

Our celebrity speaker this year will be Joe Swift – well known Gardeners World presenter and RHS Show garden designer.

We have now booked St Mary's Church as the venue for this event and we hope to have tickets available soon.

It will take place on the 21st October starting at 7.30 pm. Put the date in your diary and get your ticket as soon as we have them as we believe this will be a popular event.

Members £20 and guests £25. We will hold a raffle and refreshments will be available, thanks to the Church members.

We need to warn you that this venue has some health and safety issues inasmuch there are small steps and low lighting.

Committee Member 2026

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

Treasurer: Eve Twyman

Secretary: Pamela Scott

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

Welcome to all. We look forward to a year of working together.

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