



FHS Newsletter May 2026

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



Monthly meetings

We were sad that Lee Woodcock was unable to join us for our monthly meeting in April but delighted that Clive Nuttman was able to talk to us instead. Clive's talk on butterflies of Kent was interesting and informative. Thanks to Clive for stepping in at short notice.

Our speaker in May will be Molly Holman who will show and tell us about Photography in the Garden. Hopefully we will pick up some tips on the use of our mobile phone to take photos of our gardens and wildlife.

Summer Special Show Just for Fun

The plans for our Summer Special Show are now underway. 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. Paul Jemmett will be on hand to help anyone with the showing of their vegetables.

All details of how to enter and the show categories are in the Show schedule.

The show schedule is available on our website:-

www.favershamhorticulturalsociety.org Also hard copies will be available at our May meeting and on our Stall at Faversham market on 23rd May.

Things we need help with please

Our raffle prizes are running low, and more tombola prizes are required.

Please help the Society with donations for either. Bring to a monthly meeting.

If you can help at the Summer Show, then please let one of the committee know.

Many thanks.

Plant Sale on the Market – 23rd May 2026.

Plants and helpers welcome on the day. We will be on the stall from 9 am. Come and give us a hand, come and talk to us, come and buy a plant, come and get your ticket for our celebrity Speaker talk.

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 tickets will be available at our May meeting.

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.

Tickets are now available on Ticketsource. Tickets will also be available at our May meeting and on our Market stall on 23rd May.

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

Committee Members 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.

Contact is by email to chair@favershamhorticulturalsociety.org

Please visit our [Facebook page](#) (thanks to Nicky Silby) and don't forget to check in on our website – favershamhorticulturalsociety.org

We have asked to share with you the details of the Challock Open Gardens 2026.



Challock Open Gardens

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

10am - 5pm

Entrance £7, under 16s free

Fundraising in aid of
British Heart Foundation - Registered Charity 225972
The Friends of Challock Church - Charity No. 606027

A great day out for all the family

Nine private gardens open around the village to explore, from large landscapes to small courtyards, colourful herbaceous borders, fruit & vegetable plots, cacti collection and an extensive Japanese garden

A quintessential Kentish village on top of the North Downs in Kent

Delicious refreshments and plant sales

Most gardens within easy walking distance or use free minibus

Free parking & tickets on the day from Village Hall & The Lees, Challock TN25 4AU

Advance tickets from 15 May, at The Barn Shop, Challock

Miniature garden competition

Free to enter, prizes for all, 7yrs & under and 8-12 yrs

Drop off gardens 10-12 noon on Sunday 7 June 2026 at the Village Hall

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