

# Beckley Horticultural Society



(affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)  
<https://beckleyhorticulturalsociety.org>

## Show Schedules & Events for 2024

### **SPRING HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**

Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm, Talk by Steven Edney from 'The No Name Nursery': 'Container Gardening'.

### **SPRING SHOW**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 2pm

### **PLANT STALL**

Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, plant stall & raffle at Friends of Beckley Church Coffee AM

### **SUMMER HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm, Talk by Steven Edney from 'The No Name Nursery': 'Kitchen Gardening'.

### **SOCIETY OUTING**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Beth Chatto Gardens, Elmstead Market

### **AUTUMN HORTICULTURAL LECTURE**

Date and talk to be confirmed.

### **AUTUMN SHOW**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September @ 2pm

### **Quiz & AGM**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm

All events to be held at Beckley Village Centre (unless stated otherwise)

## From Your Committee

Dear Members,

Welcome to Gardening in 2024.

What a difficult year it has been for our gardens!

A cold spring, a wet and warm summer and a very hot and dry autumn : but somehow things grew and still gave us pleasure. It was perfect conditions for Blight and of course tragically my poor tomatoes were struck down. Normally September means that I am constantly making jars and jars of pasta sauce but this year I was only able to make 1 batch.

On the plus side the flowers were amazing especially the Roses. That wet summer meant that we did not have to water the garden too. So there are always some silver linings.

In the last schedule I said one of our aims for 2023 was to increase membership. This we have done and much thanks for this must go to our new committee member, the lovely Mrs Bee ( Sarah Batehup ), for her fantastic Beckley Horticultural Facebook page. Through it she has brought us lots of new members and a greater presence in the life of the Village. Through her advertising we have had really good attendance at all our talks and shows with new members joining at every event. This is bringing new blood into the Society and it's very exciting. It was especially pleasing to see quite a few new entries for the shows and that some of those new people won prizes too!

So a big thank you to Sarah for all her entertaining and informative input on social media, and of course, all our committee members, for all their support and hard work.

We will continue to provide informative and hopefully entertaining speakers to help our members gain more knowledge in the coming year. ( Chelsea Gold Medal winners no less ! ) and we are also planning an exciting trip to a garden I have always wanted to visit too. So another busy year planned for 2024.

Fingers crossed for much better weather.

Angie Lewis

### **Membership of the Beckley Horticultural Society (BHS)**

Individual £5      Family £8

## **OFFICERS & COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY**

President	Anne Bowler
Chairman	Angie Lewis
Club Secretary	Alice Bolton
Treasurer	Zoe Gleisner
Membership Secretary	Kate Joyner
Show Secretaries	Laura Andrew & current vacancy x 1
Ordinary members	Lauren Dobson, Sarah Batehup, Tina Langmead,

## **SOCIETY DISCOUNTS with local nurseries**

Please show your membership card to get a discount on plants with:

Ed's Nursery, Staplecross 10%

Great Dixter Nursery 10%

Laurels Nursery, Benenden 10%

Planters (A21) 10%

Ripley's Garden Centre 10%

Rotherview Nurseries 10%

The Old Rose Nursery (Northiam) 10%

The Shrub Centre, Staplecross 10%

## **OTHER 2024 INFORMATION**

Refreshments and a plant and produce sale table will be available at all shows.

Completed show entry forms and fees can be delivered to Show Secretary (Laura Andrew, Bay Tree Cottage, Main St) up to 3 days in advance of each show or can be brought to the village centre on the day of the show. Exhibits must be delivered to the village centre between 10.00 am and 11.00 am for judging. Entrance to the shows will be from 2.00 pm after judging has been completed.

**Plant sale at the Friends of Beckley Church coffee morning:** come and stock up your garden at a fraction of the cost of a nursery! Bring your friends and meet other members.

**AGM:** Presentation of trophies will be made at the AGM. The AGM is when you can have your say about your horticultural society as well as a social event.

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**Schedule of classes SPRING show – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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**FLOWERS**

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| <b>Class 1</b>  | A vase of Tulips – single or mixed variety          |
| <b>Class 2</b>  | A single Peony bloom                                |
| <b>Class 3</b>  | A vase of Sweet Peas – same or mixed colours        |
| <b>Class 4</b>  | A single Rose bloom                                 |
| <b>Class 5</b>  | 3 Rose blooms – any variety                         |
| <b>Class 6</b>  | 3 Rose Blooms – same variety                        |
| <b>Class 7</b>  | Vase of Annuals/Biennials - single or mixed variety |
| <b>Class 8</b>  | Vase of Perennials – single or mixed variety        |
| <b>Class 9</b>  | 1 Allium bloom                                      |
| <b>Class 10</b> | Any bulb blooms – single or mixed variety           |
| <b>Class 11</b> | A flowering house plant                             |
| <b>Class 12</b> | A foliage house plant                               |
| <b>Class 13</b> | 3 stems of a shrub or tree in bloom                 |
| <b>Class 14</b> | 3 floating pansies                                  |

**VEGETABLES**

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Class 15</b> | 3 Sticks of Rhubarb              |
| <b>Class 16</b> | 3 Onions including spring onions |
| <b>Class 17</b> | A Spring Cabbage                 |
| <b>Class 18</b> | 5 Pods of Broad Beans            |
| <b>Class 19</b> | 3 Pods of Peas                   |
| <b>Class 20</b> | A display of herbs               |
| <b>Class 21</b> | Any other vegetable              |

**DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGMENTS**

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| <b>Class 21</b> | “From Darkness into Light”, Max 50x50cms, height optional, must include evergreen foliage |
| <b>Class 22</b> | “The Fabulous Beckley Book Club”, 40x40cms  |
| <b>Class 23</b> | “Pretty in Pink” miniature arrangement Max 15x15cm  |

## **SPRING show continued**

**HOME PRODUCE – please cover all produce, see point 8 page 13**

- Class 24** Jar of marmalade - any flavour
- Class 25** A fruit Jam
- Class 26** Focaccia – any topping
- Class 27** Illusion biscuits – biscuits made to look like something else
- Class 28** A coconut cake tray bake – using recipe attached
- Class 29** **MEN ONLY CLASS-** Flapjacks
- Class 30** **CHILDRENS CLASS** – Butterfly Cakes

### **PHOTOGRAPHY** Max A4 including mount

- Class 31** Texture
- Class 32** A line from a poem. Please include which poem
- Class 33** Black and white image

### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

- Class 34** Any knitted or crocheted item
- Class 35** A piece of macrame
- Class 36** A painting or drawing of flowers

### **CHILDREN’S CLASSES (FREE ENTRY)**

A jam jar of flowers

- Class 37** Infants (Reception, years 1 & 2)
- Class 38** Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- Class 39** Preschool

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Schedule of classes **AUTUMN show** – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

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**VEGETABLES**

<b>Class 1</b>	3 potatoes – red or white
<b>Class 2</b>	3 leeks
<b>Class 3</b>	3 onions
<b>Class 4</b>	3 garlic bulbs
<b>Class 5</b>	1 cabbage
<b>Class 6</b>	3 beetroot
<b>Class 7</b>	3 carrots
<b>Class 8</b>	5 runner beans
<b>Class 9</b>	5 French beans (dwarf or climbing)
<b>Class 10</b>	3 courgettes
<b>Class 11</b>	2 sweetcorn
<b>Class 12</b>	1 pumpkin/squash
<b>Class 13</b>	1 marrow
<b>Class 14</b>	2 sweet peppers – any colour
<b>Class 15</b>	3 chilli peppers – single or mixed variety
<b>Class 16</b>	5 small/cherry tomatoes – any variety
<b>Class 17</b>	5 tomatoes – any variant not inc above
<b>Class 18</b>	Any big vegetable
<b>Class 19</b>	Any misshapen vegetable
<b>Class 20</b>	Any other vegetable not listed above
<b>Class 21</b>	A collection of vegetables on a tray max 60x50cm

**FRUIT**

<b>Class 22</b>	5 cooking apples
<b>Class 23</b>	5 eating apples
<b>Class 24</b>	3 pears
<b>Class 25</b>	5 of any other top/tree fruit
<b>Class 26</b>	5 of any soft fruit on a plate
<b>Class 27</b>	Any other fruit

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## AUTUMN show continued

### FLOWERS

- Class 28** Any foliage pot plant
- Class 29** Any pot plant in flower
- Class 30** 3 blooms of yellow coloured flowers
- Class 31** Any large bloom
- Class 32** 3 Dahlias pom pom type
- Class 33** 3 Dahlias cactus type (excluding all buds)
- Class 34** 3 Dahlias decorative type (excluding all buds)
- Class 35** Vase of mixed Dahlias – maximum 8 blooms
- Class 36** 5 Fuchsia blooms on a plate- single or mixed variety
- Class 37** Vase of 3 Gladioli – single or mixed variety
- Class 38** Vase of Roses – single or mixed variety, maximum 5 stems
- Class 39** Vase of Asters
- Class 40** A seed head
- Class 41** Vase of Grasses – single or mixed variety
- Class 42** Vase of Annual flowers – single or mixed variety
- Class 43** Vase of Perennial flowers – single or mixed variety
- Class 44** Vase of any shrub or tree stems

### DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

- Class 45** “A Hop Pickers Picnic” 40cm x 40cm
- Class 46** “Old Hollywood” max 50cms x 50cms
- Class 47** A dried flower arrangement max 10cms x 10cms.

### HOME PRODUCE – please cover all produce, see point 8 page 13

- Class 48** Jar of Chutney- any kind – at least 3 months matured
- Class 49** Jar of Curd
- Class 50** An alcoholic drink
- Class 51** A Gypsy Tart – using recipe on page 10
- Class 52** A Fruit Cake
- Class 53** A plate of cheese straws

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**AUTUMN show continued**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

- Class 54**      Cushion cover  
**Class 55**      Article for a baby  
**Class 56**      A Christmas decoration

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Max A4 including mount

- Class 57**      Our polluted world  
**Class 58**      "Orange"  
**Class 59**      "Old"

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES, OPEN TO ALL**

A Halloween Mask

- Class 60**      Infants (Reception + years 1 & 2)  
**Class 61**      Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)  
**Class 62**      Preschool.
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## **Set Recipe - Coconut Cake**

### **For the cake:**

- 4oz margarine/butter
- 4 oz sugar (white)
- 4oz sf flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 80g desicated cocnut

### **For the top:**

- 2 heaped tbsp strawberry jam
- 40g desicated coconut

## **Method**

### **STEP 1**

Add ALL of the cake ingredients to a mixing bowl.

### **STEP 2**

Cook for 15-20 on 180 c (fan)

### **STEP 3**

cool on a tray for 10-15 mins

### **STEP 4**

spread all of the jam on the top and sprinkle the coconut on afterwards.

## **Set Recipe- A Gypsy Tart**

### **Ingredients**

#### For the pastry

140g unsalted butter  
100g golden caster sugar  
1 large egg  
250g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

#### For the filling

410g can evaporated milk  
300g dark muscovado sugar

### **Method**

#### STEP 1

To make the pastry, put the butter and caster sugar in a food processor. Add the egg and whizz for 30 secs, then tip in the flour and blitz for a few secs more until the dough just comes together – be careful not to overwork it.

#### STEP 2

Dust your work surface with flour, bring the dough together with your hands and lightly knead, shaping the pastry into a flat disc. Cover with cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 mins. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

#### STEP 3

Roll out the pastry to £1 coin thickness and use to line a deep 23cm tart tin, then return to the fridge for 20 mins or until the pastry is hard. Line the pastry case with baking parchment, fill with baking beans and bake for 20 mins. Remove the baking beans and return to the oven for 5-10 mins until the base is golden and the sides are set.

#### STEP 4

Meanwhile, make the filling. Whisk the milk and sugar together in a stand mixer (or use an electric hand whisk) until light and fluffy, about 20 mins. Pour into the pre-baked pastry case and cook for 15 mins until risen and the surface is tacky. Remove from the oven and leave to cool and set before serving.

## SPRING SHOW 18TH May 2024

### ENTRY FORM

All classes are open to all ages, except where otherwise indicated.  
Please tick the classes for which you wish to enter, sign and enclose fees.  
All exhibits must be delivered to the Village Centre on the day of the show between 10.00 am and 11.00 am and must not be removed until after prize giving. Entrance to the show will be from 2.00 pm after the judging has been completed.

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee for each exhibit:** Members 25p          Non-members 40p

Total number of entries  Entry fees enclosed £

With the exception of classes listed under the heading 'Decorative Flower Arrangements' all fruit, vegetable and flower exhibits at the Society's shows must have been grown by exhibitors. Arts and crafts exhibits should be original and not previously exhibited. See rules.



## AUTUMN SHOW 21st September 2024

### ENTRY FORM

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## SHOW RULES

1. No change to the position of exhibits on the tables to be made other than with the permission of a committee member.
2. Exhibits must not be removed until after prize giving.
3. To avoid disqualification, exhibitors must adhere to the specified sizes of exhibits.
4. All produce and flowers must be home grown by exhibitors except as in 6. below.
5. In the decorative flower arranging classes plant material may be purchased. **The exhibit must be contained in the space specified in the show schedule.** Exhibits may include any fresh, dried, preserved or painted natural plant material. Accessories (see definition in 7 below) may also be used unless otherwise stated. All measurements metric.
6. Accessory: anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as feathers, shells, stones, wax candles, figurines of animals, insects or humans.
7. All exhibits should be original and not previously shown.
8. In the interests of hygiene and freshness please ensure all displayed food is covered with cling film or similar.

## CUPS AND SHIELDS PRESENTED AT THE AGM

<b>JUDEN JUG</b>	Awarded by the President at the AGM for something outstanding during the year
<b>SIR ALEC BISHOP CUP</b>	Exhibitor with the highest total of points in both shows
<b>BATES CHALLENGE CUP</b>	Highest total points in both shows for vegetable classes
<b>SEARLE CHALLENGE CUP</b>	Highest total points in both shows for all flower classes & decorative arrangement classes
<b>TWO CHALLENGE SHIELDS</b>	Awarded for highest total points in both shows for Home Produce and Arts and Crafts classes respectively

## CUPS AND SHIELDS FOR THE AUTUMN SHOW

<b>THE FORBES CUP</b>	Best Roses. Highest points in relevant class.
<b>THE LARKIN SHIELD</b>	Best Gladioli. Highest points in relevant class.
<b>CROUCH SHIELD</b>	Best Dahlias. Highest total points in relevant classes.
<b>SHEILA CARTER SHIELD</b>	Best single exhibit in the show.
<b>THE BECKLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S OPEN CUP</b>	Highest total points in the vegetable, flower and decorative classes.

## OTHER CUPS AND SHIELDS

<b>MYROBALAN SHIELD</b>	Highest total points in the spring show.
<b>AUTUMN SHIELD</b>	Highest total points in the autumn show.
<b>THE CASSELL CUP</b>	Best miniature flower arrangement.
<b>SWEET PEA CUP</b>	best sweet peas, highest total points in spring show.

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Unless otherwise shown prizes for all shows are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize:</b>	£1.00 and Presentation certificate
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>Highly Commended:</b>	Presentation certificate
<b>Best in Show:</b>	Rosette