

PROGRAMME 2025

Saturday 5 April	Spring Show. Entries 8.30 to 10.30 am, Viewing from 1.30 pm, Auction at 3.30 pm followed by Raffle.
Saturday 30 August	Autumn Show. Entries 8.30 to 10.30 am, Viewing from 1.30 pm, Auction at 3.30 pm followed by Raffle.
Friday 14 November	AGM and Quiz Evening. AGM followed by a light hearted quiz evening with a wine and cheese buffet supper. AGM starts at 7.00 pm. Admission £8.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership Subscription for 2025 is £5 per person. Membership is free for Juniors (under the age of 16 on 1 September 2025). Group Membership is £10 (Lydfords and Community Gardens).

Please pay by BACS to Metro Bank. Please add your initials and surname as a reference so that we know who has made the payment.

East Hoathly and Halland Village Show Society
Sort Code 23-05-80
Account Number 44733757

If you cannot pay by BACS please pay at one of our events.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Each Show has a number of Divisions containing Classes to describe the different categories for Show entries. These are described below and must be strictly adhered to as any deviation may result in an exhibit being rejected as being "Not To Schedule". This may seem rather pedantic but is to ensure that the judges are able to compare like with like. So, for example, if you show 2 sticks of Rhubarb instead of 3 or a jar of orange and lemon marmalade instead of orange and grapefruit, your exhibits may be rejected as "Not To Schedule". If you are a novice and not sure about any aspect of this, please do not be put off, ask someone on the committee or another member for help, they will be delighted to show off their knowledge. You are encouraged to label your entry if it is a piece with a title or is a specific variety or fruit/flower/vegetable. This informs those visiting the Show and other competitors. The judges are also encouraged to write helpful feedback on the entry cards.

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 5 April 2025

DIVISION ONE - DECORATIVE (FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS)

Class 1 A Spring arrangement in a basket, space allowed 45 cm overall.

Class 2 "In the Garden Shed". An exhibit, space allowed 60 cm, height unlimited.

Class 3 A petit arrangement in a Coffee Cup - space allowed 20 cm overall.

DIVISION TWO - FLOWERS/PLANTS

Not sure which Class your Narcissi are ? - Don't worry - you can enter your narcissi into the Class you think they are and check with the Show Secretary when you come to the Show. If the Class is wrong he has the discretion to allow you to change it to the correct Class.

Narcissus Division 1 (Daffodil)

Class 4 Three Blooms all white, one variety.

Class 5 Three Blooms all yellow, one variety.

Class 6 One Specimen Bloom, any colour.

Class 7 Three Blooms bicolour, one variety.

Narcissus Division 2 (Long Cup)

Class 8 Three Stems, one variety.

Class 9 One Specimen Bloom.

Narcissus Division 3 (Short Cup)

Class 10 Three Stems one variety.

Class 11 One Specimen Bloom.

Narcissus Division 4 (Double)

Class 12 Three Blooms, one variety.

Class 13 One Specimen Bloom.

Narcissus Divisions 5 to 12

Class 14 Three Blooms/Stems, one variety from Divisions 5 to 12.

Miniature Narcissus (short stemmed with flower less than 50mm diameter)

Class 15 Three Blooms, one variety.

Mixed Narcissus Divisions

Class 16 Three Blooms/Stems, 3 different varieties from Divisions 1,2,3 or 4.

Class 17 Five Blooms/Stems, any variety from any Division (preferably 5 different varieties).

Other Flowers/Plants

Class 18 Three Stems Hellebore.

Class 19 Five Stems Muscari.

Class 20 Three Stems Polyanthus.

Class 21 Three Blooms Tulips.

- Class 22 Three Stems Hyacinth.
- Class 23 Foliage Plant. Maximum pot size 30 cm.
- Class 24 Indoor Plant in flower. Maximum pot size 30 cm.
- Class 25 A container of Flowering Bulbs.
- Class 26 Single Spray of Camellia.
- Class 27 A bowl of water with floating camellia bloom/blooms.
- Class 28 Vase of Spring Flowers (own vase) (A variety of flowers will attract a better score).
- Class 29 Three sprays of Flowering Shrub/Tree, not Camellia .
- Class 30 Three sticks of Rhubarb.
- Class 31 Three sticks of Forced Rhubarb. Forced Rhubarb should be grown in the dark and be pale pink in colour.
- Class 32 A plate of Spring Greens (preferably a mixture of seasonal greens such as: sprouting broccoli, kale, salad leaves).

DIVISION THREE - COOKERY AND PRESERVES

- Class 33 A Victoria Sandwich Cake.
- Class 34 A Sour Dough Loaf.
- Class 35 Three Empanadas.
- Class 36 Four slices of Blondie.
- Class 37 For Novice entrants in the Cookery Division (eligible for two consecutive years). A Tea Loaf (recipe shown below).
- Class 38 A Non-Alcoholic Cocktail with name and ingredient list provided.
- Class 39 A jar of Orange Curd.

DIVISION FOUR - HANDICRAFTS

- Class 40 A knitted or crocheted flower brooch.
- Class 41 A sewn cushion cover.
- Class 42 An illustrated recipe.
- Class 43 A picture in the style of your favourite artist, any medium except photography.

Photographs

A sheet of plain A4 paper will be provided on which exhibitors should place their un-mounted photographs.

Class 44 A photograph “Looking Down”, un-mounted, not over 20 cm.

Class 45 A photograph “Jack Frost”, un-mounted, not over 20 cm.

Class 46 “Something beginning with ‘A’ ”. This photograph may be mounted. Not to exceed 30 cm including mount.

JUNIORS

The Classes will be the same for each age group. This enables children of differing ages within a family to prepare the same things which should make things easier for parents to supervise. The age of Juniors will be as at 1 September 2025.

Item	Division Five Age Under 5	Division Six Age 5 to 6	Division Seven Age 7 to 9	Division Eight Age 10 to 12	Division Nine Age 13 to 15
A Garden on a Plate.	47	50	53	56	59
Three Chocolate Chip Cookies.	48	51	54	57	60
A picture of your best friend.	49	52	55	58	61

DIVISION TEN - PRODUCE

Entrants are invited to provide a picture of the birds and their breed/names but this should not form part of the judging.

Class 62 Six Hen’s Eggs.

Class 63 Six Mixed Eggs - must be mixed colours, breeds or species (can include hens, bantams, quails, ducks etc).

Tea Loaf Recipe

Ingredients

175g/6oz currants
175g/6oz sultanas
300ml/10fl oz strong hot tea
275g/9¾oz self-raising flour
225g/8oz light muscovado sugar

1 large free-range egg, beaten
butter, for greasing, plus extra to serve

Method

Put the currants and sultanas in a bowl and pour over the hot tea. Stir, cover and leave to soak overnight for the liquid to absorb.

Preheat the oven to 150C/130C Fan/Gas 3½. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin and line with non-stick baking paper.

Add the flour, sugar and egg to the bowl of soaked fruit (if there is a little excess liquid this is fine) and mix thoroughly.

Spoon into the prepared tin and level the top. Bake for 1¾ hours, or until the cake is risen and just firm to the touch, but check it after 1¼ hours to see how it is doing. Leave to cool in the tin for about 10 minutes.

Turn out the cake and remove the paper. To serve, cut into fairly thick slices and spread with butter to serve.

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 30 August 2025

JUDGES TIPS FROM 2024

Dahlias

Take off foliage
Remove unopened buds

Apples

Show with bottoms up

Beans

Leave a little stalk on

Onions and carrots

Onions should have 3 inches and these should be tied with raffia
Carrots should also have their green end tied up

If you have an unusual variety it's good to stipulate the variety

Presentation is everything.

Look at schedule and make sure it is all included – flower arrangements need flowers

DIVISION ONE - DECORATIVE (FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS)

Class 1 "Picture This". An arrangement with a picture frame - space allowed 45 cm, height unlimited.

Class 2 "Wooden". An exhibit, space allowed 60 cm, height unlimited.

Class 3 An arrangement in a spectacle case.

DIVISION TWO - FLOWERS

Collections of flowers must be of the same variety and colour, unless "any variety" is stated.

Dahlia

Not sure which Class your Dahlia are ? - Don't worry - you can enter your Dahlia into the Class you think they are and check with the Show Secretary when you come to the Show. If the Class is wrong he has the discretion to allow you to change it to the correct Class.

Class 4 Five Pom-Pom Dahlias, one variety.

Class 5 Three Cactus/Semi-Cactus Dahlias, one variety.

Class 6 One Specimen Cactus/Semi-Cactus Dahlia.

Class 7 Three Giant Decorative Dahlias (Larger than 170mm diameter), one variety.

Class 8 Three Medium Decorative Dahlias (Smaller than 170mm diameter), one variety.

Class 9 One Specimen Giant/Medium Decorative Dahlia.

Class 10 Three Ball Dahlias, one variety.

Class 11 One Specimen Ball/Pom-Pom Dahlia.

Class 12 Three Single Dahlias, one variety (Single outer ring of florets, which may overlap, the centre forming a disc).

Class 13 Three Anemone, Waterlily, Collerette, Star or Double Orchid Dahlias, one variety.

Class 14 Five Dahlias, any variety (Five separate varieties preferred).

Chrysanthemum

Class 15 Three Blooms Chrysanthemums, one variety.

Class 16 Three Sprays Chrysanthemums, one variety.

Roses

People viewing the Show have expressed an interest in knowing the names of flower varieties and this has been particularly so for the rose entries. If possible, please place a name card at the base of your entry.

Class 17 Three Stems Large Roses, one variety (Hybrid Tea).

Class 18 One Specimen Large Flowering Rose (Hybrid Tea).

- Class 19 One Spray of Cluster Flowering Rose (Floribunda).
- Class 20 One Stem Rose judged for its fragrance. Everyone at the Show, excluding the entrants of this Class, will be invited to assess the fragrance of these roses and place a tick on the card of the best. The winner will be the card having the most ticks.

Other Flowers/Plants

- Class 21 Five Blooms Zinnia, any variety.
- Class 22 Five Blooms Annual Aster (Single or Double).
- Class 23 For Novice entrants in the Flower Division (eligible for two consecutive years). A vase of flowers and foliage from your own garden (own vase).
- Class 24 A vase of flowers and foliage from your own garden (own vase).
- Class 25 One Specimen Annual (no corms, rhizomes or bulbs).
- Class 26 Three Spikes Gladioli.
- Class 27 One vase Perennials (excluding shrubs or any flower for which there is a separate Class) (own vase).
- Class 28 Three Sprays/Stems of Flowering Shrub.
- Class 29 A single Sunflower Bloom.
- Class 30 The Tallest Sunflower. Measure your Sunflower and submit its height on your entry form in metric units. The winning entries will be verified by the Show Secretary. You may also wish to take a photograph of your specimen and place this with your entry card. Record 3.52 metres, set in 2023 by Mr R Innes.
- Class 31 Foliage Plant. Maximum pot size 30 cm.
- Class 32 Flowering Plant. Maximum pot size 30 cm.

DIVISION THREE - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

- Class 33 Four White Potatoes.
- Class 34 Four Coloured Potatoes.
- Class 35 Heaviest Potato. Record 1.929 Kg, set in 2004 by Mr J Walker.
- Class 36 Four Stump Rooted Carrots.
- Class 37 Four Intermediate or Long Carrots.
- Class 38 Six Runner Beans (not to be staged on plate).
- Class 39 Longest Runner Bean (not to be staged on plate). Record 49.5 cm, set in 2011 by Mr P Richardson.
- Class 40 Six French Beans.
- Class 41 Three Onions not to exceed 300 g each.
- Class 42 Three Onions grown from Seed.

- Class 43 Heaviest Onion. Record 1.625 kg, set in 2014 by Mr J Walker.
- Class 44 Nine Shallots - Culinary.
- Class 45 Four Heads of Garlic.
- Class 46 Four Beetroot.
- Class 47 Six Tomatoes.
- Class 48 Twelve Cherry Tomatoes not exceeding 3 1/2 cm diameter (they must pass through the society's size gauge).
- Class 49 A Spray of Tomatoes on the Vine
- Class 50 Two Beefsteak Tomatoes.
- Class 51 Two Cucumbers.
- Class 52 Three Courgettes not exceeding 20 cm long.
- Class 53 Any vegetable not included in this Division. The quantities of vegetable to be exhibited are shown in the Handbook section.
- Class 54 The Heaviest Pumpkin. Record 26.6 Kg, set in 2019 by Mr J Walker.
- Class 55 A potted Pepper Plant.
- Class 56 Four Dessert Apples.
- Class 57 Four Cooking Apples.
- Class 58 Four tree grown fruit except apples.
- Class 59 Any none tree grown fruit.
- Class 60 A Harvest Collection of Edible Vegetables (including salad fruits) (own container).
- Class 61 A Harvest Collection of Edible Fruit (own container).
- Class 62 A Vegetable Box. A collection of four types of vegetable displayed for effect in an open box with an internal measurement of 60 cm square and 10 cm high. No part of any vegetable may exceed the size of the tray. The number required for each type of vegetable is shown in the Handbook section. Each type of vegetable will be judged based on size/shape, colour, uniformity and condition up to the maximum shown in the Handbook section. An additional twenty points are allocated for the overall presentation of the box.
- Class 63 A jam jar containing Fresh Herbs (only aromatic culinary plants and flowers).

DIVISION FOUR - COOKERY AND PRESERVES

- Class 64 A Small Seeded Loaf.
- Class 65 An Onion Tarte Tatin.
- Class 66 A Pineapple Upside-Down Cake.
- Class 67 For Novice entrants in the Cookery Division (eligible for two consecutive years). Four pieces of Tray Bake.

Class 68 Four Blueberry Muffins.

Class 69 A bottle of home-made flavoured Sloe Gin (such as Sloe and Medlar Gin). In 2026, this Class will revert to a bottle of home-made Sloe Gin.

Class 70 A jar of chilli jam.

Class 71 A jar of piccalilli.

DIVISION FIVE - HANDICRAFTS

Class 72 A Bobble Hat.

Class 73 A hand-made decorated soap.

Class 74 A Paper Flower.

Class 75 A Greetings Card.

Class 76 "Bonfire Night" (any medium, not a photograph).

Photographs

Class 77 "Bridge" - un-mounted photograph not exceeding 20 cm. A sheet of plain A4 paper will be provided on which exhibitors should place their un-mounted photograph.

Class 78 "In the Garden" - This photograph may be mounted. Not to exceed 30 cm including mount.

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Four Small Cakes.	79	82	85	88	91
A Puppet - Sock, Stick or String.	80	83	86	89	92
A Vegetable Animal.	81	84	87	90	93

HOW TO ENTER

To enter a Show, complete the Contact Form below and then "Send". In the Message section list all the Class numbers you are entering. If there are multiple entrants using this email address, put the individual names in the Message section followed by the Class numbers for each entrant.

Please include the ages of Juniors as at 1 September 2025. The form must be submitted by the Wednesday prior to each Show.

ENTRY FORM - AUTUMN SHOW - SATURDAY 30 TH AUGUST 2025

Name	Address	Classes Entered

ENTRY FORM - SPRING SHOW - SATURDAY 5 TH APRIL 2025

Name	Address	Classes Entered