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Annual Programme 2025
Visits, Talks, Plant Sale and Show.

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events take place in Barham Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday 12th February	Illustrated talk by Steve Edney from No Name Nursery. 'Drought tolerant plants'
Wednesday 12th March	Illustrated talk by Laura Brady from Wonky Parsnip. 'What they grow and how they grow it, at Wonky Parsnip'
Wednesday 9th April	Illustrated talk by Rachel Castle from Swallowfields Nursery. 'Primula auriculars - Their fascinating history and cultivation'
Saturday 26th April 10.30am	Plant Sale
Wednesday 14th May	Illustrated talk by Alfie Gay. 'Flora and Fauna of Jumping Downs, Barham'
Wednesday 28th May	Coach trip to RHS Wisley See page 7 for full details and booking form
Wednesday 4th June 10am	Car trip to Anna's Country flowers - Aromatherapy workshop See page 9 for full details and booking form
Friday 4th July 10.30am	Car trip to Wonky Parsnip - Tour of the Vegetable Garden See page 11 for full details and booking form
Wednesday 23rd July	Social Evening - Jane Scotchmer - Speaking about Cuba
Saturday 13th September	Autumn Show See pages 14-26
Wednesday 8th October	Illustrated talk by Paul Bagshaw. Head Gardener at Goodnestone Gardens - 'Ramblings of Goodnestone'
Wednesday 12th November	Illustrated talk by Darren Everest, Dahlia and Sweet pea exhibitor - 'My Gardening Year'
Wednesday 14th January 2026	AGM - 7pm start. There will be a quiz and 2 competitions, best small posy from your garden and a vase of flowers and foliage from your garden. Display these in your own vases.

PAYMENTS, CANCELLATION POLICY AND HEALTH & SAFETY

PAYMENT INFORMATION

We accept payments for membership, trips etc by cash, cheque or online.

Cheques for trips: return completed form and cheque made payable to: **B&DHS**

to: Jean Carus, Little Marley Farm, Marley Lane, Kingston CT4 6JH

Tel: 07780 465243 or email to jean.carus@sky.com

Cash or cheque for membership fees:

At any event or to a member of the committee

Online payment: Account name Barham & District Horticultural Society.

Sort code 09-01-52 account no.25029707

For trips always use reference from top of booking form plus your surname.

Email jean.carus@sky.com with number of places booked and contact details.

For membership fees use ref of your surname.

BDHS CANCELLATION POLICY FOR COACH TRIPS:

* Cancellation 29 days before a trip – a full refund will be given.

* Cancellation 28 or fewer days before a trip – no refund will be given unless the place is resold.

This is to cover unrecoverable costs of the coach hire.

The society also reserves the right to cancel a coach trip at any time should they deem this necessary.

BDHS HEALTH & SAFETY FOR VISITS

When visiting gardens as part of a group, please consider the following:

- Wear suitable, comfortable footwear and clothing (we all know the unpredictability of the English weather!)
- There may be uneven surfaces ie steps / slopes / gravel / grass / mud
- Some surfaces may be wet, slippery or loose
- Be aware of your surroundings especially when there is uneven paving, garden statuary or low garden walls.
- Take time and care when boarding / disembarking from coaches



VISIT TO RHS WISLEY - TRIP REF: WIS

Wisley Lane, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB

Wednesday 28th May 8am

<https://www.rhs.org.uk>

A whole day to explore the great variety of gardens and hub of horticultural excellence that is RHS Wisley. With 240 acres, the gardens offer something for everyone from grand herbaceous borders, wild flower meadows, vast glass houses and beautiful vegetable gardens with produce from around the world. There are numerous food and drink outlets as well as picnic areas to relax with your own food. Please visit their website for details where you can also find information of wheelchair and mobility scooter hire.

Transport: Coach leaving Barham Village Hall at 8am, departing Wisley at 4pm

Cost: £21 for members (add £5 for non-members) payable on booking.
Payment details on page 5



Visit to RHS Wisley

Name:

Address:

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Phone number: (Mobile preferable).....

E-mail:

I would like to book places on the visit, are non members

See page 5 for payment details - Trip ref: WIS



AROMATHERAPY WORKSHOP AT ANNA'S COUNTRY FLOWERS - TRIP REF: AC

Wednesday 4th June 10am

<https://annascountryflowers.co.uk>

Hares Farm Oast, Goldups Lane, Shottenden CT4 8JG

Join Anna and aromatherapy practitioner Julie Edwards for a relaxed morning learning how fragrant flowers and herbs affect our senses. Explore the cutting garden to discover which scents you enjoy and learn how to make two smudge sticks with flowers and herbs of your choice. One made from dried material to use immediately and one freshly picked for you to dry at home. You will also leave with a fragrant posy of flowers. All materials and refreshments provided. (Group size 10 people)

Transport: This visit is made using member's own transport

Cost: £50 per person, payable on booking by cheque or online.

See page 5 for payment details



Aromatherapy Workshop at Anna's Country Flowers Wednesday 4th June 10am

Name:

Address:

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Phone number: (Mobile preferable)

E-mail:

I would like to book places on the visit

See page 5 for payment details - Trip ref: AC



VISIT TO THE WONKY PARSNIP AND TOUR OF THE VEGETABLE GARDEN - TRIP REF: WP

Friday 4th July 10.30am

<https://www.thewonkyparsnip.com>

Wonky Parsnip, Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Rd, Faversham ME13 8XZ

Laura Brady, founder of the Wonky Parsnip will take us on a culinary tour of her growing area. Laura started her business in 2018 and her passion for growing produce from around the world now finds its way into the kitchens of local talented chefs, nearby grocery stores and a successful vegetable box scheme. Hopefully you will leave with new ideas for vegetables to grow yourself at home.

(group size limited to 20)

Transport: This visit is made using member's own transport

Cost: £15 per person for tour and refreshments, payable on booking.
See page 5 for payment details



Wonky Parsnip Tour Friday 4th July 10.30am

Name:

Address:
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Phone number: (Mobile preferable)

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I would like to book places on the tour

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Barham & District Horticultural Society Autumn Show RULES

1. Exhibitors **need not** be a member of the Society to enter the show in 2025.
2. All exhibits must have been grown in the Exhibitor's garden or allotment, except for Floral Art Classes when the flowers may be bought or from elsewhere. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the gardens of any intending exhibitor.
3. Members employing a part-time professional gardener may compete.
4. Two or more persons may not exhibit for prizes in the same class and from the same garden.
5. Exhibitors may only enter one exhibit in each class.
6. All Barham and District boys and girls of 11 years or under are eligible to enter the Children's Classes and may enter on the day of the show.
7. The Judges have the power to withhold a prize or prizes if they consider the exhibits to be of insufficient merit. Any protest may be handed in writing to the Show Secretary before 3 pm. on the day of the Show, when it will be examined by the Committee whose decision will be final.
8. In the Flower Exhibit classes all the work must be done by the Exhibitors alone.
9. All the exhibits must be staged between **9.00am and 10.30am** on the day of the Show. All exhibitors must then withdraw from the Hall, after which, and until the show opens, only the Judges, the Secretary, and necessary assistants will be allowed in the Hall.
10. All vases for the Flower Classes will be supplied by the Society and must be used, except in the classes marked with an asterisk. Fruit and vegetables to be shown on the plates/trays provided.
11. The entrance fee will be **20p** for members, **30p** for non-members per exhibit, except for Children's exhibits which are free.
12. Prizes will be **£1, 50p** and **30p** for 1sts, 2nds and 3rds respectively.
13. Entries made on the form at the back of this Schedule must be delivered in a sealed envelope by **Tuesday 9th September** to: the box marked BHS Show held in **Barham Village Store** and must be accompanied by the appropriate entrance fees. Entries will be accepted after Tuesday 9th September but not later than midday Thursday 11th September, and the entrance fee will be £1 per item.
14. The Committee will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to Exhibitors' property, but all care will be taken to avoid any damage.
15. The competitors who won the Banksian Medals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are not eligible for the 2025 award.
16. Pot plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 6 months prior to the show.
17. Please where possible, identify the variety of vegetable and flower exhibits.
18. PRIOR TO 3pm NO EXHIBITS SHALL BE REMOVED

SPECIFIC RULES FOR AUTUMN SHOW

Please ensure that the rules for entry to Classes 21 and 46 are understood and followed in full.

TOP TRAY CLASS — Class 46

1. The Class is to be known as: Top Tray Class, sponsored by BDHS.
2. The Top Tray Class is for three vegetables chosen from the list on page 18. The quantity of each vegetable to be included is shown in brackets after the vegetable type.
** For carrots, parsnips and beet the top foliage should be trimmed to not more than 5cms from the top of the shoulder of the vegetable.*
3. The vegetables should be displayed within the area of the tray provided by the society.
4. The only decorative material allowed is parsley. No other material is allowed.
5. Each type of vegetable will be judged using a scale of 20 points split into three sections. There are 7 points for size, shape and colour; 6 points for uniformity; and 7 points for condition.
6. Prizes for 1st and 2nd will be a £10 and £5 Garden Centre gift voucher respectively.

TOP VASE CLASS — Class 21

1. The Class is to be known as: Top Vase Class, sponsored by BDHS.
2. The Top Vase Class is for a vase of mixed annual or perennial flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten stems taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants..
3. The vase can be any shape or size but no marks are awarded for the vase itself. No seed heads or berries, and no accessories whatsoever will be allowed.
4. Foliage growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to the stem is allowed. Packing material, e.g. oasis, or preferably alternatives, is allowed.
5. The display will be judged out of 35 points. 25 points for colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of flowers, and 10 marks for overall presentation.
6. Prizes are the same as for the Top Tray Class above.

ALL DAHLIA ENTRIES

Flower types must conform to the criteria set out by the National Dahlia Society. Details can be found on www.barhamhortsoc.co.uk and / or www.dahlia-nds.co.uk

PRIOR TO 3pm NO EXHIBITS SHALL BE REMOVED

CHALLENGE CUPS AND AWARDS 2024

Allen /Denne Hill Cup	For the member gaining the highest aggregate of points in the collection of vegetables classes Holder: Mr A Clough
The RHS Banksian Medal	Awarded to the winner of the largest aggregate of prize money in the Horticultural Classes in the Show Holder: 2022 Mrs C Hunt; 2023 Mr R Borthwick; 2024 Mr A Clough
Best in Show - Godber Cup	For best exhibit in show in the opinion of the Chair Holder: Mrs J Borgioli
Brian Wright Memorial Cup	For best endeavour in the show in the opinion of the President and Chairman Holder: Miss I May
Carr Memorial Cup	For the member gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Cookery classes, Holder: Mrs C Hunt
Clarke Cup	For the highest aggregate of points Holder: Mrs C Hunt
Collingwood Cup	For the highest aggregate of points in Onion classes Holder: Mr K Hunt
Cottager's Cup (Members Memorial award)	For the member with the most entries Holder: Mrs H Croft
Top Tray Class	For a collection of three types of vegetables from the following list of fifteen. The quantity of each vegetable required is given in brackets: carrots (3), cauliflower (2), onions (3), parsnips (3), peas (6 pods), potatoes (3), runner beans (6 pods), tomatoes (6) Holder: Mr A Clough
Top Vase Class	For a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Holder: AM Plews
Kathie Hedley /Floral Challenge Cup	For the member gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Flower Exhibit Classes, Holder: Mrs W Atherton & R Corteen
H.E.Middleton Cup	For the best Dahlia bloom in the Show Holder: Mrs C Hunt
New Exhibitor's Cup	For the most points by a new Exhibitor Holder: R Corteen
Potato Challenge Cup	For the most points in Potato classes, Holder: Mr K Hunt
President's Cup	For the Best Flower in the Show (except Dahlia and Rose) Holder: Mrs W Atherton
A. J. Ross Amateur Cup	For the highest aggregate of points in the Fruit classes, Holder: AM Plews
Schools Cup	For the boy or girl gaining the highest aggregate of points in the Children's Classes, Holder: J Crump
Jubilee Cup	For the best Rose in the Show Holder: Mrs C Hunt

AUTUMN SHOW - FLOWERS

1. FLOWERS - JUDGE: Mrs Sylvia Pocock

1 Dahlia	3 Blooms, Star Dahlia
2 Dahlia	3 Blooms, Water lily
3 Dahlia	5 Blooms, Pompom
4 Dahlia	1 Bloom, Giant or large
5 Dahlia	3 Blooms, Decorative
6 Dahlia	3 Blooms, Cactus or Fimbrilated
7 Dahlia	3 Blooms, any other Dahlia
8 Dahlia	Vase of mixed Dahlias viewed for overall effect
9 A vase of flowers	A vase of flowers from your garden, mixed or same variety - no rules
10 # Rose	1 Bloom, large flowered
11 Rose	3 blooms
12 Rose	3 Stems, cluster-flowered (floribunda or polyanthus)
13 Rose	Made up to wear as a button hole
14 * Pot plant	In flower or fruit (except Fuchsia) - max pot size 10"/25cm
15 * Pot Plant	Fuchsia - max pot size 10"/25cm
16 * Pot Plant	For foliage - max pot size 10"/25cm
17 Pot Plant	A succulent or succulents - max pot size 10"/25cm
18 Pot Plant	A cactus or cacti - max pot size 10"/25cm
19 Cut flowers	3 vases of different kinds - 3 blooms/stems in each vase (9 stems in all) (excluding Roses & Dahlias and must NOT be shrubs)
20 Flowering Shrub	1 vase of 3 blooms or stems of same kind
21 Top Vase	See special rules, page 15
22 Michaelmas Daisies	3 stems
23 Perennials	3 Blooms of one kind
24 Foliage	5 branches of differing foliage (grasses allowed) All fruits, berries, flowers and the like removed

Class 10 only to be shown in Exhibitors' containers

* Name and variety (if known) to be attached to the exhibit

AUTUMN SHOW - FRUIT & VEGETABLES

2. FRUIT - JUDGE: Mr Ian Clapp

25 Apples	3 Fruits, one variety, dessert
26 Apples	3 Fruits, one variety, culinary
27 Collection of Fruit	3 specimens of three different Fruits, total 9
28 Pears	3 fruits, one variety
29 Raspberries	6 fruits with stalks

3. VEGETABLES - JUDGE: Mr Ian Clapp

(To be shown on plates provided)

30 Potatoes	3 white	
31 Potatoes	3 coloured	
32 Runner Beans	5 pods	
33 French Beans - climbing	5 pods	
34 French Beans - Dwarf	5 pods	
35 Onions	3 bulbs, over 250g and up to 1kg	
36 Onions	3 bulbs, 250g or under	
37 Onion display	1 large onion, 3 medium onions, 3 shallots (single bulbs)	
38 Shallots	5 single bulbs, exhibition - over 30mm	
39 Tomatoes	4 fruits—round salad	
40 Tomatoes	5 fruits—cherry	
41 Tomatoes	4 fruits - plum	
42 Truss of small tomatoes	10 fruits minimum	
43 Green Cabbage or Savoy	2 heads	
44 Leeks	3 plants, shown with 5cm green and 2.5cm roots	
45 Cucumbers	1 pair of cucumbers indoor or outdoor	
46 Top Tray * - see page 15 for specific rules	3 vegetables chosen from the following eight: Potatoes (3), Peas(6), Cauliflowers (2), Onions (3), Runner Beans (6), Tomatoes (6), Carrots (3) and Parsnips (3)	
47 Lettuce	2 heads - one variety	

AUTUMN SHOW - VEGETABLES

3. VEGETABLES Continued - JUDGE: Mr Ian Clapp

(To be shown on plates provided)

48	Sweet peppers	3 fruits	
49	Chilli Peppers	5 fruits	
50	Summer or winter squash	1 pair fruits—not above 30.5cm	
51	Courgettes	3 fruits	
52	Beetroot	3 roots—any form	
53	Carrots	3 roots (shown with 5cm of greenery)	
54	Herbs	5 stems of different culinary herbs in water	
55	Embrace the wonky ones	1 vegetable that has grown wonky!	

* Class 46 sponsored by BDHS - boxes provided by the Society.

AUTUMN SHOW - Continued

6. Cookery and tasting- JUDGE: TBC

(To be shown on plates provided and open to adults and children)

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- 56 1lb/454gm jar of soft fruit jam
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- 57 1lb/454gm jar of relish
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- 58 4 meringue nests - individual size (unfilled)
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- 59 Loaf of teabread
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- 60 2 home grown cherry tomatoes for tasting
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Jars to be straight-sided with no commercial advertising. Lids can be plain white plus screw-on or pliable press-on (no inner wax seal required) or clear cellophane with inner wax seal.

7. FLORAL ART - JUDGE: Mrs Cicely Finnis

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- 61 'Autumn' - an arrangement including flowers, fruit & foliage, not exceeding 50cm/20" in any direction.
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- 62 'Floating beauty' - an exhibit of flowers floating in a dish. Maximum dish size 30cm/12"
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- 63 'Wine not!' - an arrangement of flowers in a stemmed wine glass.
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- 64 'Tiny joy' - a miniature exhibit maximum dimensions 10cm/4" in any direction.
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Note: An arrangement means **no** accessories are allowed, i.e. plant material only.
An exhibit means accessories are allowed. Alternatives to Oasis are encouraged.

8. PHOTOGRAPHY - JUDGE: Mr Geoff Wakefield

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- 65 Stormy Skies - a colour or black & white photograph, size 12 ½ cm x 17 ½ cm (5" x 7") **No mount**
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9. CHILDREN'S SECTION (Open) - Judge: Mr Geoff Wakefield

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- 66 A vase of flowers from my garden
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- 67 An animal I like- A 5"x 7" colour photograph. No mount to be used.
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Parent and Child

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- 68 Child to be 6 years old or under - a ginger bread man - decorated
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- 69 Child to be 7-10 years old—a ginger bread man - decorated
-

Grandparent and Child

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- 70 Child to be 6 years old or under— a animal made from vegetables
-
- 71 Child to be 7-10 years old— a animal made from vegetables
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70

* Tick box if you are a new exhibitor:

Name:

Address :

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Entrance Fee enclosed :

Approx widths of Pot Plants :

Once completed entries need to be sealed in an envelope,
 accompanied by the appropriate entrance fees and either handed to
 a Committee member

or

Delivered to:

**Barham Village Store in the box marked BDHS Show
 on or before Tuesday 9th September 2025**

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Web site link

Information about us and what we do

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