

WINTER MEETINGS 2026-2027

We will be collecting annual subs at our first meeting of the winter season.

2026

13th October: Clare Kennett - Clare's Chillies

Clare will guide us through how to successfully grow chillies and offer us advice around how to care for chillies over winter in order to enjoy happy plants for 2+ more years.

She will bring along plenty of smaller windowsill chillies for sale, of all heat levels!

27th October: Alex Rosenfield – Birds, Birds, Birds

Local Ecologist Alex will be talking about identification techniques of common garden birds, including calls and songs, and diagnostic ID features. He will explain when to see them, where and when they nest, and about their general ecology.

He will tell us how to attract birds to your garden, including feeding and nesting ideas, the pros and cons, and the best plants to grow.

We will hear about the miracle of migration and where birds go, how they get there, how they navigate, the threats to their journey and why birds migrate.

Finally, bird ringing – what it is and how it is used to aid our understanding of bird populations and inform conservation efforts to help protect bird populations across the world.

10th November: Andrew Humphris – Parham Gardens

Andrew will be giving us a talk about his career and how he arrived at Parham. There will be a bit about the history of Parham and the garden.

He will tell us about the projects that they have undertaken over the last six years, and also a look at the new planned plantings.

24th November: Andy Thomas – Christmas, A Festive History

A fascinating and entertaining presentation by Andy Thomas. He uncovers the long and intriguing background to the festive season, from the ancient midwinter celebration of light to the marking of the birth of a messiah. Yet the history of Christmas has not been straightforward.

Andy shows us how, for all the commercialisation, we can still find meaning and enjoy Christmas today while keeping the flame of light alive in the winter darkness.

8th December: Christmas Social

Join us for our annual Christmas Social and enjoy a buffet and hot and cold drinks, a Quiz or two, and a photographic review of the year.

There will also be a Grand Christmas raffle.

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12th January: AGM, followed by Horsham Matters - Community Allotment Project

Happy New Year! As usual our AGM will take a short time, followed by a short presentation by

Rob Blaker and his team of volunteer helpers from Horsham Matters. They will tell us about their Community Allotment, which they started up last year.

They will take us through the journey from the initial idea of taking on an allotment to help stock the food banks, to where they are today.

The Community Allotment relies heavily on donated seeds, so if you have any spare packets of vegetable seeds please bring them along, even if they are slightly out of date as they will still be viable.

9th February: Elizabeth Sawday, Apuldram Roses – Roses Grow on You

With 30 years of growing, pruning and occasionally arguing with roses, Elizabeth shares practical tip for keeping roses healthy and beautiful, plus light-hearted stories from her nursery.

She also recalls the early starts and last-minute dramas of exhibiting at RHS shows. A friendly, humorous session for anyone who loves roses-or is simply trying to keep theirs in line.

9th March: Brett Haythorpe – Bearded Gnome Nursery

Brett is a horticulturalist who spent three years working at Tresco Abbey Garden on the Isles of Scilly. Upon returning to Sussex in 2025 he started growing and propagating a collection of plants and forming his business. He will tell us a little about his business and will give us a demonstration on plant propagation.

There will be plants for sale on the evening.

SHOW DATES 2027

Spring Show Saturday, 10th April

Summer Show Sunday, 8th August

Schedules will be available on our website

Photographic Competition categories (to be judged at the Spring Show):

- Something beginning with 'S'
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- A Winter Visitor
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- A Bumper Harvest
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- A Pop of Colour

Join us on



SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription is £20 per person and is due from 1st October. Subscriptions can be paid at our winter meetings or by bank transfer, details are on the membership form that can be found on our website: horshamhorticulturalsociety.co.uk in the menu under Membership. Children of existing members may join with no subscription charge.

If you are unable to print out a Membership Form please email us at: horshamhorticultural@gmail.com with your full name and address and we will post one to you.

Visitors are welcome to any meeting at a charge of £5 per meeting.

SUNFLOWER NEWS

This is our annual newsletter which contains hints/tips on gardening and news from the Society. Short items are very welcome for inclusion and should be sent to Lynda Cheeseman (lynda54@hotmail.co.uk). Inclusions may be shortened and cannot be guaranteed to be published.

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BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
BRIGHTON ROAD
HORSHAM RH13 5BD

The venue has disabled access

MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30 p.m.

RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS

Members - Free entry Guests - £5.00

THE JUBILEE CUP: This is an opportunity for members, including novices and newcomers, to bring along an exhibit of flowers, pot plants, vegetables, floral arrangements, preserves, cakes, craft items etc. to our Winter Meetings. Points will be awarded individually. The person gaining the highest number of points from four entries over the course of the Winter Meetings will be awarded the Jubilee Cup. The cup will be awarded at the last evening meeting. No member can win more than three years in a row.