

# FRITTENDEN GARDENING SOCIETY YEAR BOOK 2025



Including schedules for Spring & Autumn Shows  
Programme of visits and Social Evening

Membership: £5 Individual/ £10 Family

All information available on the website:

[www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk](http://www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk)

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## Frittenden Gardening Society Committee

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The committee meets a few times a year and welcomes new ideas or suggestions for future visits, show recipes, offers to host a visit or comments concerning the website or programme of events.

FGS holds a Spring and Autumn Show. Entry forms and fees should be submitted by the Wednesday evening preceding the show to allow time for the organisation of vases, paperwork etc. Points are awarded to all placed entries and trophies awarded accordingly.

Entries must be brought to the hall between **8.00am and 9.30am prompt** on the morning of the show **and the hall must be vacated by 9.45am** to allow judging to take place at 10.00am.

All trophies except the rose bud vase are perpetual and must be returned to the Show Secretary at least 3 days beforehand

## Programme of Events for 2025

### Saturday 5th April SPRING SHOW

See p.7 for schedule of classes. Staging of entries from 8.00-9.30 am please try and aim to finish setting up by 9.30 if you can. Doors open to public at 3.00pm. Tea and cake served, raffle draw and presentation of trophies.

### Garden Society Visits:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

Lake House, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden TN17 2ED, to see wildflower meadow  
Courtesy of Chris West

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm

Beale farm, Sand Lane, Frittenden TN17 2BA  
Courtesy of Christopher Page.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

**Social evening.** A chance to meet friends and fellow members and enjoy a glass of wine and refreshments.

Horsemill Barn, Mill Lane, TN17 2DT  
Courtesy of Henry and Nicky Robinson

It is hoped that a third local garden visit can be arranged, you will be notified of this when the details have been finalised.

### Saturday 6th September AUTUMN SHOW

See p.12 for schedule of classes. Staging of entries from 8.00- 9.30am, please try and aim to finish setting up by 9.30 if you can. Doors open to public at 3.00pm. Tea and cake served, raffle draw and presentation of trophies.

### Show dates 2026

Spring show

28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Autumn show

5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## **The 5 Star Vegetable class in the Autumn Show.**

This is an ideal class for any vegetable grower as all you do is enter any 5 different vegetables- whatever you like to grow! **One** specimen of each. Large and small onions allowed as well as long and stump rooted carrots. Judged on quality with up to 10 points per specimen.

### **Handy hints for staging flowers.**

1. Flowers that are arranged symmetrically and face the judge square on are always going to be noticed more than those that twist away. Try rotating the flower head so that symmetry is achieved.
2. An exhibit that has 2 or 3 leaves in the vase will (providing it is neatly 'staged') normally prevail over an exhibit of equal quality that does not have foliage.
3. A daffodil flower should be carried at a near right angle to the stem.
4. A clean flower free of blemishes, of good colour and substance is the aim and symmetry on an individual basis and amongst the 3 exhibits together with uniformity should always be sought.

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### **Discounts available for Garden Society Members**

*The gardening Society Committee have negotiated a number of discounts at a number of local garden centres and nurseries.*

1. 10% discount at **Golden Hill Nurseries**, Goudhurst Road, Marden, TN12 9LT  
[www.goldenhillplants.com](http://www.goldenhillplants.com)
2. 10% discount at **Millbrook Garden Centre**, Staplehurst, TN12 9BT, [www.https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk](http://www.millbrookgc.co.uk) on selected purchases.
3. 10% discount at **Rumwoods Nursery**, Langley, Maidstone, ME17 3ND  
[www.rumwoodnurseries.co.uk](http://www.rumwoodnurseries.co.uk). Discount not on sheds, outbuildings, gift vouchers, special offers (eg 2 for 1) and coffee shop.
4. 10% discount at **Webbs of Tenterden**, 51 High Street, Tenterden, TN30 6BH.  
[www.webbsoftenterden.com](http://www.webbsoftenterden.com) on garden products.
5. 10% discount at **Ripleys Garden centre** [www.ripleys.co.uk](http://www.ripleys.co.uk) Ashford Road, Betersden TN26 3LF
6. 10% discount at **Bean Place Nursery** [www.beanplace.co.uk](http://www.beanplace.co.uk) Watersfield, Bletchenden Road, Headcorn, TN27 9JB
7. 10% discount at **Broques Gate Nursery** [www.broquesgatenursery.com](http://www.broquesgatenursery.com) Broques Gate, Cranbrook Road, Biddenden TN27 8DY

We also have a card which gives a 50% off discount for FGS members and one guest, through our membership of the RHS, for visits to all RHS gardens (Bridgewater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley, but not for flower shows), which can be borrowed from the Secretary (Tricia Palmer). Please get in touch with her if you would like to use it.

## *Spring Show Awards and Trophies*

Current holders 2024

**Wordsworth Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in classes 1-8  
Vince Cordell for daffodils

**Spring Blooms Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in classes 9-18  
Annie McKellar

**Floral Art Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in classes 21-22  
Annie McKellar

**Kitchen Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in classes 26-30  
Nicky Robinson

**Joyce Newstead Cup** Awarded for best exhibit in the show  
Margaret Knight

**Spring Show Trophy** Awarded to member gaining most points overall  
Vince Cordell

## *Autumn Show Awards and Trophies*

Current holders 2024

**Homeleigh Challenge Bowl** Awarded for member gaining most points in  
John Stansfeld classes 1-18

**Ashbee Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in  
Pauline Finn classes 23-37

**Kitchen Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in  
Nicky Robinson classes 41-44

**Peasridge Challenge Cup** Awarded to member gaining most points in  
Sue Day/Annie McKellar classes 45-46

**Autumn Show Trophy** Awarded to member gaining most points overall  
Vince Cordell

**The Dereck Knight Trophy** Awarded to the best exhibit in show  
John Stansfeld

**The Annie Bull Rose Bud Vase** Awarded to the most fragrant rose as voted by visitors  
Rosalind Riley

*Daffodil Division definitions*



*Trumpet*  
Trumpet ('Corona') as long as  
or longer than petals



*Large cupped*  
Corona/ Cup more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  but less than  
equal to the length of petals



*Small-cupped*  
Corona/Cup not more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  length of petals



*Double daffodil*  
Doubling of the perianth segments or the corona or both



*Multi-headed*  
Two or more heads per stem

*Miniature Daffodils are "daffodils with all its parts (stem and leaves included) being proportionately small and the flower being under 50mm". (Not 'sturdy' as in standard classes)*

## Spring Show Schedule

### Saturday 5th April 2025 at 3.00pm

1. 3 Trumpet daffodils -1 variety
2. 3 Large-cupped daffodils -1 variety
3. 3 Small-cupped daffodils -1 variety
4. 3 Multi-headed daffodils, single or double -1 variety
5. 3 Double daffodils -1 or more varieties
6. 3 Miniature, (50mm diameter or less) daffodils, single or double -1 or more varieties
7. 3 Miniature, (50mm diameter or less) multi-headed daffodils single or double,  
1 or more varieties
8. 5 different daffodil heads displayed on a bed of moss in a drip tray (provided)
9. 3 stems of tulip -1 or more varieties
10. 5 stems of single bloom primula -1 or more varieties, without leaves and in own vase
11. 5 stems of multi flowered primula -1 or more varieties, without leaves, in own vase eg cowslip, polyanthus
12. 3 stems of shrub in flower -1 or more varieties
13. Any bulb or bulbs grown in pot by competitor
14. 3 stems any other Spring flower, **bulbs, rhizomes or corms only**,  
**NOT** daffodils or tulips
15. 5 pansy or viola heads placed on sand in a saucer- 1 or more varieties
16. 1 camellia bloom - displayed on a saucer of water
17. 3 heads of hellebores displayed in own bowl, resting in water- 1 or  
more varieties
18. A collection of Spring flowers inc. shrubs from own garden in own container. Only 1 representative from each family e.g. 1 daffodil, 1 tulip etc. Attach a numbered list of each kind. **Not judged on arrangement.**

19. 3 specimens of any winter vegetable
20. 3 sticks of untrimmed rhubarb (forced eligible for more points)

### **Floral Art**

21. An arrangement of spring flowers
22. An arrangement using mainly foliage

### **Pot plants**

23. A pot plant judged on its flowers (in exhibitor's care for at least 3 mths)
24. A pot plant judged on its foliage (in exhibitor's care for at least 3 mths)
25. An orchid in a pot (in exhibitor's care for at least 6 mths)

### **Cookery**

26. Spiced fruit and nut Cantucci
27. Veggie Galette style pie
28. 1 x 1lb jar of chutney, label with date made
29. 1 x 1lb jar of marmalade, label with date made
30. 1 jar of freshly made citrus curd, label with date and use cellophane lid

### **Photography**

31. A photograph of British field/garden bird/s

### **Children's classes** (No fee, can be entered on the day)

32. A picture of flowers using crayon, felt pen or paints.
33. A miniature garden in a tray, plate or dish

### **The Daffodil Challenge**

34. 3 daffodil bulbs grown in a pot as supplied

### **Open Classes 50p entry on the day**

- a. 20 daffodil stems in own container. 1 or more varieties
- b. Any floral exhibit not in schedule



# Recipes for 2024

## Spring Show

### Spiced Fruit and Nut Cantucci.

#### Ingredients

- 175g (6oz) plain flour, plus extra to dust
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 125g (4oz) golden caster sugar
- Zest of ½ lemon
- 2 medium eggs beaten
- 25g (1oz) each of dried cherries, hazelnuts and whole blanched almonds
- A little butter to grease

#### Method.

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180 C/160 fan Gas 4.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and mixed spice into a large bowl. Stir in the sugar and lemon zest. Gradually stir in the eggs to make a firm dough. (You may not need all of the egg. If the dough is too wet it will spread too much during cooking.) Mix in the fruit and nuts.
3. Divide the dough in two and, on a lightly floured surface, roll each into a sausage with a 2 cm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in) diameter. Put onto two lightly greased baking sheets and flatten slightly. Bake for 15-20 min then leave to stand for 10 min on a cooling rack. Reduce the oven temperature to 140 C (120 fan) Gas mark 1.
4. Using a serrated knife, cut the cantucci at a slant into 5mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  in) slices. Lay flat on two baking sheets and return to the oven for 20 min, turning halfway through cooking, until golden and firm. Allow to cool on wire racks.
5. Display 12 cantucci on a white plate

(The cantucci will keep for up to a month in an airtight container.)

## Spring Show Veggie galette-style pie

### Ingredients

- 2 onions, any colour, cut into thin wedges:
- 3 mixed peppers, seeds removed, cut into very large bite-size chunks:
- 3 tbsp olive oil:
- 4 fat garlic cloves:
- 500g/1lb 2oz pack puff pastry:
- plain flour, for rolling:
- 2 tsp dried oregano:
- 100g/3½oz tomato purée:
- 2 medium courgettes
- 200g/7oz feta:
- 1 free-range egg, beaten with a fork (optional)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper:



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7.
2. In a roasting tin, toss together the onions and peppers with a tablespoon of the oil and some salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add the garlic cloves and roast for 12–15 minutes, or until the vegetables are starting to char. Reduce the oven temperature to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and place a flat baking tray in the oven to heat up. Remove the vegetables.
3. Roll out the pastry on a sheet of baking paper using a floured rolling pin, until it is a roughly 33cm/13in circle.
4. When the garlic is cool enough to handle, squeeze out the soft flesh and mash it with the tomato purée, a tablespoon more olive oil and half the dried oregano. Spread over the pastry, using the back of a spoon, leaving a 3–4cm/1¼–1½in border.
5. Use a vegetable peeler to peel the courgette into ribbons, then toss the courgette with the third tablespoon of oil. Top the tart with the roasted onions and peppers, plus swirls of the courgette ribbons.
6. Crumble over the feta, scatter with the remaining oregano and some more black pepper. Fold the pastry edge up and over the veg slightly. Brush the pastry edge with some beaten egg, if using, or a splash more olive oil.
7. Carefully slide the tart, on the baking parchment, onto the preheated baking tray. Bake in the oven for 35–45 minutes, or until the pastry is golden-brown and crisp.
8. Display the whole Galette on a large plate or board.

## **Autumn Show Apple cake**

### **Ingredients**

- **10oz/285g self raising flour**
- **1½ tsp cinnamon (or allspice)**
- **½ tsp salt**
- **8 oz/225g demerara sugar**
- **2oz/60g raisins**
- **4oz/125g butter melted**
- **2 large eggs**
- **6floz/175ml milk**
- **8oz/225g apples, peeled cored and chopped**

### **Method**

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C; 160 C fan; Gas Mark 4
2. Sieve the flour, salt and cinnamon into a bowl
3. Stir in the sugar and raisins
4. Mix in melted butter, eggs, milk and apples
5. Place the mixture in an 8" square cake tin
6. Bake at 180C for 1- 1½ hours
6. Display the whole cake on a white plate.

## Autumn Show

### Naan Bread

- **9oz Self raising flour**
- **Pinch of salt**
- **9 level tablespoons Greek Yoghurt**
- **1 tablespoon milk**
- **Veg oil**

### Method

1. Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl
2. Spoon in the yoghurt and mix well
3. Add milk and knead
4. Cover and leave for 3 hours
5. Heat grill to medium
6. Cover grill pan with foil and brush lightly with oil
7. Divide the dough into 6-7 pieces
8. Roll out into naan shapes, approx. 13x18cm/5'x7' inches
9. Grill naan for 3minutes, and turn

Display 4 naan on a white plate

## Autumn Show Schedule

### Saturday 7th September 2024 at 3.00pm

5. 4 Coloured potatoes
6. 4 White potatoes
7. 3 Carrots
8. 3 Onions weighing over 250g
9. 3 Onions weighing less than or equal to 250g
10. 9 Runner beans
11. 5 tomatoes diameter greater than 35mm, standard or beef style
12. 5 Cherry type tomatoes diameter less than or equal to 35mm
13. 1 Cabbage
14. 3 Beetroot
15. 3 Courgettes 4-6 inches in length
16. 6 French beans
17. 1 Cucumber
18. 3 Cobs of sweetcorn
19. The longest runner bean
20. 3 Parsnips
21. The 5 Star vegetable class (see page 4 for details)
22. A Basket or Trug of vegetables to be judged by content, quality and arrangement
23. 4 Cooking apples -all 1 variety
24. 4 Dessert apples -all 1 variety
25. 3 Pears
26. A collection of culinary herbs in a ½ pint container. Please display a list of all herbs.

#### Flowers

23. 3 stems of hardy perennial, 1 variety from a plant over 2ft tall
24. 3 stems of hardy perennial, 1 variety from a plant less than or equal to 2ft tall
25. 1 Specimen rose, single bloom, no buds
26. 3 Roses, 1 or more varieties, single bloom no buds
27. 3 Stems of cluster flowered roses, 1 or more varieties
28. 3 Stems of dahlia, 1 or more varieties
29. 3 stems of any other flower bulb, rhizome, or corm (not dahlias).
30. 3 Stems of cultivated grass in flower - 1 variety
31. 5 stems of any annual- 1 variety
32. 2 Stems of flowering shrub or tree - 1 or more varieties
33. 2 Stems of berried or fruiting shrub or tree - 1 or more variety
34. 1 Seed head or stem of seed heads
35. 3 Stems of perennial aster- 1 variety
36. A collection of garden flowers in own container. **Not judged on arrangement.**
37. An arrangement of flower heads floating on water in own container. *Judged on quality of the blooms, colour and arrangement.*

#### Pot plants

38. A pot plant judged on its flowers (in exhibitor's care for at least 3 mths)
39. A pot plant judged on its foliage (in exhibitor's care for at least 3 mths)
40. Any single species cactus or succulent (in exhibitor's care for at least 3 mths)

### **Cookery**

- 41. Apple cake
- 42. Naan bread
- 43. 1 x 1lb jar jam, label with type and date made
- 44. 1 x ½lb (approx.) jar fruit jelly

Please use non commercial jars with either new lids or wax discs+cellophane tops

### **Floral Art**

- 45. An arrangement of garden flowers (no berries or seed heads)
- 46. An autumnal arrangement of foliage and/or berries and seed heads

### **Photography**

- 47. A photograph depicting the 'Spirit of Autumn'

### **Children's classes** (No fee, can enter on the day)

- 48. A posy of flowers in a jar of water
- 49. Make a birdfeeder, any kind

### **The Potato Challenge**

- 50. Grow as many potatoes as you can from 1 tuber given out at the spring show.

*Judged only on weight*

### **Open classes**

- a. 1 specimen rose to be judged on scent by visitors to the show
- b. Any fruit not listed in this schedule
- c. Any vegetable not listed in this schedule
- d. Any other home-made produce
- e. The most unusual shaped vegetable

We can happily loan out a copy of the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook which gives full details of the different classes and the criteria used for judging.

Our show schedules and other information are available on the website:

[www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk](http://www.frittendengardeningociety.co.uk)

Please circle the class numbers on the entry form to indicate which classes you wish to enter. If two members from the same household are entering, please make it clear which person is entering which classes.

Each class entry costs 30p except the Open classes which can be entered either in advance or on the day and cost 50p.

Entries can be paid by cash or by BACS transfer to

(This is a Business Account)

Name: FRITTENDEN GARDENING SOCIETY

Sort Code: 60 06 18

Account No: 30074258

Please either deliver or email your completed forms by the Wednesday preceding the show to either :

[jeremy.beech@longmeadows.co.uk](mailto:jeremy.beech@longmeadows.co.uk)

[joanna.beech97@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.beech97@gmail.com)

or deliver a hard copy to

Longmeadows, Biddenden Road, Frittenden, TN17 2BE.

The Hall will be open on show mornings at 8am. **Please allow enough time to stage your entries and ensure you leave the hall by 9.45am.**

**Spring Show Entries, by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

Name/s.....

(If more than one person is entering, please make it clear which person is entering which classes.)

Tel.....E mail.....

Classes:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Open classes a b

Total no. of entries in classes 1-34 classes x 30p = £

Total no of entries to open classes x 50p = £

Children's classes free, Open classes can be entered either on the day or beforehand, 50p

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**Autumn Show Entries, by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025**

Name/s.....

(If more than one person is entering, please make it clear which person is entering which classes.)

Tel.....E mail.....

Classes:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 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, Open classes a b c d e

Total no. of entries in classes 1-50 classes x 30p = £

Total no of entries to open classes x 50p = £

Children's classes free, Open classes can be entered either on the day or beforehand, 50p