CAPEL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Royal Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

Sunday 6th April 2025
from 2.00pm
Capel Village Hall

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Make This the Year YOU Take Part!

Enter exhibits on the day between 8.45am and 10.15am

Show Entry £1, free for members

Show Secretary: Jo Collinson
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Exhibiting

To exhibit at the Spring Show, you must be a current member of the Society. Membership is renewed each year and expires on 31 December.

Membership fee: Adults, £5; Joint (2 adults at same address), £8; Children 15 and under, free.

Membership cards will be issued, which, on production, will entitle free entry to the Spring Show (£1 for non-members) and other benefits.

You can join the Society when you collect your exhibit card(s) and stage your exhibits between 8.45am and 10.15am on the morning of the Show.

Exhibiting entries is free for members. **You may only enter one exhibit per class.**

Timetable of events

8.45 am - 10.15 am	**Village Hall open for staging exhibits**
10.30 am - 12.30 pm	**Judging of exhibits**
2.00 pm	**Show open to Public**
3.15 pm - 3.30 pm	**Collect prize money**
Starting at 3.30 pm	**Presentation of Trophies, Auction and Raffle.**

Trophies

Foreman Cup: most points in the Flower and Vegetable Classes:
Holder for 2024 – Steffi Jennings

Wheeler Cup: for most points in the other Adult Classes:
Holder for 2024 – Suzanne Burlinson

Greenwood Cup: for most points in Children's Classes (5yrs and younger):
Holder for 2024 – Rose Sewell

Coke Trophy: for most points in Children's Classes (6 to 12yrs old):
Holder for 2024 – Ella Joyce

Encourage the whole family to take part for this NEW award! That means mums, dads, cousins, aunties, uncles, grandparents – all points gained by the 3 most successful family members will be combined for the:

Family Award: for most points gained by **3 family members**:
Holders for 2024 – The Jennings/Kidd family

Prizes

Society Prize for each class: Adult's: 1st prize £1; 2nd prize 75p; 3rd prize 50p
Child's: 1st prize 60p; 2nd prize 40p; 3rd prize 20p

Special Prizes given instead of Society Prizes:

Hall Prize for Class 8:	Best Collection of Narcissi	£2
Hall Prize for Class 20:	Best Bowl of Flowering Bulbs	£2
Hall Prize for Class 24:	Best Tray of Seedlings	£2
Attridge Prize for Classes 62 & 72:	Best Spring Garden	£1

How to enter the C.H.S. Spring Show:

1. Look at the Show schedule – available online at **capelhorticulturalsociety.org.uk** and from local shops.
2. Decide which classes you would like to enter.
3. Prepare your entries.
4. Bring your entries to Capel Village Hall on the morning of the Show between 8.45am and 10.15am.
5. Here you will pay your membership fee if you haven't already done so, and be given an entry card for each of your entries (you will need to know the numbers of the classes you are entering).
6. You then take each entry with its card, and place it in the correct class on one of the tables in the hall.
7. All the entries will be judged before the Show opens at 2pm, when you can return and see how you've done – 1st, 2nd and 3rd stickers on entry cards will show who has won prizes.
8. If you have won a prize, this can be collected from the treasurer.
9. There are trophies awarded at the Show – details can be found in the schedule. These are presented at about 3.30pm.
10. You can then collect your entries and entry cards to take home, unless you have decided to donate any of them to the auction for Society funds.
11. Start thinking about what you'd like to enter in the Summer show!

We hope that entering the C.H.S. Shows is, first and foremost, fun. However, please read all the introductory notes and class descriptions carefully – don't be daunted by them; they are there so that the competition is fair for all and maintains our high standards. When it comes to the judging of entries, the judges are very knowledgeable in their particular field and any comments from them should be seen as a learning experience rather than criticism!

If you are thinking of entering a Show and have any questions about how to do this or your entries, just ask at:

CHS_ShowSec@btinternet.com

(RHS and WI manuals can also be a useful source of information.)

Helpful Hints: The RHS Classification of Narcissi Divisions will be used. Measure length of trumpet and petals if you are in doubt of class to enter and refer to RHS Show Handbook and any provided illustrations. Narcissi (Daffodils) may be staged with their leaves; e.g. 3 leaves with 3 flowers.
A **Vase's** height is taller than its width, while a **Bowl's** width is equal to or wider than its height.

Horticultural Classes

Cut Flowers

1 A vase of **3 Trumpet narcissi** (Div. 1) of one variety (no miniatures); *length of trumpet as long as or longer than length of petal*.

2 A vase of **3 Large cupped narcissi** (Div. 2) of one variety (no miniatures); *length of cup more than one third but less than equal to length of petal*.

3 A vase of **3 Short cupped narcissi** (may be Div. 3 or Div. 9 (e.g. Old Pheasant Eye)) of one variety (no miniatures); *length of cup less than one-third length of petal.*

4 A vase of **3 Double narcissi** (single headed only) of one variety.

5 A vase of **3 Multi-headed narcissi** of one variety; no dwarfs or miniatures.

6 **'Any Other'**. A vase of 3 narcissi, of one variety, not included in the above classes eg split corona.

7 A vase of **3 Dwarf or Miniature narcissi** of one variety, to include narcissi of less than 12″ high, may be single or multi-headed.

8 A vase or bowl of **9 Narcissi** of two or more varieties (**Hall prize**).

9 A vase of **3 Tulips** of one variety.

10 A vase of **5 Tulips** of two or more varieties.

11 A vase or bowl of **Spring flowers** (these include Wallflowers, Pansies, Auriculas, etc., but exclude narcissi and tulips; exhibit 10 stems at least, of one or more kinds or varieties; natural foliage allowed).

12 A vase or bowl of **Primulas** of 2 or more mixed varieties (no more than 6 stems); *Primulas include primroses and polyanthus.*

13 **4 Pansy blooms**, including violas, of one or more varieties. Container supplied.

14 A vase with **1 Camellia bloom,** natural foliage allowed.

15 A vase with **3 Camellia blooms** of one or more varieties, natural foliage allowed.

16 A vase of **3 flowering Shrub/Tree stems,** one or more kinds.

Pot Plants & Vegetables

17 **1 Flowering plant** in pot (max 7″ (178mm) diameter) (corms, e.g. cyclamen; pseudobulbs, e.g. orchids; and rhizomes, e.g. begonias, allowed but **not** bulbs).

18 **1 Flowering plant** in pot (over 7″ (178mm) diameter) (corms, pseudobulbs and rhizomes, allowed but **not** bulbs).

19 **1 Foliage plant** in pot of any size.

20 **1 Pot of Flowering bulb(s**) (max 15″ (381mm) diameter) (corms, pseudobulbs and rhizomes **not** allowed) (**Hall prize**).

21 **1 Cactus or Succulent** in pot (max 5″ (127mm) diameter).

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23 A pot, trough or bowl of **Alpine plants** of any size.

24 **A large tray of pricked-out seedlings** (approx. 35cm x 23cm) of one kind, labelled with name and date of sowing (**Hall prize**).

25 Best **Tomato plant** judged on health and vigour; one prize only given.

26 3 sticks of **Rhubarb** with scales removed but the bottom 8cm (3″) of leaf left on.

27 3 **Leeks**, washed but not trimmed.

28 **2 or more** of any kind of **Vegetable**.

Decorative – Floral Exhibits

No artificial flowers to be used.

29 **" Time to Sow "**, an exhibit in a flowerpot, not exceeding 50cm width and depth, accessories allowed.

30 **" Spring Zing”**, a petite exhibit not exceeding 25cm in width, depth or height, accessories allowed.

Photographs

81 **A Colour photograph** – any size and subject.

82 **A Photograph taken in the Parish of Capel** – any size and subject.

83 **A Winter or Spring Scene** – any size and subject.

84 **A Photograph where the main focus is an animal** – any size.

Homecraft Classes

Cookery

Note – jars & lids must not be branded, except with jar manufacturer's name. 1lb = 454g

40 1 Jar of **Marmalade**, 400g or more; label with day/month/year of production.

41 1 Jar of **Chutney**, (at least 3 months old), 400g or more; label as above.

42 1 Jar **Pickled Onions**, 400g or more; label with day/mth/year of production.

43 1 Jar of **Honey**, 200g or more; label with day/month/year of production.

All following items to be covered with cling film or similar cover.
Bread - make the previous day; don't freeze overnight or use packet mixes.

44 5 **Easter biscuits** to be made using the following recipe: 85g butter, 85g sugar, 1 egg yolk, 170g flour, pinch of salt, 30g currants, 15g chopped peel, ½ tsp mixed spice, little milk if necessary. (Use a fluted cutter. Sprinkle with caster sugar once baked.).

45 A **traditional Easter bake** from anywhere around the world eg UK's Simnel cake, Italy's Colomba di pasqua, Mexico's Capirotada. (With list of ingredients.)

46 A **decorated Victoria Sandwich, theme "Spring"** (top decorated only). **Judged on decoration only.**

47 5 **pieces of Traybake**: any base mixture of cake/biscuit/cereal with a topping, baked on a tray, cut into squares or fingers to serve. (With list of ingredients.)

48 1 **Loaf of White or Wholemeal bread, not made** in a bread-making machine.

49 1 **Loaf of Specialist Bread** (e.g. fruit/olive etc.)**, not made** in a bread-making machine. (With list of ingredients.)

50 1 **Loaf of any type made** in a bread-making machine. (With list of ingredients.)

51 6 **Eggs** – condition of shell and contents of the egg will be judged.

Handicrafts "Over the Winter"

Items produced in those cold, dark days when you couldn't garden, walk etc.

52 Item of handicraft. Must fit/stand within a 40cm x 40cm square.

53 New for 2025. Painting in any medium, any subject.

New for 2025! Classes for 13-15 year olds

90 Horticultural – an exhibit from any of the adult classes.

91 Cookery – an exhibit from any of the adult classes.

92 Handicrafts – an exhibit from any of the adult classes.

Children's Classes

On exhibiting, please check that the child's age is written on both sides of the exhibit card.

Whilst we understand adults' enthusiasm to encourage young entrants, please remember that the entry should be mostly the work of the named entrant!

Children of 5 years and under

60 A **decorated egg**, theme: **"Mini-beasts"** (hard-boiled first).

61 A **Birthday** or **Easter card**, no larger than 30cm x 21cm.

62 A **Spring Garden on a plate** (**Attridge prize**).

63 A **decorated hat, cap or bonnet for a Spring parade**.

64 **A decorated pebble.**

65 A **plate of 5 decorated small cakes – think Springtime!** (Cling filmed.)

66 A **drawing** or **painting: "Spring Time"**, of any size.

Children of 6 to 12 years

70 **5 decorated biscuits** (covered in cling film).

71 A **pop-up Birthday** or **Easter card**, no larger than 30cm x 21cm.

72 A **Spring Garden on a plate** (**Attridge prize**).

73 **A decorated pebble.**

74 **Five home-made paper flowers** (many ideas on the internet if needed!).

75 A **plate of 5 decorated small cakes – think Springtime!** (Cling filmed.)

76 A **drawing** or **painting: "My Springtime Garden"**, of any size.

Photographs

85 **A Photograph taken by a child**, 12 years and under – any size/subject.

Chocolate treat for all children who enter!

Group Competition

Our Group Competition this year is …

'We Made This Together'

All you need to do is to get into a group of 4 – 7 people (eg. friends, club members), find a project you'd all like to work on and get creative!

This could be a craft or gardening project, a book of poetry, reflections on village life through the years, a musical composition – the list of what people are passionate about is endless!

To enter the competition, you will need to present your project for judging at the Summer Show. You might be able to bring what you've made or perhaps the produce from a new garden bed or photographs of the development of your project, with an explanation of who took part and how you 'Made it Together' to give the judges a real understanding of your group's endeavours.

There are three age groups for the competition:

8 and under 9 – 14 years 15 and above (including adults!)

Notification of entry must be sent to the Show Secretary (CHS_ShowSec@btinternet.com or by hand to 37, The Street, Capel) by Weds. 13th August 2025, giving the group and participants' names.

Entries then need to be brought to the Show Marquee before 10am on Saturday 16th August 2025.

Have fun together and Good Luck!