

Chairman's Chat

Quite a short chat from me this time, as the show is not far away and we need to ask for your help in a few things. The show poster is on page 4 and our appeals for help and some guidance are on page 2. We had an excellent evening again with David Hurrion and a very good turn-out of 65 people. What good taste you have! David mixed science and the art of design beautifully to explain to us how to build successful raised beds in a number of different styles. I already had his book on the subject and, having recently bought a "table bed" I have been reading it very carefully. Fingers crossed and I may finally create a productive salad bed.

COMING UP !!

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

SPRING SHOW

2.30 -4.00pm

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

GRAHAM DILLAMORE

**The gardens of Hampton Court
Palace**

7 FOR 7.30

Poster and info on page 5

BAFTA winner

This month's BAFTA winner was a beautiful two-tone Camelia brought in by Barbara Kinnes. David Hurrion commented that these plants are grown to produce red, white or two-tone flowers.



STOP PRESS!

Many, many, thanks to Janet Todd, who has agreed to oversee the refreshments rota at meetings. It's a really great help

I must admit that it is very heart warming to see the response we have from our celebrities on visiting our club. Thank you once again for creating that warm and welcoming atmosphere, combining education with a sense of fun. Finally, the sun has prevailed and what a treat it is to be pottering in the garden in this glorious weather. *Christine*

SPRING SHOW NEWS SATURDAY 11th APRIL

AN APPEAL: it would be brilliant if you could bake a cake for the teas in the afternoon. It will take some of the pressure off the committee, who will be setting up on Friday evening and Saturday morning. If you can help with this just send us a quick email. We will be very grateful. 😊😊

SERVING SHOW REFRESHMENTS

Catherine and I will get the refreshments all organised before the show starts but we would like some volunteers to serve, as last year. If you can give us 30 minutes of your time on that afternoon then please email the admin email and I will create a rota. Sessions will be 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 for 30 minutes. It only takes 2 people, but more are always appreciated for washing up!

SHOW TIPS

- *Set up is in the back room where you will find all the vases and water.
- *When displaying in these vases it is useful to bring some newspaper to act as a stabiliser to stand the stems up.
- *If the class requires e.g 3 of the same, try to find unblemished blooms which are as similar to each other as you can find. Place the blooms all facing forward.
- *If you know the variety, it's good for spectators to learn what does well, so it's helpful, but not essential, to put the variety on your entry card
- *Most importantly, please ask advice if you need it!

You can enter online or, if paper is better for you then use the form in the schedule and put through my door:

Silver Glade, Gasden Lane Witley GU85QB

Many thanks,
Christine



Please return
your Spring Show
cups on the
morning of the
show

| <i>Trophies to be awarded</i> | |
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| GEORGE EDWARDS CUP | For the Best Exhibit of Daffodils and/or Narcissi in Classes 1 – 11 |
| CUTLER CUP | For the Best Exhibit in Classes 12 and 13 |
| THE REDHEAD BOWL | For the Best Exhibit in class 30 |
| NORMAN CUP | For the Best Exhibit in class 29 |
| WITLEY EVERGREENS CUP | Best exhibit in Classes 17, 22-24 |
| DAVID SWIFT MEMORIAL TROPHY | Most points in the Crafts Section |
| WITLEY W.I. CUP (Cookery) | Best Exhibit Classes 39-42 |

CLUB NEWS

PLEASE!

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Jan and Barbara have worked very hard to get everything ready for our Spring Show so do please make it worth their while, so if you can

ENTER THE SHOW

MAKE A CAKE

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE TEAS

PLANT SALE 23rd MAY 2026

Please continue to prepare for our plant sale . If sowing seeds taking cuttings, or dividing isn't your thing then maybe you can consider helping to serve on the morning . Or make a cake!

Every little helps!

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are pleased to say that Catherine has liased with Marion Lewis, who has secured us a date to visit Watts Gallery garden. The date is 10th June pm and should nicely fill the "June Gap " in our programme

The joint garden visit with Miford has been confirmed by them for 7th July pm. The cost will be £12 plus an optional £7.50 for afternoon tea.

There will be full details in due course, but we will, of course have to book and pay in advance for Losely.

Doors open
2.30pm. Presentations
4.00pm

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 11th April 2026

Chichester Hall, Witley

Teas and homemade cakes served. Meet up with friends in our pop-up cafe



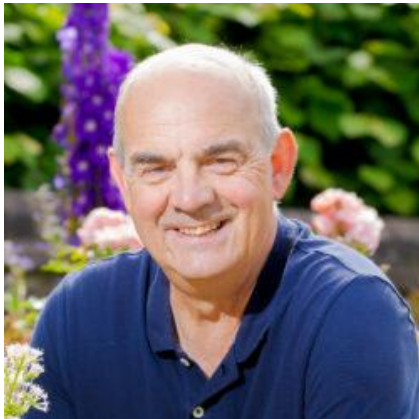
Floral, cookery, craft and photography exhibits



Come along, have a cuppa and enjoy the show!

TUESDAY
21ST APRIL 2026

GRAHAM DILLAMORE
The Gardens of Hampton
Court Palace



Graham is currently the Deputy Head of all gardens belonging to Historic Royal Palaces which includes Kensington Palace and Hampton Court Palace.

His career began in 1980 when he joined the Royal Parks as an apprentice gardener. He gained his experience in weeding and digging in high profile places including Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street.

Graham joined the team at Hampton Court Palace in 1990, restoring the historic landscape and gardens.

He is a knowledgeable garden historian & lecturer and runs his own garden design consultancy.

THE CHICHESTER HALL

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start

Entry free to members, £5 to non-members.

Welcome drinks available