THORPE BAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

(Affiliated to Royal Horticultural Society)

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Members

The Spring show on the 28th March certainly had the WOW factor. So many beautiful exhibits both in horticultural and homecraft classes with an unexpected amount of daffodils which had survived a very windy week. Along with these, other bulbs and flowers and some early vegetables the hall was a picture of spring. It was also encouraging that we had quite a few new exhibitors and people joining the Society which is essential for us to be able to continue. As I have said previously, the judges are always telling us that so many local Societies are closing due to lack of support so a big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support us.

I think we may have had a record number of people attending the spring show in the afternoon, so many in fact that the tearoom had sold out of cakes by 3.15 pm. If anybody is able to make and donate a cake for the tearoom for any of the shows we would be extremely grateful as people are very disappointed if they are unable to have a cake with their tea/coffee.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who help set up and put away the tables, chairs etc., for the shows and to the ladies in the tearoom.

If you have any books and puzzles you wish to donate to the society but are unable to bring them to the hall then please phone Ian Burchill on 01702 588235 and he will arrange to collect them.

It was such a pity that we only had one exhibit in floral art on the stage. It gets increasingly difficult to think of different subjects for floral art and photography for each show so if anyone has ideas for these classes, please let us know

Our “member’s photo” page on the website really needs updating with some new photos. If you have a colourful flowerbed or individual plant/flower/shrub, indoor plant, vegetables, item of homecraft etc., please would you take a photo and send to Paul.

Hunt Roche estate agents sponsor our Spring show and print these newsletters and we thank them for their continued support.

As always clean saleable bric a brac is gratefully received as are plants for the plant stall.

I hope that everyone who went on the Wisley coach trip enjoyed their day. The nice weather would have helped.

For those members going on the Winchelsea trip on the 18th July please remember this is a **SATURDAY**.

SUMMER SHOW 13TH JUNE 2026

CLASS 62 – FLORAL ART The subject is **A FAIRY STORY** and please include the title with the display.

CLASS 89 – A PHOTOGRAPH This show's subject is **A VIEW THROUGH** Photos must be taken by the exhibitor, be no larger than 7" x 5" and be unframed/unmounted.

CLASS 92 – HOMECRAFT This show's cake is a **CRUNCHY TOP LEMON CAKE** and exhibitors must use the following recipe:

100g/4oz soft margarine
175g/6oz self raising flour
2 extra large eggs
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon
175g/6oz caster sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
4 tablespoons milk

FOR THE CRUNCHY TOPPING

Juice of 1 lemon
100g/4oz granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 180c/350f/gas 4. Lightly grease and base line a 7" (18cm) round cake tin. Measure all the ingredients into a large bowl and beat until smooth and well blended. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface. Bake for about 35-40 minutes or until the cake springs back when lightly pressed.

Whilst the cake is baking make the crunch topping. Put the lemon and sugar into a bowl and stir until blended. When the cake comes out of the oven spread the lemon paste over the top whilst the cake is still hot. Leave in the tin until cold then turn out and remove the lining.

The following trophies were presented at the Spring Show:

Wilkins Kennedy Cup for most points in Homecraft was awarded to Mandy Sylvester
Owen Wallis Trophy for best exhibit in the Spring show went to Nicola Calder
Daffodil Trophy was presented to Nicola Calder

Diploma winners were

Tulips – Brian Everett
Other bulbs and flowers – Nicola Calder
Floral Art – Joanne Philip
Homecraft – Mandy Sylvester

Congratulations to them all for their hard work, imagination and enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Show on the 13th June. Let's hope the weather has warmed up a bit by then!!

Best wishes
Linda
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PHOTOS FROM THE SPRING SHOW 2026 (see more on the website)

THE SOCIETY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE WHICH IS WWW.THORPEBAYHORTICULTURALSOCIETY.CO.UK