

The Autumn Mini Show was a great success with 17 people entering the show, putting on a great display of very good quality. Special congratulations to Elizabeth Chapman, and Christine Sparkes who were the joint winners, and they were entering for the first time!

The results from this years' Mini Shows are as follows:

SPRING SHOW

1st Ray Martin
2nd Caroll Wallace
3rd Rachel Bischoff

AUTUMN SHOW

1st EQUAL Christine Sparkes
& Elizabeth Chapman
3rd Enid Castle

COMBINED SPRING & AUTUMN SHOW – Elizabeth Davy Trophy

1st Ray Martin
2nd EQUAL Caroll Wallace & Enid Castle

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Charity Money raised at the Autumn Mini Show of £7.65.

See below the classes in our 2016 Spring mini show to see what you can prepare for. We have tried to include classes for everyone, and this is a great opportunity for you to try your hand at entering an event, before our Annual Show in July.

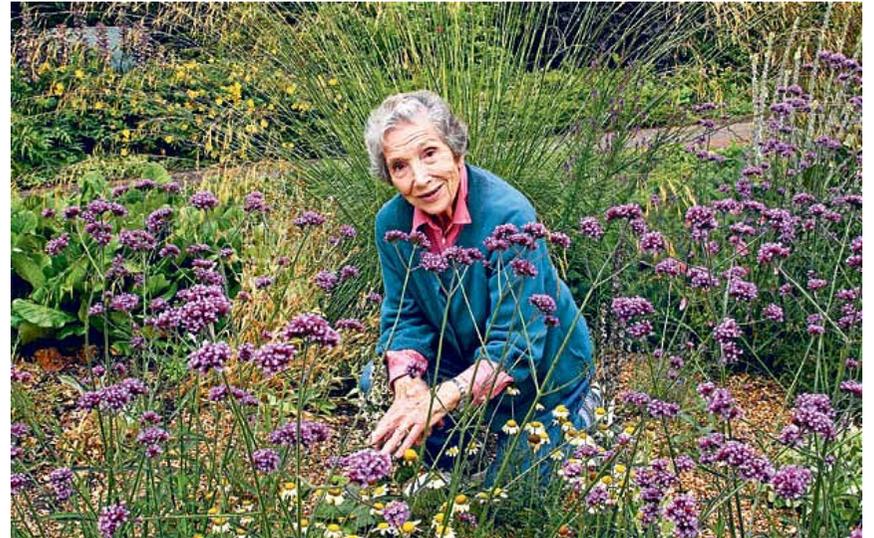
Spring Mini Show 2016 - Classes

1. Garden flower(s) in a picture frame - frame provided
2. Vase of 1 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
3. Vase of 3 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
4. Vase of 5 (max) Daffodils any variety(ies) excluding miniatures
5. Vase of 5 (max) Miniature Daffodils
6. Pot of Mystery Daffodils (purchased from FDHS)
7. Pot of Mystery Miniature narcissus (purchased from FDHS)
8. An Alpine plant (max pot size 200mm)
9. 3 sticks of Rhubarb
10. Spring vegetable
11. 5 chocolate brownies
12. Banana bread, 4 slices
13. A coloured in picture for adults!
14. Photo entitled "April Showers" mounted (not framed). Not to exceed 200mm x 250mm overall
16. All Round Spring Flower arrangement (max size 400mm x 400mm, any height)

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Felixstowe and District Horticultural Society

Next Meeting – 10 November 2015



David Ward A History of Beth Chatto's Garden

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Chairman's Message

Tuesday's meeting was always going to be busy; with the Autumn Mini show and our guest speaker, Ben Potterton ensuring that there would be a fairly full house.

Ben talked us through an entertaining hour of "Colour in the Autumn Garden" from Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery. He brought a variety of herbaceous perennials including, asters, rudbeckia, helianthus, aconitum monk's hood, leucanthamella and astrantia roma. Then showed us how they grew as a garden perennial and how useful they were as a cut flower for the house. In the garden and at Shorelands Wildlife Gardens they interplant these hardy plants with a variety of grasses such as miscanthus and Panicum virgatum 'Warrior'. Ben is an entertaining speaker and gave us an insight into life at Blacksmiths Cottage and in the Wildlife garden with the monkeys, lama, pelican, buffalo and alpacas. He has very clear ideas about what he likes to see in the garden, and what he doesn't! Let's hope that we will see Ben back at one of our meetings in the future, it's a refreshing change to hear some forthright and sensible opinions from such a talented horticulturalist.

My thanks and congratulations to all those who entered into the spirit of our Autumn Show and put a few entries in. It's time to plan for next year's mini Spring show, we will have daffodils and tulips for sale at the November meeting so that you can get them growing in time for April.

I'll be away again in November on our 'summer' holiday and sorry that I will be missing David Ward talking to us on A History of Beth Chatto's Garden at our November meeting. We are so lucky to have this garden so close to us and there is something to see at every time of the year.

Hopefully, we will see many of you next at the Annual Dinner on 27th November at Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club. Book your place at the November meeting. See you soon.

Ray Martin

ADVANCE NOTICE - Jeremy will be selling Spring flowering bulbs again at the November meeting, and bare root rose bushes at the January meeting.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club Friday, 27th November. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Starters

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
Breaded Camembert with Sweet Chilli Jam
Duck a l'orange Pate with Toasted Ciabatta
Prawn and Crayfish Cocktail

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing, Red Cabbage, Roasted Root Vegetables, Roast Potatoes)
Slow Braised Feather Blade Steak in a Shallot and Red Wine Gravy
(Yorkshire Pudding, Red Cabbage, Roasted Root vegetables, Roast Potatoes)
Salmon en Croute with a Basil and Cognac Sauce
(Wholegrain Mustard and Garlic Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Pea Puree)
Mushroom Wellington (V)
(Red Cabbage, Roasted Root Vegetables, Roast Potatoes)

Dessert

Matured Christmas Pudding
(Brandy Custard)
Lemon Possett
(Homemade Shortbread)
Chocolate Brownie served hot
(Chocolate Sauce, Ice Cream)
Cheese Board
(Crackers, Grapes, Chutney)

Coffee or Tea with Mints

To book your Christmas Dinner please give your name, menu choices and **cheque for £24** per person payable to **FDHS** at the next meeting, or phone Caroll on 01394 272695.

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