

**LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**2026 OUTINGS ISSUE (February 2026)**

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**OUTING 26A**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**FALCONHURST**  
**NEAR EDENBRIDGE**

**FRI 1 MAY**

Celebrate the first day of May at Falconhurst, a working family-run farming estate located in an enviable position in the High Weald of Kent, just a 45-minute drive from Lindfield. The house is embraced by magnificent gardens which have been nurtured by the Talbot family since 1850, with wonderful trees, wide paths and borders and woodland walks.



We will be welcomed with morning coffee and cake, followed by an introductory talk on the house and estate by Nicola Talbot who now runs the gardens. We can then take a stroll around the grounds at our leisure to enjoy the colour, structure and texture in the garden.

If you consider yourself a 'foodie', don't forget to bring your shopping bag as you will find the Farm Shop well stocked with a trove of delectable speciality goods, fresh local artisanal produce and cakes made on site. As it's Friday, the visiting fishmonger will also be there selling the finest and most delicious fish you can get your hands on. We're assured you won't find better!



If you fancied making a day of it and having a bite to eat for lunch at Falconhurst, in addition to the Farm Shop goodies, delicious street food will also be available which can be enjoyed al fresco, or inside the Barn Café. Behind the barn, along a winding path through the 'Wild Garden' you will find a bench where you can sit awhile and enjoy a coffee. And be sure to say hello to the cheeky pigs and goats on route.

The Talbot family takes their commitment to the environment very seriously and make sure the land and businesses on it are being responsibly managed, leaving a legacy to be proud of for the next generation. Day to day, they work to take small and not-so-small steps to enrich their eco credentials. They have been using regenerative practices on the farm, composting and planting multi-species leys to establish more biodiversity both above and below ground whilst also providing their cows with a more balanced and productive diet. Their mission is to run a profitable farm while looking after the land responsibly and they believe that you can only do that by farming with the land and nature, not against it.

We're sure you will find plenty of interest to enjoy at Falconhurst.

**TICKET PRICE £17 pp (including refreshments on arrival)**

**OUTING 26B**  
**COACH TRIP**

**THE KENT GARDEN SHOW**  
**DETLING, MAIDSTONE**

**SAT 23 MAY**

This Show runs for 3 days only, from Saturday to Monday over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and we are visiting on the opening day.



A wonderful feature of the show are the floral marquees with their stunning floral displays, including medal winners from Chelsea.

Celebrity judge, Jim Buttress (with whom you may be familiar if you listen to Gardeners' Questions on Radio Sussex on Sunday mornings) will be judging the floral displays on Saturday morning.

As well as over 60 nurseries in attendance, there will be over 300 garden exhibitors selling garden furniture; water features; garden sheds and buildings; tools; sculptures; pots; BBQs; metal work and much more. There will also be a Craft Pavilion, a Food Hall, a Brass Band and children's rides.

The Kent Area Floral Art Show will be held in the Clive Emson Building, where Flower Arrangers from all over Kent will be competing. We hope you will enjoy the exhibits and be inspired enough to consider entering an arrangement yourself in a Floral Art Class at one of the LHS Shows. Refer to your 2026 Show Schedule for the titles of the Classes and get your thinking caps on in readiness. And if you're totally new to entering floral art, or have entered previously but never won, then you are eligible to enter the Novices Class in the Autumn Show. Go on, be brave – why not have a bash?



**Accessibility:** The show is built as a logical circuit so that when you enter the showground you only need to turn left or right and keep going to arrive back to where you started having passed all stands. This includes going into the buildings at one end and leaving at the other end. Accessibility is generally good.

**Refreshments:** There should be plenty of food outlets around the showground.

**TICKET PRICE:**    **£32.50 pp** (incl. coach travel & driver's tip)

**OUTING 26C**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**GRAVETYE MANOR**  
**EAST GRINSTEAD**

**FRI 26 JUNE**



Due to the demand for places to our previous visit to Gravetye Manor and the very few garden visits Gravetye releases to groups, we made sure to apply early in 2025 for a visit in 2026 and were lucky to secure a group visit in June - a perfect time to see the garden in flower and things happening in the extensive Kitchen Garden. However, please be warned that 20 is the maximum number of people permitted for group visits, so if you are interested, be sure to apply early before the places are snapped up.

The details are yet to be confirmed, but we believe the format will remain as per our previous visit, with refreshments on our arrival at 10:30, followed by a tour of the gardens accompanied by Tom Coward (Head Gardener) which will commence at around 11:00.

In the event of inclement weather (as was the case on our previous visit when we had heavy rain to start the day), Tom's informative talk about the gardens will take place inside the manor. The tour will then resume outside, weather permitting. Should the tour be unable to take place altogether, then no charge will be incurred and you will be reimbursed in full. We sincerely hope that in midsummer this will not be the case... but this is England and it has been known to snow in June!

**Refreshments:**

Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the ticket price.

**Accessibility:**

The ground is uneven in some places and there are occasional slopes without handrails.

**Advisory:**

If wet, please ensure appropriate footwear and clothing.

**TICKET PRICE:     £30 pp (incl. refreshments)**

**OUTING 26D**  
**COACH TRIP**

**ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS**  
**KEW**

**THU 16 JULY**



Acting on members' requests for us to visit Kew Gardens, we have arranged a coach outing in mid-July when the gardens offer vibrant displays, including the Great Board Walk Borders (Europe's longest double herbaceous borders) which will be awash with colourful summer blooms, the Evolution Garden where we can explore the fascinating science behind Kew's plant collection and enjoy contemporary plantings and the Rose Garden in full bloom, with spectacular waterlilies in the Waterlily House, including the world's largest *Victoria boliviana*, with even more stunning displays of waterlilies and other fascinating plants in the Princess of Wales Conservatory. You can take a guided tour around the gardens on the Kew Explorer land train (charge applies) to learn about Kew's flora, fauna and history. Be sure to include a visit to the Marianne North Gallery (free entry) where more than 800 of her paintings from her remarkable travels cover the walls on permanent display. A vivid collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century botanical art, the gallery is a treat for both art lovers and adventurous minds.



### **Marianne North**

Defying the conventions for women in 19<sup>th</sup> century, Marianne travelled the world solo to record the tropical and exotic plants that captivated her. She challenged the tradition of formal botanical Victorian flower painting and chose to paint plants in their natural settings. Her work became a powerful record of the dramatic landscapes she visited and the plants that inhabit them years ahead of the invention of colour photography, which made her paintings a valuable resource to botanists of the day and allowed people to see flora and fauna that they would not have had the opportunity to experience for themselves. Today, the paintings are exhibited in geographical order for you to be able to follow in her intrepid footsteps.

**Accessibility:** Generally, very good. The land train will save tired legs if needed.

**Refreshments:** There are a number of food outlets.

**TICKET PRICE: £30 Member\* / £40 Non-member\* (incl. coach & driver's tip)**

(\*Refer to application form for information)

**OUTING 26E**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**BOURNE BOTANICALS (NGS)**  
**& HERONS BONSAI NURSERY**

**TUE 11 AUG**

This is a two-stop visit to 2 very different places. The early afternoon will be spent in the gardens at 'Bourne Botanicals', Felbridge, where we will find a lush setting of huge bananas jostling alongside gunnera and arid beds of agave, yucca and cacti. A diverse tropical-look garden with wildlife pond, stream and bog beds of carnivorous plants. Palms, tree ferns, tetrapanax. Many unusual plants and quirky touches await, all set in an acre of woodland. Our plant-fanatic hosts will tell us all about their passion and treat us to tea and homemade cakes. There will also be plants available to purchase.



We will take a short drive from Felbridge to Newchapel, to visit Herons Bonsai Nursery (7 acres) and spend the early evening with world famous bonsai expert, Peter Chan who will talk to us about the Japanese art of bonsai. To his credit, Peter has won 20 Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medals, so there isn't much he doesn't know about his art and he'll be happy to share his tips (and biscuits) with you.



**Accessibility:** Parking is available for 8 cars at Bourne Botanicals, with more spaces within an 8-minute walk, if needed. Herons Nursery has plenty of parking onsite and level paths.

**Refreshments:** Included in the ticket price at Bourne Botanicals and at Herons Bonsai.

**TICKET PRICE: £18 pp**

**OUTING 26F**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**DENBIES WINE ESTATE**  
**DORKING**

**WED 23 SEP**

How does an Outdoor Sparkling Wine Vineyard Tour appeal, together with a lovely brunch to boot?



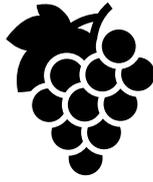
Enjoy a glass of Denbies Sparkling Whitedowns Cuvee as you are taken through the fields to the highest viewpoint of the vineyard. This informative and relaxed tour is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of the stunning panoramic views of our lovely countryside. Don't forget your cameras!



To begin our day, we have arranged brunch for you at the Vineyard Hotel from 11.00 to 13:00, which will include a dish of your choice; a selection of pastries & bread with local preserves; freshly squeezed orange juice; tea & coffee, with the option to upgrade to unlimited sparkling wine – how decadent! We will then set off on our outdoor vineyard tour, which will include a glass of sparkling cuvee on route. We can end the day with a little retail therapy in the farm shop, plant sales area and gift shop and browse the upstairs Art Gallery and there may be some sculpture exhibits in the grounds to see.

**TICKET PRICE: £41.50 pp**

Incl. brunch & sparkling vineyard tour



**DENBIES VINEYARD HOTEL ~ EXAMPLE BRUNCH MENU**

Toasted English Muffin with Hollandaise and your choice of either Smoked Back Bacon, Oak Smoked Salmon, or Sauteed Spinach

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Toasted Chalk Hills Bakery Sourdough, Crushed Avocado, Flaked Chili, Lime Juice and Crumbed Feta

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Smoked Salmon and Scrambled Egg on Toasted Chalk Hills Bakery Sourdough

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Full English

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Vegetarian Full English

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Pancakes with Greek Style Yoghurt, Honey & Fresh Fruit

**Additional Items**

Smoked Back Bacon

Sauteed Spinach

Grilled Sausage

Toasted Sourdough

Baked Beans

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NB The above choices are subject to the availability of produce and may be revised.

You may choose from the options available, which will be served together with a selection of pastries and bread with local preserves; freshly squeezed orange juice; tea & coffee.

You also have the option to upgrade to unlimited sparkling wine over the 2-hour service period, from 11am to 1pm, at an additional cost of £15 per person.

**OUTING 26A**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**FALCONHURST GARDEN & FARM,**  
**near EDENBRIDGE**

**FRI 1 MAY**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... **Applicant 3** .....

**TICKET PRICE £17 PER PERSON**

- **\*I attach my cheque for £ ..... made payable to Lindfield Horticultural Society**  
**OR**
- **\*I have transferred the sum of £ ..... to the Lindfield Horticultural Society**  
Bank Account Number 00725927, Sort Code 20-49-76, using 26A followed by my surname as the reference, (e.g. 26A Gardener)
- **I can offer a lift for ..... people**
- **I would like a lift for ..... people**

**N.B.**

1. **LHS Members' priority booking ends on 14 March**
2. **Non-member bookings commence 15 March**
3. **Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application**

**YOUR COMMENTS (including any dietary requirements in respect of arrival refreshments):**

Please return your completed form & cheque to:  
Heather Hitchcock, 81 William Allen Lane, RH16 2ST.  
T: 07971 857182  
E: [outings.lhs@gmail.com](mailto:outings.lhs@gmail.com)



**OUTING 26C**  
**CAR-SHARE**

**GRAVETYE MANOR**

**FRI 26 JUNE**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... **Applicant 3** .....

**TICKET PRICE £30 pp**

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**OUTING 26D  
COACH TRIP**

**KEW GARDENS**

**THU 16 JULY**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... **Applicant 3** .....

\*Delete as appropriate

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS</b>
<b>1</b>	*KEW MEMBER / *KEW MEMBER'S GUEST / *WAKEHURST MEMBER / *NEITHER
<b>2</b>	*KEW MEMBER / *KEW MEMBER'S GUEST / *WAKEHURST MEMBER / *NEITHER
<b>3</b>	*KEW MEMBER / *KEW MEMBER'S GUEST / *WAKEHURST MEMBER / *NEITHER

**TICKET PRICES**

- Kew Member and their one permitted guest = **£30 pp**
- Wakehurst Member (who has not already used their 1 free Kew entry PA) = **£30 pp**
- Non-member of either Kew or Wakehurst = **£40 pp**

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**Walking Tour Option:**

Subject to there being sufficient interest, a 60-minute walking tour with a Kew award-winning guide can be arranged at an extra approx. cost of £7- £10 pp for which you will be required to make a secondary payment to LHS on request.

**Applicants \*1 / \*2 / \*3 is/are interested in this option**

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4. Please note your interest in the Walking Tour Option before 01 June

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**CAR-SHARE**

**BOURNE BOTANICALS (NGS)**  
**& HERON'S BONSAI NURSERY**

**11 AUG**

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Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... **Applicant 3** .....

**TICKET PRICES**

Tick as applicable:

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>BOURNE BOTANICALS ONLY = £13 pp</b>	<b>HERON'S BONSAI ONLY = £5 pp</b>	<b>COMBINED BOURNE &amp; HERON'S BONSAI COMBINED = £18pp</b>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>TOTAL COST OF TICKETS</b>			

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**CAR-SHARE**

**DENBIES WINE ESTATE**  
**DORKING**

**WED 23 SEP**

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Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... **Applicant 3** .....

WHAT'S INCLUDED	TICKET PRICE
<b>From 11:00 to 13:00:</b> Brunch at the Vineyard Hotel (a soft drink is included)* *There is an option to upgrade to unlimited sparkling wine with your brunch. You decide on the day and pay an additional £15pp to the hotel. See Example Menu <b>From 14:00 to 15:00 approx:</b> Covered Outdoor Train Tour of vineyard including a glass of sparkling wine	<b>£41.50 pp</b>

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## LHS STANDARD OUTINGS APPLICATION PROCEDURES 2026

1. Payment for outings can be made with cheque or a bank transfer at the time of applying.

### Paying By Cheque:

A separate cheque is required for each outing, made payable to Lindfield Horticultural Society and submitted to the Outings Organiser together with your application form.

Cheques will be held on file until 2 to 3 weeks before the date of the outing when they will be banked, giving you prior notice of this, unless advised otherwise.

### Paying By Bank Transfer:

The appropriate sum for each individual outing should be transferred to the Lindfield Horticultural Society's Bank Account, Number 00725927, Sort Code 20-49-76. The nomenclature for Your Reference (which must be stated) is the outing reference number followed by your surname (e.g. 26A Gardener / 26B Gardener etc).

2. Where numbers are limited, applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis unless stated otherwise.
3. Unless Clause 5 applies, bookings are reserved for LHS members up until the date provided on each application form.
4. Applications for any spare tickets will be available for sale to non-members of LHS from the release date indicated on each application form. If successful, a further payment will be required. You may register your interest in obtaining any spare tickets for friends or family on your initial application form.
5. Single or sole LHS members are permitted to apply with their initial application for one additional ticket for an accompanying guest who is not a member.
6. Bookings cancellations should be made at the earliest opportunity to allow your tickets to be resold. Cancellations made up to 4 weeks before the outing will incur no penalty cost. However, after that time, refunds can only be made if we are able to resell your ticket. Any reasonable request made for a discretionary refund due to exceptional circumstances will be considered.
7. The ticket price includes the cost of admission fees and coach travel where applicable, inclusive of the driver's tip.
8. Full details of the arrangements for the day, including departure and approximate return times, will be provided to you no later than 2 weeks prior to the outing. If you do not receive a notification by email or phone by that time, you should contact the Outings Organiser without delay.

The coach pick-up point is the bus stop layby near Paul's Greengrocer and the United Reform Church, Lindfield High Street, unless advised otherwise.

9. If you have purchased a ticket(s) based on your membership of the National Trust, RHS, HHA, Kew, Wakehurst, or any other organisation, you must have your valid membership card with you on the day. If not, you may be liable to pay the full entrance fee.

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