



Newsletter –January 2026

Dear Members. Happy New Year.

The Committee have been working hard on the new schedule, and we are aiming to make this year interesting and even bigger and better than last year. If you have any more ideas on talks, trips or classes to be added there is still time, so please pass your suggestions to one of the Committee.

You will be pleased to know that we have decided not to raise the Annual Subscription of £8.00 this year, as we did that last year. However, we are going to slightly raise the Flower Show entry fees. This will help to cover the cost of hire of the hall, Judges fees and the Trophy engraving costs.

The Spring Show is our first big event of the year. I love this show with all the beautiful Spring Bulbs and Flowers. We have quite a lot of interesting classes, especially in the Cookery section. I am sure that the men will be pleased to see Scotch Eggs in the schedule, along side a Savoury Quiche, Swiss Roll and Macaroons. We have also extended the Handicraft section to include, Pottery & Woodwork.

Erratum - Please can you delete class number 59 from your schedule, as it is the same as class 57.

We will be having two big events this summer. The Annual Show, Fete & Dog Show as well as the Bi-annual Open Gardens event. If you can help us in anyway whatsoever, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

The Open Garden event will be held on Sunday 21st June. Last time we had 18 gardens open to view. It would be lovely if we could raise that up to around 20. So, if you have a garden that you would like to open, please can you let us know. The interesting thing about Walberton gardens, is that we have an excellent mix of large gardens, small patio gardens and traditional old cottage gardens. It would be lovely if we could add some of the gardens on the two new estates, this would add another interesting dimension into the mix.

Dates for your diary.

March – Floral Art Demonstration - date to be confirmed.

Spring Flower Show – Saturday 21st March.

Annual General Meeting, with Coffee & Cake – Saturday 11th April.

Walberton Open Gardens Sunday. – Sunday 21st June.

Summer Flower Show, Dog Show & Village Fete – Saturday 4th July.

Autumn flower Show – Saturday 19th September.

Spring Flower show – Saturday 20th March 2026

Jobs to do in the garden

Have a good walk around you garden and make a list of any alterations that you might like to make and prioritise them.

Order any seeds and bulbs that would like to grow. Most summer flowering bulbs need to be planted in the March. In fact, March can be a very busy month, so we need to be organised, especially if you are having your garden open in June.

Antirrhinums and Lobelia are very slow to germinate and these need to be sown indoors towards the end of January.

In the Vegetable garden. When the ground is workable and starting to warm up, sow your parsnips before anything else as they take around four weeks to germinate.

March is to be taken advantage of as it really is action time in the garden.

The Gardeners Club Committee have their first meeting of the year on Monday 12th January, so we would be grateful of any thoughts and suggestions before then.

The Open Gardens Committee have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 14th January, so again it would be lovely to hear of your suggestions before then.

Please contact Brenda on WalbertongShows@outlook.com with your ideas.

Thank you all for your continued support.

From your Committee.

Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey (Shows & Events), Douglas Callander, Alan Gess, Bob Rogers, Kate Dobson & Liesma Mezulis.

