



2026

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26th ANNUAL SHOW

Sunday 28 June 2026

**MILLENNIUM HALL, LACEY GREEN
BUCKS HP27 0QT**

**The Hall is situated on Main Road, almost opposite
The Black Horse public house, between
High Wycombe and Princes Risborough**

what3words: “famous.october.advantage”

**Staging: 8.30 – 12.00 + Decorative exhibits can be staged
up until 1pm, away from the exhibition area**

Judging: 12.15pm onwards

**Open to the public: 2.30pm (awards: c. 3.30pm)
raffle prizes gratefully received
(Sale of surplus blooms throughout so
please let us have your ‘spares’)**

**The Show is staged
in conjunction with the N.S.P.S.
but competitors need not be members thereof
Entries MUST be sent prior to the Show
(please use entry form on page 17)**

Tea and coffee will be available

**The Committee wishes to thank everyone who has given
sponsorship and who provides other support**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notification is hereby given of the A.G.M. of the
Chiltern Sweet Pea Society.

This meeting will take place each year,
date to be agreed and communicated to members
at or following the Annual Show each year.

The main purpose of this Meeting will be the election of
Officers and Committee and to accept the accounts;
any proposals/nominations should be sent in writing
at least one month in advance.

CONSTITUTION

1. That the title of the Society shall be “The Chiltern Sweet Pea Society”.
2. That the object of the Society will be to disseminate knowledge of sweet peas and other Lathyrus species and in furtherance of that object to encourage, improve and extend the cultivation of the Genus Lathyrus, particularly in the Chilterns, by holding an annual Open Exhibition.
3. That the Society shall consist of Members paying an annual subscription of such sum as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Committee.
4. That the Committee shall have power to refuse membership to any person.
5. That members are entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Society and receive a copy of all official publications.

6. That the Officers of the Society shall consist of a Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman and Show Manager, to be elected at the Society's A.G.M.
7. That the business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee of not more than nine persons from the Society's members, to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will have power to:
 - i) fill vacancies of Officers and members of the Committee occurring during the year and
 - ii) co-opt as deemed necessary.
8. That the Income and Funds of the Society shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as the Committee shall decide. In the event of the Society being dissolved all Funds will be disposed of to the N.S.P.S.
9. That a General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually to receive the report of the Committee, the Treasurer's Financial statement, and elect the Officers and Committee, and for such other purposes as may be necessary. Notification of the A.G.M. shall be given in the schedule. Nominations for the Committee for the ensuing year should be sent, in writing, at least one month prior to the date of the A.G.M.
10. That alterations, amendments, or additions to Rules shall only be made at the A.G.M. or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose (notification of which must be sent to the Secretary in writing at least one month beforehand).
11. All trophies etc being the property of the Chiltern Sweet Pea Society are perpetual and therefore cannot be won outright. Winners of such are responsible for their safety whilst in their care. All trophies must be returned clean and in good condition in time for the following year's Show. Prize winners are permitted to have them suitably engraved with their name and year of award, at their own expense, prior to them being returned.

The Chiltern Triple

[Sponsored by the NSPS]

The exhibit is Free to enter and Open to all members (including first time exhibitors) and has been kindly sponsored by the NSPS.

This exhibit is to contain **three** components from the list below, grown by one person, although assistance with staging by another is allowed.

The exhibit **must** contain at least **one vase and one saucer** (with credit given for a wide selection of types on display)

- 1) A vase of 12 mixed Spencers
Or saucer of mixed Spencers, any foliage allowed
- 2) A vase of 12 mixed Modern Grandiflora/semi-grandifloras
Or saucer of mixed Modern Grandiflora/semi-grandifloras
any foliage allowed
- 3) A vase of 12 mixed Old-Fashioneds
Or saucer of mixed Old-Fashioneds, any foliage allowed
- 4) A saucer of mixed annual Lathyrus species, any foliage allowed
- 5) A saucer of perennial lathyrus species, one or more kinds,
any foliage allowed

Mixed in this class means at least two cultivars from the
2026 classification lists

Novelties allowed - no Seedlings

1st prize £10; 2nd prize £6; 3rd prize £4

***For decorative exhibits, a small saucer of approx. 6" diameter will
be provided for exhibits previously referred to as bowls***

CLASSES - OPEN TO ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS (£5)

The best vase of sweet peas in show will be awarded the
NSPS Affiliated Society Medal and Certificate
A trophy, donated by the late Mr Bernard Flay, will be awarded for most points
in the single vase classes E – R
1st place rosettes will be awarded for classes: A, B, C, D and S with an additional special
'Best Exhibit in Show' Rosette
We wish to thank all other sponsors of our Society without whose generosity
our Society could not continue

PRIZE MONEY £2, £1, 50p unless otherwise stated

- A **CHILTERN CHALLENGE SHIELD CLASS**
[Sponsored by Roger Parsons]
One vase of 12 stems, 3 distinct varieties,
4 stems of each
Prize money: £5, £3, £2
- B **RED KITE CLASS**
[Sponsored by English Sweet Peas]
3 vases distinct, not more than 9 stems per vase.
Prize money: £10, £6, £4
Plus a bottle of wine will be awarded to the winner
- C 2 vases distinct, not more than 9 stems per vase.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- D 3 vases distinct, not more than 7 stems per vase.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1

To be Judged by the Public

**An exhibit with any flowers and foliage allowed
but Sweet Peas must predominate**

**A saucer, staging material & if required, extra
blooms/foliage (subject to availability) will be
provided. Free to enter!**

To be judged by the public & your competitors!

SINGLE VASE SECTION

- E 1 vase, 5 stems of the cultivar 'Gwendoline'
- F 1 vase, 5 stems of a 2026 novelty
Must be named - see page 13 for eligible cultivars
- G 1 vase, 12 stems, any one cultivar
- H 1 vase, 9 stems, mixed (not less than 3 distinct)
- I 1 vase: white or cream
(classification 1 or 2)
not more than 5 stems, one cultivar only
- J 1 vase: red, orange-red, magenta, maroon, purple
(classification 3, 3a, 3b, 4, 4a, 5, 6, 14)
not more than 5 stems, one cultivar only
- K 1 vase: mauve, lavender or blue
(classification 7, 7a, 8, 8a, 9, 9a, 9b, 9c)
not more than 5 stems, one cultivar only
- L 1 vase: pink, white or cream ground
(classification 10, 10a, 10b, 11, 11a, 11b, 13)
not more than 5 stems, one cultivar only
- M 1 vase: any other colour
not more than 5 stems, one cultivar only
- N 1 single spike, any cultivar
Prize money: 50p, 30p and 20p
- O 15 stems, mixed cultivars, Old Fashioned
See page 13 for eligible cultivars
- P 12 stems, single cultivar, Old Fashioned
See page 13 for eligible cultivars
- Q 12 stems, mixed cultivars, Grandiflora or Semi Grandiflora
See page 12 for eligible cultivars
- R 12 stems, single cultivar, Grandiflora or Semi Grandiflora
See page 12 for eligible cultivars

SMALL GROWERS SECTION (200 cordon plants and under)

The Wessex Trophy is awarded to the Best Vase In classes S - X

- S Championship Class: to comprise 3 vases distinct,
not more than 5 stems per vase
Prize money: £6, £4, £2
- T Three vases: A specimen stem; 3 stems of 1 variety;
5 stems mixed (at least 2 cultivars)
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- U 1 vase: 7 stems, mixed (not less than 3 varieties)
Prize money: £2, £1, 50p

NOVICE SWEET PEA GROWER CLASSES for members who have never won a FIRST prize at a CSPS show prior to the current season

- V 5 stems, one or more cultivars of Spencer cultivars
- W Bowl of any type(s) of sweet peas &/or Lathyrus species

NEW GROWER CLASS for non-members (any age) who have never previously staged an entry at a CSPS show

No entry fee or membership required for this class

- X 5 stems, one or more cultivars of any type of Annual Sweet Pea
(Lathyrus Odoratus) which do not need to have been cordon grown
and can be staged in any suitable container (including Society
vases) Please ask for assistance, if required!
*In lieu of prize money, all exhibitors who stage an entry will receive
one year's free membership of CSPS (which will include the 2027
Show)*

**Members of the committee (or a representative on their behalf)
will be available to assist staging of classes V, W, X if desired**

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

[Sponsored by English Sweet Peas]

- Y** 3 vases: 9 stems mixed Spencers; 9 stems mixed Grandiflora and/or Semi Grandiflora; not more than 12 stems mixed Old Fashioned (see pages 12/13 for eligible varieties) please name all varieties used (mixed in this class means 2 or more!)
Prize money: £5, £3, £2
A bottle of wine will be awarded to the winner
- Z** A saucer** of not more than 24 stems of sweet peas: Any cultivar(s) of Lathyrus Odoratus (Spencers, Old Fashioned, Grandiflora, Semi Grandiflora etc) with any foliage. To be viewed all round and judged for quality and decorative effect.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- AA** Species bowl** (Annual): 1 or more annual species Lathyrus other than Odoratus, any number of stems. Additional foliage may be used but not from any species other than that from which the flowers used are selected.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- AB** A basket of sweet peas: Any number of stems with gypsophila and/or any foliage. To be front-facing and judged for quality and decorative effect (NB a basket must, when arranged, be capable of being lifted by the handle without disturbing the arrangement).
A basket of approx. 9" x 6.5" dimensions will be provided
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- AL** A pot of Lathyrus: One or more plants of any type in any sized pot up to 10" internal diameter may be used, one or more cultivars or species.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1
- AP** Species bowl** (Perennial): 1 or more perennial species Lathyrus, any number of stems. No additional foliage may be used in this class.
Prize money: £3, £2, £1

****A small saucer of approx. 6" diameter will be provided for exhibits (previously referred to as bowls)**

GUIDANCE FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors are restricted to one entry per Class.
2. The Sweet Peas/other Lathyrus species shown must have been grown by the exhibitor; assistance with the staging is perfectly acceptable.
3. All VASE entries to be staged ready for judging by 12 noon.
BOWL (saucer) & BASKET entries can be staged up to 1pm.
4. In estimating the number of plants grown, please note that this is with reference to cordon-grown Spencer cultivars only. Plants grown using the double-cordon method count as ONE plant.
5. All sweet peas exhibited (unless in a decorative exhibit) must be legibly named on a card provided.
6. All sweet peas exhibited must be shown in the vases, bowls and baskets provided.
7. The use of wire or other support attached to the flowers or spikes will disqualify.
8. Exhibiting spikes with haulm attached (other than Lathyrus Species) will disqualify.
9. In all classes, stems must be in water, or water retaining material; this includes all decorative classes.
10. Staging material used to facilitate decorative arrangements may appear above the rim of the bowl or basket. In the vase classes, such material must NOT appear above the rim of the vase.
11. Foliage, sweet pea or otherwise, must not include flowers, flower buds or seed heads.
12. Baskets and bowls (saucers) will be judged for quality and effect; 50% being allowed for each consideration.
13. A basket must be capable of being lifted by the handle without disturbing the arrangement.
14. In classes B, C, D, S and T cultivars which are closely similar in colour will be down pointed. 'Distinct' means recognisably different.
15. Seedlings are eligible in all classes, grown and exhibited by any member but must be labelled "Seedling" until after judging has been completed when the name can be displayed.
16. The eligibility of novelties in colour classes will be at the judges' discretion.

17. No flowers exhibited may be held in the refrigerator.
18. No exhibits to be removed until authorised by the Show Manager.
19. All exhibits, personal property etc. shall be at risk of the exhibitor and the organisers shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.
20. The judge's decision will be final. Any matters not provided for in these notes will be referred to the Show Manager.
21. Entries should be made on the form provided and shall be received **three clear days** prior to the show.
22. **Late entries may be accepted at the Show Manager's discretion**

MODERN GRANDIFLORA CULTIVARS

Adorabel	Almost Black
Annie B Gilroy	April in Paris (= High Scent)
Blackberry	Blanche Ferry
Butterfly	Cream Eggs
Dragonfly	Emily
Erewhon	Fire and Ice
Greenfingers	Heathcliff
High Scent	Jack Ellis
King's High Scent (= High Scent)	Little Red Riding Hood
Matucana	Minette Marrin
Monty Don	Our Heroes
Romeo	Ruby's Gown
Scarlett	Shell Pink
Spanish Dancer	Violet Queen
Zorija Rose	

MODERN SEMI-GRANDIFLORA CULTIVARS

Albutt Blue	Alisa
Cathy	Chrissie
Darling Claire	Janet
Juliet	Kingfisher
King Size Navy Blue	Memories
More Scent	My Navy
Top Hat	Valentine

ELIGIBLE OLD FASHIONED CULTIVARS

America	Black Knight
Bramdean	Cedric Morris
Cheshire Dark Blue	Crown Princess Victoria
Cupani	Dave R
Dorothy Eckford	Flora Norton
Henry Eckford	Janet Scott
King Edward VII	Lady Grisel Hamilton
Lord Nelson	Miss Willmott
Mrs Collier	Mrs Walter Wright
Painted Lady	Prima Donna
Prince Edward of York	Purple Prince
Queen Alexandra	Queen of the Isles (= America)
Senator	Sicilian Pink
Sweet Caroline	Turrall's America
Unique	Wretham Pink (= Janet Scott)

2026 NOVELTIES

(only these are eligible for entry into class F)

(Raiser's description)

Annita	Pink Picotee on white ground, Spencer type
Frank William Street	Rich Salmon/marbled rose pink, Grandiflora type
Pink Candy	Pink Flake, Spencer type
Willow	Pink, Spencer type

MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS 2025

BEST EXHIBIT In Show (125 Class)

Alison Shreeve

BEST VASE In Show

Denise Bonner (*Jilly* from Class G)

MOST POINTS TROPHY (Classes E – R)

Denise Bonner

CHILTERN CHALLENGE SHIELD (Class A)

Denise Bonner

(*Bridget McAleer, Sir Jimmy Shand, Mary Priestley*)

WESSEX TROPHY

(Best Vase in the small growers classes)

Alison Shreeve

(*Ballerina Blue*, class S)

For clarification and to simplify the registration/entering/membership process, the CSPA is now asking for a minimum donation of **£5 per person**.

For this amount, you can enter as many classes as you wish but only one entry per person per class.

However, if you have an additional worthy exhibit (for example an entirely different species of pot-grown) then you can ask the show manager if this can be displayed alongside other exhibits but marked “Not to be judged, for interest only”.

Alternatively, if you have many exhibits of which may be of interest to others, a separate table may be made available for a display!

ENTRY FORM OVERLEAF

Entries should be made on the form provided and shall be received at least **three clear days** prior to the show. Late entries may be accepted at the Show Manager's discretion

Please detach and send to the Show Manager:

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**Alternatively, entries can be submitted
by email to:
graeme@graemehollingdale.com
again, at least three clear days
prior to the show**

You are advised, due to the limited tabling at the hall, to bring your own staging table if at all possible and not use the exhibition benches

I intend entering the following classes at this Show:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Annual Membership fee of £5 =

(No charge for entries)

Total enclosed =

(Donations for Hall hire and the general running of the Show greatly appreciated)



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