

The Friends of



Spring 2026 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Wintering is over, as we again welcome the Springtime in all its glory. Thanks to your membership and regular donations, we purchased £400 worth of Spring bulbs for the garden and they are looking splendid!

Events

Our seasonal **Quiet Garden Days** are again happening this late Spring into Summer. We would love to see you. The theme this year is 'The Healing Garden'. You can find the programme and booking details on the Holland House website (<https://hollandhouse.org/programme/>) which list events on a month by month basis; scroll down to find each of the days:

9th April

7th May

11th June

9th July

6th August

10th September

Alternatively, call the House to make bookings on 01386 860330 or email enquiries@hollandhouse.org

As well as the Garden Days there is a full programme of events and retreats available. Again, Dates, prices and booking details are on the Holland House website.

The Bursary Fund is available for those who would love to come but may find the costs challenging. Also if, as a friend, you would like to make a contribution to this Fund to help others enjoy the benefits of what Holland House offers, you can find the details on the Programme page of the website (<https://hollandhouse.org/product/bursary-fund-donation-4/>).

Another event for your diary is an evening of **Jazz on the 20th June**. See the website events page for more details <https://hollandhouse.org/?s=jazz>.

Last year we took part in '**The Crophorne Walkabout**'. This is an annual event in the village where visitors, friends, families and residents can see the village and visit Gardens not normally open to the public. The addition of Holland House garden to the programme was very welcome and we had a lot of visitors. We will be doing this again this year either on the **3rd or 4th May** and if you'd like to take part as a Friends' volunteer, do email me.

Volunteering

Could you help out with maintenance of the beautiful garden at the House? Volunteers gather every Thursday morning if you would like to take part. Also we are looking for any Friends who could act as welcomers to groups coming to the House. If you are interested in either of these, do email me on jk.fay@btinternet.com and I'll give you some more information.

Fundraising and Donations

We are very grateful to Phillip Morton for a generous donation and the purchase of a beautiful garden bench to remember my predecessor and much missed companion, Reverend Brenda Morton. We are planning a short ceremony of installation at the April Quiet Garden Day which you are very welcome to attend.

As noted above, spring bulbs were purchased in the Autumn of 2025 and are really adding to the delight of the garden in Spring.

Committee News

We are sadly now operating again without a Treasurer and a Secretary. If you would like to take on either role, I can send you the role description and have a chat. This means that communications might not be up to the very high standard set by Wendy, our retired secretary, but we will do our best!

Sue Perry has just retired as one of our representatives on the Board of Trustees; at our January meeting we voted Sue Oliver as her replacement. This means that we have vacancies on the Committee if you are interested in joining us. Contact me on jk.fay@btinternet.com.

Thank you so much for being a Friend of Holland House. Your support is vitally important and appreciated. We hope to see you at The House in 2026.

Yours,

Julie Fay
Chair of The Friends of Holland House
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