

Centenary Cup Competition, Saturday 30th May 2026
Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Jermyns Lane
Romsey
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Thanks to the kind permission of Clare Goddard, Director of Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, the RHS Rhododendron, Camellia & Magnolia Group is holding this year's Centenary Cup Competition at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in the Hazel Room, opposite the Courtyard Cafe, on Saturday 30th May 2026.

The event will be hosted by the New Forest Branch. The best exhibit in that competition will be awarded the Centenary Cup. There will be nine classes, the best exhibit in each class being awarded a certificate. The Centenary Cup will be awarded to the best of the nine exhibits.

All members are welcome to exhibit, and stewards will be available to help with staging. There is a fillable entry form which it would be helpful if you could complete as it would be useful to know who is exhibiting and roughly how many exhibits they intend to bring, just to help with staging.

Staging for the Centenary Cup Competition:

Friday 29th May: 2pm to 6pm.

Competition Day

Staging for the Centenary Cup Competition:

Saturday 30th May: 7:00am to 10:00am.

Judging: From 10:00am until 11:30am. All exhibitors will be asked to leave whilst judging takes place.

Immediately after judging is completed the presentation of the prize certificates for each class will be made. Once judging has been completed the show will be open to the public. The winner of the Centenary Cup will be announced and presented with the Cup. The show will also be open to the public on Sunday 31st May from 10am until 4pm. The Gardens will be open to all attendees and competition entrants whilst the judging takes place and there will be guided tours with the Head Gardener, Fran Clifton and their team, after the prize-giving. An evening meal at 6pm at the Dog and Crook.. See overnight accommodation details below.

Sunday 31st May: There will be an opportunity to visit other gardens in the area.

At 11:00 Tom Clarke will be guiding our group around Exbury Gardens at a cost of £13.50 per person and Lepe House garden is hosting a tour on the Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm.



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Patron: His Majesty King Charles III

Tea and coffee will be available in the Courtyard Café from 8am for RCMG attendees and competition entrants.
Lunch will be available in the adjacent Courtyard Café

Any questions...please address them to: secretary@rhodogroup-rhs.org
There is no charge to enter the Centenary Cup competition. Please come!
Robbie Sampson, Group Secretary

Overnight accommodation details:

Potters Heron – Currently closed for a refurb but should be re-opened in 2026.

Duke on the Test

Dog and Crook

Holiday Inn Eastleigh

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