

Ashwell Horticultural Society

44th Annual Show

Saturday 2nd September 2023

St. Mary's Church, Ashwell



*** Refreshments**

*** Side Stalls**

*** Raffle**

*** Produce Sale**

Ashwell Horticultural Society

Affiliated to - The Royal Horticultural Society

44th ANNUAL SHOW



St. MARY'S CHURCH – SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2023

Timetable

Staging	8.45am-11.30am
Last entries taken	11.00am
Judging	11.30am onwards
Show opens	2.30pm
Exhibitors to Retrieve Exhibits, from	4.00pm
Cups & awards presentation	4.15pm
Auction of donated items and Raffle	4.45pm

Show Judges

Pot Plants, Dahlias, Flowers & Shrubs (Sections 1 to 3).....	Jen Clarke
Floral Art, (Section 4).....	Michelle Metz
Domestic Baking, (Section 5).....	Connie Chambers
Domestic-Preserves, (Section 5).....	Connie Chambers
Vegetables & Novelty, (Sections 6 & 8).....	Brian & Jenny Corsbie
Fruit, (Section 7).....	Brian & Jenny Corsbie
Handicrafts & Juniors, (Sections 9 & 12).....	Bridget Long
Art, (Section 10).....	Louise Faure-Walker
Photography, (Section 11).....	Chris Frazer-Smith

RULES

1. The Show is open to non-members from within the Parish, and all Society members.
2. All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Entries in Sections 1,2,3,6,7 & 8 must have been in the exhibitor's possession for three months prior to the Show. Entries in Sections 9, 10,11 & 12 **should not** have been previously entered in an Ashwell Horticultural Society show.
3. As many entries as possible should be declared before Thursday 31 August using the entry form, to: Janet Mahy, 40 Silver Street, Ashwell.
4. Exhibitors may enter **two items** in each class; for staging these **must be marked 'A' and 'B'** against the exhibitor's entry number. Cards must be placed with the entrant's name **face down**; failure to do this may disqualify the exhibit.
5. Exhibitors are requested, where possible, to name horticultural exhibits correctly as to varieties.
6. Unless otherwise stated the Entry Fee is 30p per entry, for Society members. Non-members, from within the Parish, may exhibit in all classes on payment of 50p per entry.
7. No artificial flowers or materials may be used except where explicitly stated in the schedule. Exhibitors are requested to remove any waste trimmings. Moss will be provided. **DO NOT** use oasis or gel beads as packing.
8. With the exception of Floral Art, Herbs (class 70) and Top Vase, vases will be available for floral exhibits, and **must** be used. Exhibits displayed in other vases will be discounted. Please provide dishes etc., as appropriate for other classes.
9. At **11.30 am prompt**, the hall will be cleared except for officials retained on the Secretary's instructions.
10. Judges may withhold prizes where exhibits are of insufficient merit. Their decision is final.
11. Apart from the **BANKSIAN MEDAL**, all trophies may be retained for one year only, please treat them with care.
12. The Society reserves the right to inspect crops prior to, or after, the Show from which the exhibits will be, or have been, exhibited.
13. No exhibit may be moved until after prize giving. Exhibits left after 4.45 pm will be sold at the auction, in aid of Horticultural Society funds.
14. Staged exhibits remain the property of the exhibitor and every care will be taken with them. The Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage, and shall not be liable in any way.
15. **Entry fee to the Show for members and non-members of £1; children are free.**

PRIZES: with the exception of Floral Art and Junior Classes,
Prizes will be: 1st £1.50, 2nd £1.00, 3rd 50p
All monetary prizes must be collected at the show

ROSETTES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN EACH SECTION. ALSO FOR THE
BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW, IN THE HORTICULTURAL CLASSES ONLY

POINTS will be awarded:- 1st: 5 points, 2nd: 3 points, 3rd: 1 point

CUPS AND AWARDS

Overall winner (excluding Section 12)	The George Berry Trophy
Best horticultural exhibit in Show	The Engine Trophy
Best overall pot plant	Dr John Moynihan Cup
Dahlias	Basil Bryant Cup
Specimen Rose	The Goodwin Vase
Flowers and shrubs	Ken Bishop Memorial Cup
Floral Art	Stan Bryant Cup
Domestic	Women's Institute Plate
Preserves	John ten Hove Memorial Cup
Vegetables	W H Wallace Cup
Fruit	Youth Club Senior Challenge Cup
Handicrafts	F E Centre Handicrafts Cup
Art	Jann Fraser Memorial Cup
Photography	Geoff Cook Memorial Cup
Junior classes	
Under 5 years	Walpole Junior Cup
5 – 7 years	Youth Club Junior Cup
8 - 11 years	Norman Gurney Cup
Children's photography competition	June Fordham Children's Cup
Top Tray Competition	Garden Vouchers 1 st £15, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5
Top Vase Competition	Garden Vouchers 1 st £15, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5

The winner of the largest total amount of points in Horticultural classes (excluding winners in 2019 and 2022) will be awarded:-

The Royal Horticultural Society – **BANKSIAN MEDAL**

Section 1 POT PLANTS

1. One Fuchsia (pot) . any pot size
2. One chilli plant . grown from seed
3. One pot plant . floral any other type
4. One pot plant . foliage
5. One pot plant . from seed
6. Shrub . floral
7. Shrub . foliage
8. One Cactus . specimen
9. One Succulent . specimen
10. One Geranium/Pelargonium
11. A planted Patio Pot . any size . any type . any shape

NB Fuchsias may not be shown in Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7

Section 2 DAHLIAS

12. 1 vase . 1 bloom . giant
13. 1 vase . 3 blooms . medium decorative . any variety
14. 1 vase . 3 blooms . small and/or miniature decorative . any variety
15. 1 vase . 3 blooms . medium cactus and/or semi cactus . any variety
16. 1 vase . 3 blooms . small or miniature cactus and/or semi cactus . any variety
17. 1 vase . 3 blooms . waterlily . any variety
18. 1 vase . 6 blooms . pompom . any variety
19. 1 vase . 3 blooms . grown from seed this season but **NOT** Decorative

All dahlia classes will be judged according to National Dahlia Society Judging Rules (updated 2020). For definitions see the Staging Steward or the Show Secretary.

Bloom sizes	Pompom (Ball).....	up to 51mm diameter
	Miniature	up to 102mm diameter
	Small.....	102 to 152mm diameter
	Medium.....	152 to 203mm diameter
	Large.....	203 to 254mm diameter
	Giant.....	over 254mm diameter

Section 3 FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

20. A vase . sweet peas . mixed . 10 stems . no wiring
21. A vase . roses . 3 blooms . any cultivars
22. A vase . ornamental grasses of at least two species/varieties 80cm maximum height
23. A specimen rose exhibited only for its fragrance. Judging will be by show visitors, a prize will be awarded but will attract no points.

24. A specimen rose
25. Collection of any 5 geranium or pelargonium flowers in a vase
26. Collection of cut foliage, berried or flowering shrubs not arranged for effect up to 3 varieties
27. A vase . 6 pansy stems
28. 5 to 10 mixed flowering stems of at least 2 varieties, see notes at back of schedule. *Top Vase Competition*

Section 4 FLORAL ART

29. "Baby Blue" an arrangement in a container of your choice, using flowers and foliage (size not to exceed 15cm x 15cm x 15cm)
30. "Blaze of Colour" a table arrangement using flowers, foliage and accessories (size not to exceed 30cm x 30cm x 30cm)
31. "Fields of Gold" an arrangement to celebrate this golden time of year, any flowers and foliage, accessories allowed. Size up to 60cm x 60cm x 60cm

N.B. a) An arrangement larger than specified will automatically be disqualified – measure your arrangement AFTER STAGING

b) Garden flowers or bought flowers may be used but perfect flowers will not necessarily bring higher marks

PRIZES: 1st £3.00, 2nd £2.00, 3rd £1.00

Section 5 DOMESTIC

32. Jelly . one jar
33. Jam or conserve. one jar
34. Marmalade . one jar . citrus
35. Fruit curd . one jar
36. Chutney . one jar . any type
37. Pickle or relish . Single variety. one jar
38. Fruit cheese or butter . one container
39. Ketchup or sauce, one bottle, (preserved)
40. Fruit cordial or syrup. one bottle
41. Fruit liqueur. one bottle
42. Classic Italian Biscuits
43. Moist Ginger Cake with Lemon Icing
44. Coronation Quiche
45. Cottage Loaf

Recipes for Classes 42 – 45 can be found at the back of the schedule

N.B. Classes 42 – 45 are to be exhibited under a transparent cover or film.

Section 6 VEGETABLES

Note: - Doilies or sand may be used for exhibiting tomatoes, and rings for onions

46. Leeks . three . with leaves
47. Potatoes . dish of five . white . any shape
48. Potatoes . dish of five . coloured . any shape
49. Potatoes . dish of five . small salad type
50. Squashes. two . of one variety
51. Courgettes . three
52. Cucumbers . two . ridge
53. Cucumbers . two . other
54. Tomatoes . three . beef with calyx . over 75mm diameter
55. Tomatoes . five . medium with calyx . approx 65mm diameter
56. Tomatoes . eight . small or cherry. with calyx. under 35mm diameter
57. Runner beans . five . with calyx
58. French beans . five . with calyx
59. Garlic . three bulbs . any cultivar .
60. Beetroot . five . globe . 100mm tops
61. Carrots . three . a long pointed cultivar . 100mm tops
62. Carrots . three . other than long pointed cultivar . 100mm tops
63. Parsnips . three .100mm tops
64. Shallots . seven . over 25mm diameter
65. Shallots . seven . pickling up to 30mm diameter
66. Onions . five . excluding red . no bulb to exceed 250gms
67. Onions . five . mammoth . over 250gms
68. Onions . five . red . no bulb to exceed 250gms
69. Chilli . three of any single variety
70. Herbs . arrangement of five different kinds in water. exhibited in any container
71. Any other vegetable or salad vegetable. maximum of three of one variety
72. Flower/vegetable class . one flower together with one vegetable
73. Cook's Vegetable Basket . a basket of mixed vegetables from the garden, arranged for decorative and culinary appeal
74. A collection of three types of vegetable. *Top Tray Competition* Details at back of booklet.

Section 7 FRUIT

75. Pears . one dish of five . any variety
76. Apples . one dish of five . any variety . cooking
77. Apples . one dish of five . any variety . dessert
78. Stone fruit . one dish of five
79. Soft fruit . one dish of twelve . to include stalk
80. Any other fruit . i.e. figs, melon, grapes etc

N.B. Fruit is not to be polished, but shown with bloom

Section 8 NOVELTY

- 81.** Longest runner bean . one
- 82.** Oddest shaped vegetable . one
- 83.** Giant vegetable . one

Section 9 HANDICRAFTS

- 84.** One item of weaving
- 85.** One item of glasswork
- 86.** One item of cross-stitch/embroidery
- 87.** One item of quilting
- 88.** One item of craft using thread – knitting, crochet, macramé or tatting
- 89.** One handmade greeting card

- N.B.** a) No item previously shown to be entered
b) All items to be substantially unused

Section 10 ART

- 90.** One picture in oils/acrylic
- 91.** One picture in watercolours
- 92.** One picture in pen, pencil or charcoal
- 93.** One item in any other medium
- 94.** One item of digital art, printed on paper

N.B. No item previously shown to be entered

Section 11 PHOTOGRAPHY

- 95.** One coloured photograph entitled “Open Doors”
- 96.** One coloured photograph entitled “Seascape”
- 97.** One coloured photograph entitled “Reflection”
- 98.** One coloured photograph entitled “Windows”
- 99.** One black and white photograph entitled “Frost”

N.B. Important:

- i) Photographs must be mounted on plain card, and a 5mm minimum surrounding border must be visible. Mounts must not exceed 20cms.x 15cms.
- ii) Photographs can be from conventional or digital cameras
- iii) Photographs must be from one image only, and not digitally manipulated
- iv) No item previously shown to be entered. Framed photographs are unacceptable.

Section 12 JUNIORS

PLEASE STATE AGE AS ON 2nd SEPTEMBER 2023

NO ENTRANCE FEES REQUIRED FOR THIS SECTION

PRIZES 1st £1, 2nd 75p, 3rd 50p
CONSOLATION PRIZE FOR EVERY ENTRY

Under 5 years

- 100.** Draw and colour a flower for your garden, on an A4 sheet of paper
- 101.** A Vegetable that you have grown yourself

5 to 7 years

- 102.** An animal made from fruit and vegetables
- 103.** A Vegetable that you have grown yourself

8 to 11 years

- 104.** An animal made from fruit and vegetables
- 105.** A Vegetable that you have grown yourself

All Juniors Under 14 years

- 106.** A photograph entitled. "GAMES"

Note: Photographs to be as the notes in Section 11, you may enter up to **two** photographs

- 107.** "My Favourite Book" a flower arrangement to celebrate your favourite book.

Any entries by juniors (up to age 16 years), must have their parent or guardian's consent for us to hold their personal data i.e. name and age. A signature will be required by the parent or guardian during the entries procedure. (Ref: General Data Protection Regulations – May 2018)

Hints for Exhibitors

Please note the Entry and Staging times, adherence to these helps the day go smoothly. As far as is practical and appropriate, the annual show is judged according to RHS rules. Please remember that judges are totally impartial. They have vast experience in their subject and are required to judge each exhibit as presented against the schedule, and exhibits against each other. If an exhibit does not conform to the schedule, they must discount it and mark it "Not as Schedule" thus bringing disappointment to all.

ABOVE ALL, PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY

Section 3 Class 28

Top Vase Competition

1. The Top Vase Competition class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between 5 and 10 (stems), taken from a minimum of two different **KINDS** of plant. Please note that it is two different **KINDS** of plants, two varieties of the same plants are NOT two kinds.
2. The display will be judged for colour, form, condition, quality, freshness and presentation. The vase will be viewed from all directions
3. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed.
4. The vase, can be any vessel normally used to hold cut flowers and which is taller than it is wide at its widest point. No marks will be awarded for the vase itself.
5. No accessories whatsoever, such as bows and additional foliage, will be allowed. Foliage, which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Oasis and Gel Beads Packing material – to keep the stems in place, is **NOT ALLOWED**.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

- Flowering stems can be taken from ANY flowering plant.
- The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, pinks, carnations and sweet william are all dianthus, and would not be classed as different kinds..
- Only fresh, **HOME GROWN FLOWERS** can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed.

Section 6, Class 74

Top Tray Competition

1. The Top Tray Competition class is for a collection of three types of vegetables taken from the following list of fifteen. The quantity of each vegetable required for the collection is given in brackets: Carrots (3), Cauliflowers (2), Onions (3), Parsnips (3), Peas (6 pods), Potatoes (3), Runner Beans (6 pods), Tomatoes (6), French Beans (6 pods), Sweet Corn (2), Pepper (3), Cucumber (2), Courgettes (3), Red Beet (3), Aubergines (2).
2. All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45cm by 60cm, without bending any part of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the stated size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45cm by 60 cm can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can

simply be marked on the staging. Where the tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 45cm. by 60cm.

3. A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted black. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings etc., will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

- Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm.
- Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case).
- Judges may handle exhibits, open pods etc., to check for quality.
- The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way at all – such as cutting holes for standing onions in.

The above notes are an abridged form of the full Top Tray and Top Vase Competition Rules 2023, which will be on display in the show hall, and will be used for judging.

Both the Top Tray and Top Vase competitions are sponsored in Memory of *Harold Oakes*, (a Members' Father).

Domestic Recipes – Section 5

Class 42 – Classic Italian Biscuits

300 g icing sugar plus extra
300 g ground almonds
2 tsp honey
3 egg whites

Greased baking sheet, Homemade jam of your choice

- 1) Pre heat oven to 150C
- 2) Mix icing sugar and ground almonds
- 3) Add honey and egg whites and mix to a smooth firm dough
- 4) Wrap and leave to rest in fridge until chilled (up to 30 minutes)
- 5) Divide dough into 4 equal pieces, then dust your surface with icing sugar and roll each piece into a sausage shape.
- 6) Slice each sausage into 8-10 equal pieces and lay the cut round onto your baking trays

- 7) Gently press your thumb into the centre of each to leave a shallow indent and fill with a small amount of the jam then bake for approx. 15 minutes
- 8) To check if the biscuits are ready remove the trays from the oven and tap lightly on the work surface and they should release

Present 12 biscuits in a small container

Class 43 – Moist Ginger Cake with Lemon Icing

150 g Unsalted butter
125 g Dark Muscovado sugar
200 g Golden Syrup
200 g Black Treacle
2 tsp finely grated fresh ginger
2 tsp ground cinnamon
250 ml milk
2 large eggs
1 tsp bicarb dissolved in 2 tsp warm water
300 gm plain flour
Icing – 175 gm icing sugar
Fresh lemon juice to taste

- 1) Melt together butter, sugar, golden syrup, treacle with the ginger and cinnamon and combine.
- 2) Mix together milk, eggs, and the bicarbonate of soda plus the water.
- 3) Take the butter mix off the heat and add the milk mixture.
- 4) Place all the dry ingredients in a bowl and add to the wet mixture (it will be liquid)
- 5) Pour into a greased and lined loaf tin (approx. 900g tin) then bake in pre-heated medium oven taking care not to over bake.
- 6) Remove and cool
- 7) Make up icing with lemon to taste apply when cool.

Present 1 loaf

Class 44 – Coronation Quiche

For the pastry

250 g plain flour plus a little for dusting

100 g butter

4 tbs milk

A splash of water (if needed)

For the filling

125 ml milk

175ml double cream

2 medium eggs

1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon

100g cheese (grated)

180g cooked spinach (liquid squeezed out and lightly chopped)

60g cooked broad beans

20cm loose-bottomed tart tin

- 1) Sieve the flour into a bowl with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt, add the butter and rub the mixture together.
- 2) Add the milk and bring the dough together, cover and rest in the fridge for 30-45 mins.
- 3) Pre-heat oven to 190C
- 4) Roll out the pastry on a floured surface to approximately 5mm thick, lift into the tin, press into the corners, and fill any holes. Cover and rest for a further 30 mins in the fridge.
- 5) Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper and blind bake for 20-25 minutes until golden. Carefully remove the greaseproof paper and baking beans and return to the oven for 5 mins to dry the base.
- 6) Reduce the oven temperature to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.
- 7) Beat the milk, cream, eggs and herbs together with seasoning.
- 8) Scatter half of the grated cheese in the pastry base, top with the spinach and beans, then pour over the liquid mixture and sprinkle over the remaining cheese.
- 9) Place into the oven and bake for 20-30 mins until set and very lightly golden.

Present one quiche

Class 45 – Cottage Loaf

Present a classic handmade cottage loaf made to your own recipe using 500 g of flour of your choice. Should you have a problem with these recipes, please telephone Connie Chambers: 01462 743838

Acknowledgements

The Society gratefully acknowledges, with thanks, all financial and other support, including local businesses and friends who have kindly donated raffle gifts and vouchers. A list will be on display at the Annual Show on Saturday 2 September 2023 in St Marys Church, Ashwell.

Thanks to the Rector and PCC of St Marys Church for the use of this beautiful building to exhibit our produce.

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ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

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Telephone No.

CLASSES ENTERED

Section 1 Pot Plants

Section 2 Dahlias

Section 3 Flowers and Shrubs

Section 4 Floral Art

Section 5 Domestic

Section 6 Vegetables

Section 7 Fruit

Section 8 Novelty

Section 9 Handicrafts

Section 10 Art

Section 11 Photography.....

Section 12 Juniors

IMPORTANT

1. Exhibits **MUST COMPLY WITH THE SCHEDULE** in all respects
2. Failure to comply will cause the exhibits to be disqualified
3. TO AVOID DELAY on show day, as many entries as possible should be declared before Thursday 31 August on this entry form to Janet Mahy, 40 Silver Street, Ashwell. Please detach and use this form with your entries.

