



Chesham Vale Gardeners' Society

Autumn Show

Saturday 3rd September 2022

At 2:30pm

Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall

Contact us & enter

How to enter: entries to be submitted by 6pm on Thursday 1st September by phoning or emailing through the list of classes entered, your name and a contact phone number, or by dropping off a completed form to Nicola Parkes at Glenelg, Bellingdon or Adrian Norris at 215 Chartridge Lane, Chesham. If sent via email a confirmation receipt will be emailed. If this has not been received by 9am on Friday 3rd, please phone either Nicola or Adrian.

Who to contact: For entries and general enquiries, please email cheshamvalegs@gmail.com or contact either Show Secretary Nicola, 07973558675 or Adrian on 01494 793746, 07718609719.

Division 1—Vegetables

- 1 Collection of Vegetables, 4 distinct kinds. (numbers as below)
- 2 a 5 Potatoes, white (one variety)
- 2 b 5 Potatoes, coloured (one variety)
- 2 c Collection of Potatoes - 3 varieties, at least one variety must be coloured
- 3 a 3 Carrots - long
- 3 b 3 Carrots – short (stumped)
- 4 a 3 Onions, not exceeding 8oz
- 4 b 3 Onions, over 8oz
- 5 7 Shallots
- 6 a 9 Runner Beans
- 6 b Longest Runner Bean
- 6 c 9 Dwarf /French/Stringless Beans
- 7 3 Parsnips
- 8 3 Beetroot. Any colour
- 9 a One Pair of Marrows
- 9 b The Largest Marrow

Division 1 – Vegetables continued

- 10 Cabbages, one pair - Green, Red or Savoy (3" of stalk to be left)
- 11 1 Cauliflower (3" of stalk to be left)
- 12 a One pair of Lettuce, any one variety (hearted) - with stalk, but no roots
- 12 b One pair of Lettuce, any one variety (loose-leafed) - with stalk, but no roots, e.g. Lollo Rosa
- 13 a 5 Tomatoes (standard cultivars)
- 13 b 3 Tomatoes (large-fruited and novelty cultivars, including striped varieties)
- 13 c 5 Cherry Tomatoes (any variety including striped and coloured varieties)
- 14 One Pair Leeks
- 15 One Pair Courgettes, not exceeding 6"/ 150mm long or 75mm diameter if round
- 16 One pair Cucumbers
- 17 One Pair Capsicums (chillies or peppers)
- 18 One Pair Sweetcorn
- 19 a One Pair any other Vegetables (9 if Peas)
- 19 b The Ugliest Vegetable
- 20 5 Herbs (all named, in container of your choice)

Division 2 – Fruit

- 21 a 5 Apples - dessert, 1 variety
- 21 b 5 Apples - cooking, 1 variety
- 22 5 Plums - 1 variety
- 23 5 Pears - 1 variety
- 24 Dish of outdoor Soft Fruit - 1 variety, with stalks
- 25 Any other Fruit - eg 1 Melon, 7 Damsons, 5 Peaches, 5 Apricots, 1 bunch Grapes etc.

Division 3 – Flowers

- 30 a Vase of 5 Roses
- 30 b 1 specimen Hybrid Tea Rose in your own vase
- 31 5 Asters any variety
- 32 a Chrysanthemums—1 vase of 3
- 32 b Spray Chrysanthemums—1 vase of 3 sprays, any variety
- 33 Spike of Gladiolus
- 34 Pot Plant, flowering (excluding fuchsia and pelargonium)
- 35 Pot Plant, foliage
- 36 Pot Plant, fuchsia (pot not exceeding 8")
- 37 Pot Plant, pelargonium (pot not exceeding 8")
- 38 a Vase of outdoor flowers and any added foliage, excluding flowers named in other classes
- 38 b Vase of Mixed Annuals
- 38 c 1 vase mixed perennial flowers, 3 distinct kinds, excluding flowers named in other classes
- 39 3 flowering shrubs (one stem of each)
- 40 1 vase of foliage, not more than 7 stems
- 41 5 pansies displayed on a saucer
- 42 Patio container
- 43 Hanging basket
- 44 Succulent or cactus (one specimen)

Special Classes

- A 1 Garden in a seed tray (adult)
 - B 1 Begonia, two individual blooms
 - F 1 Fuchsia, nine individual blooms, at least two varieties
- B1 & F1 To be shown stems down in supplied container

Division 4 – Dahlias

- 50 **3 vase collection.**
1 vase Decoratives, 1 vase Cactus, 1 vase any other kind. 3 blooms in each vase of one variety
- 51 **Small/miniature Cactus or Semi-cactus.**
1 vase, 3 blooms in any one variety (Blooms up to 6" diameter)
- 52 **Medium Cactus or Semi-cactus.**
1 vase, 3 blooms in any one variety (Blooms 6" - 8" diameter)
- 53 **Small/miniature Decoratives.**
1 vase, 3 blooms in any one variety (Blooms up to 6" diameter)
- 54 **Medium Decoratives.**
1 vase, 3 blooms in any one variety (Blooms 6" - 8" diameter)
- 55 **Pom Poms.**
1 vase, 5 blooms in any one variety (Blooms up to 2" diameter)
- 56 **Ball Dahlias.**
1 vase, 3 blooms (Blooms over 2" diameter)
- 57 **1 Giant or Large Dahlia**
(Blooms over 8"/20cm diameter)
- 58 **Vase of any Dahlias.**
No added foliage, maximum of 9 blooms

Division 5 – Children

Age must be stated on entry, up to a maximum age of 14. All children & grandchildren of members very welcome.

If entry numbers are high, classes may be split into the following age categories:

- A) Up to 5
- B) 6 to 9
- C) 10-13

Classes continued overleaf 

Division 5 – Children continued

- C 1 Miniature garden in a seed box
- C 2 An item of jewellery made from dried pasta
- C 3 1 decorated cupcake
- C 4 A jar of flowers
- C 5 Handicraft
- C 6 Artwork
- C 7 Home grown produce
- C 8 An animal made from vegetables and/or fruit
- C 9a Photography— “If you go down to the woods”
- C 9b Photography—Wheels

Division 6 – Domestic

Given recipes can be found at the back of the schedule. All cooking to be prepared by the exhibitor.

- 60 Non-cooks challenge—5 flapjacks (according to given recipe)
- 61 A round of shortbread (not biscuits)
- 62 5 Jam tarts
- 63 5 cheese scones
- 64 Victoria sandwich (according to given recipe)
- 65 Apple pie on a plate (double crusted)
- 66 Chocolate cake (according to given recipe)
- 67 A savoury egg sandwich (display will be marked)
- 68 a Berry jelly (1lb. approx. jar)
- 68 b Non-berry jelly (1lb. approx. jar)
- 69 a Berry jam (excluding raspberry, 1lb. approx. jar)
- 69 b Non-berry jam (1lb. approx. jar)
- 70 Raspberry jam (1lb. approx. jar)

Division 6 – Domestic continued

- 71 Marmalade (1lb. approx. jar)
- 72 Chutney
- 73 Cordial/wine/fortified wine (e.g. sloe gin, elderflower cordial)
- 74 6 bread rolls
- 75 Unusual bread (with or without breadmaker)
- 76 3 edible flowers
- 77 6 eggs
- 78 Homemade fruit cake (according to given recipe)

Division 7 – Floral

- A Novice, for anyone who has not won more than 3 prizes
- 80 "God Save the Queen"
- B Open to any exhibitor
- 81 A petite arrangement (less than 6" x 6" x 6")
- 82 An artificial and/or preserved flower arrangement
- 83 "Van Gogh's sunflowers"
- 84 A holiday abroad
- 85 "Farmer's market"
- 86 A 3 flower arrangement
- C For men only
- 87 "Three Lions"

Space available 1'10" x 2' high. Drapes and accessories may be used in any class (except class 81). All arrangements must be within the specified size.

Fresh flowers and foliage **must** be used (except in class 82 where stated).

In line with current RHS ruling, floral foam or 'Oasis' is not acceptable for use in floral art displays and its use will result in elimination.

Division 8 – Photography

Size no more than 6" x 8".

Printed in colour or black & white, unmounted.

- 90 Old Curiosity Shop
- 91 Nightlights
- 92 The beauty of the flower
- 93 A place in the sun
- 94 Christmas

Division 9 – Needlecraft

Please indicate if it's your own design.

- 100 A hand knitted article
- 101 A crocheted article
- 102 Hats & cushions
- 103 A machine-made garment
- 104 Hand embroidery (decorated with needlework)

Division 10 – Handicraft

Bench space available for display up to 3' x 3'

- 110 Cloth (made with or on fabric)
- 111 Non-cloth (wood, plastic, metal, ceramic etc.)
- 112 Artwork (painting, drawing etc)
- 113 Toys
- 114 3 cards
- 115 Any other handicraft

Division 11 – Novice

A novice is anyone who has not won a first prize in any similar class at any show.

- Nov 1 Vase of 3 Dahlias
- Nov 2 Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums
- Nov 3 Vase of Annuals (4 stems, 2 kinds)
- Nov 4 Vase of Perennials (5 stems, any one variety)
- Nov 5 One specimen Rose
- Nov 6 Pot plant, flowering
- Nov 7 Pot plant, foliage
- Nov 8 Five Runner Beans
- Nov 9 Three Carrots
- Nov 10 Three Potatoes
- Nov 11 Three Tomatoes
- Nov 12 Three Onions
- Nov 13 Three Beetroot
- Nov 14 One foliage shrub
- Nov 15 One flowering shrub
- Nov 16 One pair any other vegetable

Class 78 – Fruit Cake

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| 6 oz Stork margarine | 6 oz caster sugar |
| 3 large eggs | 8 oz plain flour |
| 10 oz mixed dry fruit | 2 oz glace cherries |
| ½ tsp baking powder | ½ tsp mixed spice |

Place all ingredients together in a bowl & beat until well mixed

Turn into a greased and papered 7" cake tin & level top.

Bake in centre of oven for 1 hour 40 mins at (325F)(160C) Gas Mark 3.

Class 60 – Non-Cooks Challenge

Ingredients

125 g butter (plus extra for greasing)

90 g golden syrup

90 g light muscovado sugar

250 g rolled oats

Flapjacks

1. Lightly butter a roasting tin or shallow cake tin (about 20 x 30 cm)
2. Combine the butter, syrup, and sugar in a saucepan and heat gently until the ingredients have melted and dissolved. Stir in the oats and mix well.
3. Spoon into the prepared tin and smooth the surface with a palette knife. Bake in a preheated oven at 180C (160C fan, Gas 4) for about 30 minutes.
4. Leave to cool in the tin for about 5 minutes, then mark into desired shape. Leave to cool completely, then cut and remove from tin.

Class 66 – Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

4 oz/100g softened butter

8 fl oz/250ml milk

9 oz/250g caster sugar

2 large eggs

2 oz/50g cocoa powder

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

8 oz/200g plain flour

1 tbl lemon juice

Stir lemon juice into milk

Put butter and ½ sugar into bowl and beat until pale and fluffy.

Beat in the eggs. Stir in the sugar.

Sift flour, soda and Cocoa together.

Beat in ½ the milk and fold in ½ the flour

Add rest of milk and flour. Mix until smooth

Pour mixture into greased 8in diameter, deep cake tin, lined with grease-proof paper.

Bake in moderate oven (350F)(180C) Gas Mark 4 for 1 hour

Class 64 – Victoria Sandwich

Ingredients

6 oz Stork margarine 6 oz caster sugar
3 large eggs 6 oz self raising flour

Cream margarine and sugar until light and creamy in texture.
Add egg a little at a time and beat well. Gently fold in flour.
Place mixture into a greased 7" cake tin or two 7" sandwich tins.
Bake in moderate oven (325-350F)(160-180C) Gas Mark 3-4
for 25-30 minutes in two tins and 40-45 minutes in one tin.
When cool split and fill with jam.

Awards

Trophies are available in every division for points and individual exhibits. Full award list available on the day for specific details and titles. Held for 1 year.

Division 1—Vegetables total points scored across all classes; best exhibit in collection of vegetables; best apples; worst apples; best potatoes

Division 2—Fruit total points scored across all classes

Division 3—Flowers total points scored across all classes; best chrysanthemums

Division 4—Dahlias total points scored across all classes

Division 5—Children best miniature garden; best baking; best of the rest

Division 6—Domestic total points scored across all classes; best baking; best fruit cake; best preserve

Division 7—Floral total points scored across all classes; best Men's floral entry

Division 8—Photography total points scored across all classes

Division 9—Needlecraft total points scored across all classes

Division 10—Handicraft total points scored across all classes

Division 11—Novice total points scored across all classes

Special Classes best fuchsia exhibit

Other best in show; best in show not including 1st places; best exhibit in horticultural classes; all points across Divisions 1-3; best points from 9 or fewer entries in Divisions 1-3; RHS Banksian medal

Show Rules & Points for Guidance

Read the rules carefully and if in doubt on any point, apply to the secretary for assistance.

1. All exhibitors must be **Members of the society**. You may join at any time before submitting entries. Contact the Show Secretary.
2. Two or more persons may not exhibit in any one class from the same garden. This does not apply to any class where the plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor. Children's classes are exempt.
3. The number of vegetables, etc. shown, must be correct according to the schedule or the exhibit will be disqualified.
4. Green plastic show vases in three sizes are provided on the day. No vase or bowl must exceed 10 inches in diameter (inside measurement). Bowls and dishes will not be provided.
A **Bowl** is a vessel having a diameter, at its mouth, at least equal to but usually greater than its height.
5. Reasonable care will be taken of all exhibits but the committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
6. The committee shall at its discretion, visit any exhibitor to satisfy itself as to the bona fide character of the exhibits.
7. The Hall will be opened for exhibitors at **9.30 a.m.** and all exhibits must be staged by **11.00 a.m.** on the day of the Annual Show and may not be removed before 4.30 p.m.
8. The Judges appointed shall have full power to award prizes or withhold prizes which in their opinion are not merited and their decision shall be final. On any other point that may arise, the decision of the Committee shall be final.
9. Any protest must be made to the Committee in writing, before 3.30 p.m. on the day of the Annual Show and be accompanied by the sum of 15p. This sum will be returned if the protest is upheld.
10. The right to open, cut or sample any exhibit is left to the discretion of the Judges.
11. Only one entry per person per class may be submitted.
12. In line with current RHS ruling, floral foam or 'Oasis' is not acceptable for use in floral art displays and its use will result in elimination.