



83rd ANNUAL OPEN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

at

CROOKHORN COLLEGE
Stakes Hill Road, Waterloooville PO7 5UD

Sunday
17th August 2025

SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AT 2pm

Adults £1
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AN INVITATION from PURBROK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you are not aware of your local Horticultural Society we hope that this may be of interest to you. The Purbrook Horticultural Society has been active for over 80 years with a range of interests which are listed below. We currently have a membership in excess of 300 households and we are always keen to increase this number. The annual subscription is only £5.00 per household.

Our members have a wide range of interests - allotment holders, home gardeners, specialist gardeners of chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsias, roses, daffodils and vegetables, etc. Some members' main interest is the social calendar.

Activities throughout the year include:

- A Trading Store, open every Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am selling a wide range of horticultural goods at very competitive prices - advice and companionship are given free of charge! The Store can be found on the A3 between Widley and Purbrook.
- Interesting monthly meetings with excellent speakers and slides on a wide range of topics, held at the Deverell Hall on the first Thursday in the month, at 7.30pm.
- A Spring Show.
- A Quarterly Gazette
- A Grand Summer Show in August which is open to all.
- Summer outings by coach to places of interest in the south of England.
- A Floral Art Club which meets on the third Thursday of the month, 2pm start, at the Deverell Hall, with demonstrations and workshops.

If you would like to know more, please come along to a monthly meeting, visit the Store, or contact a member of the Committee.

We would be very pleased to see you.

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SHOW PROGRAMME

Saturday 16th August

4.30pm-8.00pm Staging of Exhibits

Sunday 17th August

8.00am-10.15am Staging of Exhibits

10.30am Hall closed for Judging

2.00pm Hall open to Public

3.00pm-3.45pm Distribution of Prize Money

4.00pm Presentation of Awards

4.15pm Removal of Exhibits

SHOW AWARDS

CHALLENGE TROPHIES (Members Only)

Charles Rose Memorial Cup Best Vegetable Collection (Class 1)
Peter Brooks Cup Best Potato exhibit (Classes 19, 20 and 113)
Cornelius Cup Best Vegetable exhibit (excl. collections)
Ted Miles Trophy Highest aggregate points - Vegetables (Classes 2-29)
Juniper Cup Highest aggregate points - Novice
Rowena Cup Highest aggregate points - Fruit
Dring Cup Highest aggregate points - Roses
Healey Cup Highest aggregate points - Flowers
(as marked in the Schedule)
George Broom Memorial Bowl Highest aggregate points - Pot Plants
Dring Chrysanthemum Cup Highest aggregate points - Chrysanthemums
Norman Cup Highest aggregate points - Dahlias
Rosemary Cup Highest aggregate points - Floral Art
Ava Trophy Highest aggregate points - Preserves Classes 139-142
Charlwood Cup Highest aggregate points - for ladies, in all classes
Napier Cup Highest aggregate points -
for gentlemen, in all classes
Enid Gauntlett Cup Highest aggregate points - Handicrafts
Mary Gauntlett Cup Best Fuchsia exhibit
Society Shield Highest aggregate points - from monthly Show Table
Janet Bendell Cup Best Pot Plant
Chairman's Cup Best Exhibit in Floral Art
Greta Carter Trophy Best Novice Exhibit - Floral Art
Havant Borough Council Cup Best Exhibit - Classes 130-138

CHALLENGE CUPS (Open)

Jim Mew Cup Best Onion exhibit (excluding Collections)
G. A. Day Cup Rose Championship (Class 48)
West Cup Three Vases Chrysanthemums (Class 99)
Gauntlett Cup Dahlia Championship (Class 82)
Smith Cup Best exhibit Section 12a
Eileen Jones Cup Best exhibit Section 12b
Borrow Young People's Cup Best exhibit Section 12c
Mary Grinter Cup Best exhibit Section 12d
John Richardson Cup Best Exhibit Section 12e

SPECIAL AWARDS (Open to non-members of the PHS)

*THE NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL

Awarded for the Best Exhibit

*THE NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY CERTIFICATE

Awarded for the Premier Bloom

*THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL

Awarded for the Best Exhibit

*THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL

Awarded for the Best Bloom

*THE NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL

Awarded for the Best Vegetable Exhibit

*These will only be awarded at the Judges' discretion.

The Banksian Medal will be awarded to the exhibitor who obtains the highest total of prize money in Sections 1 to 8 excluding Classes with prize codes A or B.

(Mr. J. Osman winner in 2023 and Mr. J. Gilbert winner in 2024 are not eligible for this prize in 2025.)

Note to Cup Winners

1. No cup is to be removed from the Hall until the winner has signed for it.
2. The winner of a cup or cups must enter into an undertaking to return the same to the Show Secretary in an undamaged and polished condition, one month before the next show.
3. No cup may be won outright.

SECTION 1

VEGETABLES

AWARDS:

Charles Rose Memorial Cup (Members Only) - Class 1: Best Vegetable Collection.

Peter Brooks Cup (Members Only)

Best Potato Exhibit (Classes 19, 20 and 113)

Cornelius Cup (Members Only)

Best Vegetable Exhibit Sections 1 and 9 (excl. Class 1, 30 - 32)

Ted Miles Trophy (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 2 - 29)

Jim Mew Cup (Open)

Best Onion Exhibit (Classes 16, 17 and 112)

Special Award (Open) **NVS Silver Medal**

Best Vegetable Exhibit Sections 1 and 9

Judge: Mr. K. Mason

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
1.	Collection of Vegetables, 5 different kinds, 1 dish of each (as Classes 2-27) - maximum 915mm x 610mm		A
2.	Beans - French	7	Y
3.	Beans - Runner	7	Y
4.	Beetroot - globe or long, greens shortened to 75mm	3	Y
5.	Cabbage - with stem	2	Y
6.	Carrots - long, greens shortened to 75mm	3	X
7.	Carrots - other than long, greens shortened to 75mm	3	Y
8.	Capsicum (Sweet Peppers)- any single variety	3	Y
9.	Chillis (Hot Peppers) - any single variety	5	Y
10.	Courgettes - 100mm to 200mm in length; approx. 75mm diameter if round	3	Y
11.	Cucumber - frame	2	Y
12.	Cucumber - ridge	2	Y
13.	Leeks	3	X
14.	Lettuce - with washed roots (may be in dish with water)	2	Y
15.	Marrow - table - not to exceed 380mm in length	2	Y
16.	Onions - 250gm or under	5	Y
17.	Onions - over 250gm	5	X
18.	Parsnips - greens shortened to 75mm	2	X
19†.	Potatoes - other than white, any variety	3	X
20.	Potatoes - white, any variety	3	X
21.	Rhubarb - leaves trimmed to 75mm	3 sticks	Y
22.	Shallots - pickling - less than 30mm in diameter	7	Y
23.	Shallots Exhibition - 30mm or more in diameter	7	Y
24.	Sweetcorn - with silks	2 cobs	X

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
25.	Tomatoes - large beefsteak variety - min. diameter 75mm	3	Y
26.	Tomatoes - medium - approx. 65mm diameter	5	Y
27.	Tomatoes - small fruited - cherry cultivars - 35mm dia. or less	9	Y
28.†	Any one kind of Vegetable - not covered by Classes 2-27	*	Y
29.	Culinary Herbs - 3 bunches, in separate vases. Small Society vases to be used.		Y
30.	Master Gardener Competition. An arrangement of 1 vase of mixed garden flowers (max. 15 stems) not less than 3 kinds, with a basket of vegetables. Table frontage 610mm. To be judged for presentation.		B
31.	Vegetable Tray Competition. A collection of vegetables, consisting of any three of the following: 3 potatoes, 3 carrots (greens shortened to 75mm), 3 tomatoes, 6 runner beans, 6 pods of peas or 3 beetroot. The collection must be displayed within the confines of a tray 460mm x 305mm. Dressing may be used.		B
32.	Specimen Bloom, spike or spray and 1 vegetable. Flower to be displayed in suitable vase and vegetable placed immediately in front of vase.		Y

*For numbers required for individual dishes please contact the Show Secretary.
All exhibits should be correctly named (see Rule 13).

†See Rule 2.

‡Sweet potatoes to be entered under Class 28.

SECTION 2 FRUIT

AWARDS:

Rowena Cup (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 40-46)

Judge: Mr. K. Mason

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
40.	Apples - cooking	5	Y
41.	Apples - dessert	5	Y
42.	Blackberries - with stems	15	Y
43.	Raspberries - with stems	15	Y
44.	Pears	5	Y
45.	Plums/Gages	5	Y
46.	Any one kind of Fruit not covered by Classes 40-45	*	Y

*For numbers required please contact the Show Secretary.
All exhibits should be correctly named (see Rule 13).

SECTION 3

ROSES

AWARDS:

Dring Cup (Members Only) - Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 48-53)

G. A. Day Cup (Open) - Rose Championship (Class 48)

Judge: Mr. M. Ward

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
48.	Rose Championship - Specimen Blooms - 1 bloom per vase. Not less than 2 different cultivars	4 stems	A
49.	Cluster Flowered - any cultivar. One vase	3 stems	Y
50.	Large Flowered - with own foliage	1 stem	Y
51.	Miniature - 1 vase, any cultivar or cultivars	2 stems	Y
52.	Bowl of Large Flowered Blooms - any cultivars Bowl not to exceed 25cm	Not more than 12 stems	B
53.	Buttonhole - with own foliage	1 stem	Y

Exhibits to be named if possible (see Rule 13).



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SECTION 4

FLOWERS

AWARDS:

Healey Cup (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points for Classes as marked *

George Broom Memorial Bowl (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points for Pot Plants (Classes 58-60, 69-76 and 79)

Mary Gauntlett Cup (Members Only) Best Fuchsia Exhibit

Janet Bendell Cup (Members Only) Best Pot Plant

Judge: Mr. M. Ward

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
54.	Hosta Leaves - 1 vase	5	Y
55.	Grasses - 1 vase	Max 9 stems	Y
56.*	Annuals - 1 vase, 1 kind (other than Classes 57)	7 stems	Y
57.*	Asters - one or more cultivars	5 stems	Y
58.	Cactus	1	Y
59.	Fuchsia - distinct cultivars, pots not to exceed 155mm	2	X
60.	Fuchsia - specimen, pot not to exceed 205mm	1	X
61.*	Garden Flowers - mixed, not less than three kinds	9 stems	Y
62.*	Gladioli - one or more cultivars	3 spikes	Y
63.*	Penstemon - one or more cultivar	3 stems	Y
64.*	Herbaceous Perennials - mixed, no Chrysanthemums or Dahlias	7 stems	Y
65.*	Herbaceous Perennial - one kind, no Chrysanthemums or Dahlias	7 stems	Y
66.*	Hydrangea - Lacecap	1 head	Y
67.*	Hydrangea - Mophead	1 head	Y
68.*†	Pansies	6 heads	Y
69.	Coleus - pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
70.	Orchid	1 pot	Y
71.	Pelargonium - Miniature. pot not to exceed 105mm	1	Y
72.	Pelargonium - Ivy Leaf. Pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
73.	Pelargonium - Zonal. Pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
74.	Pot Plant - Flowering (other than Classes 58-60, 70-73, 75-76 and 103-104). Pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
75.	Pot Plant - Foliage. No Coleus. Pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
76.	Succulent - excluding Cacti	1	Y
77*†	Fuchsias - Flowers	6 heads	Y
78.	Display of Flowers. Plants, Fruit & Vegetables. Max. frontage 765mm x 610mm. Height to be in proportion		B
79.	Specimen Pot Plant. Pot not to exceed 300mm	1	Y

N.B. Rule 5 applies to all pot plants.

†Class 68 and 77 - containers supplied by Society must be used.

SECTION 5

DAHLIAS

AWARDS:

Gauntlett Cup (Open) **Dahlia Championship**

Sponsored by BHGS (Class 82)

Norman Cup (Members Only) - Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 82-96)

Special Awards (Open) **NDS Silver Medal** - Best Exhibit in Show

NDS Bronze Medal - Best Bloom in Show

Judge: Mr. D. Shergold

82.	Dahlia Championship. 5 vases. A single cultivar in each vase. To be selected from Classes 83-96, with 3 or 5 blooms per vase as specified in the number required for each Class. Not more than 2 vases from any one Class. Space allocated 125cm.	A
83.	3 Giant or Large Decorative - in individual vases. Single cultivar.	B
84.	3 Giant or Large Cactus/Semi-Cactus - in individual vases. Single cultivar.	B
85.	1 vase of 3 Medium Decorative - any cultivar(s)	X
86.	1 vase of 3 Medium Cactus/Semi-Cactus - any cultivar(s)	X
87.	1 vase of 3 Small Decorative - any cultivar(s)	X
88.	1 vase of 3 Small Cactus/Semi-Cactus - any cultivar(s)	X
89.	1 vase of 3 Small Ball - any cultivar(s)	X
90.	1 vase of 5 Miniature Decorative - any cultivar(s)	X
91.	1 vase of 5 Miniature Cactus/Semi-Cactus - any cultivar(s)	X
92.	1 vase of 5 Miniature Ball - any cultivar(s)	X
93.	1 vase of 5 Pompom - any cultivar(s)	X
94.	1 vase of 5 Collarettes- any cultivar(s)	X
95.	1 vase of 5 Water Lily - any cultivar(s)	X
96.	1 vase of 5 Single - any cultivar(s)	X
97.	1 vase or 3 Double Dahlias - single cultivar	Y
98.	1 vase of 3 Single or Collarette - single cultivar	Y

Classes 97 and 98 are intended to encourage 'non-specialist' Dahlia growers.

Exhibitors with any entry in Classes 82 to 96 may not enter Classes 97 and 98.

All varieties should be named (see Rule 13).

SECTION 6 CHRYSANTHEMUMS

AWARDS:

West Cup (Open) - Class 99

Dring Chrysanthemum Cup (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 99-102)

Special Awards (Open)

NCS Silver Medal - for Best Exhibit

NCS Certificate - for Premier Bloom

Judge: Mr. D. Shergold

Class	Item	Prize Code
99.	3 vases of 3 Blooms - distinct cultivars in each vase, 3 separate cultivars	A
100.	1 vase of 3 Blooms - single cultivar	X
101.	1 vase of 3 Sprays - can be different cultivars	X
102.	1 vase of 3 Blooms - can be different cultivars	X

All varieties to be named (see Rule 13).

SECTION 7 BEGONIAS

Judge: Mr. D. Shergold

Class	Item	Prize Code
103.	1 Tuberous Double Begonia Plant - unrestricted pot size	X
104.	1 Pendula Habit Begonia Plant - in a basket or pot	X

SECTION 8 CONTAINER CLASSES

Judge: Mr. M. Ward

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
107.	Hanging Basket	1	X
108.	Planted Container	1	X
109.	A Terrarium	1	X

SECTION 9

NOVICES

Rule 3 applies

AWARDS:

Juniper Cup (Members Only) - Highest Aggregate Points - (Classes 110-128)

Judge: Mr. M. Ward

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
110.	Carrots - greens shortened to 75mm	3	Y
111.	Table Marrow - length not to exceed 380mm	1	Y
112.	Onions - sets may be shown	3	Y
113.‡	Potatoes - any one cultivar	3	Y
114.	Runner Beans	6	Y
115.	Medium Tomatoes - approx. 65mm in diameter	4	Y
116.	Beetroot - greens shortened to 75mm	3	Y
117.†	Any one kind of vegetable not covered by Classes 110-116	*	Y
118.	Apples	3	Y
119.	Dish of Fruit - of a single kind (no apples)	*	Y
120.	Dahlias - 1 vase	3 blooms	Y
121.	Flowering Pot Plant - pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
122.	Foliage Pot Plant - pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
123.	Cactus or Succulent - pot not to exceed 205mm	1	Y
124.	Rose - with foliage	1	Y
125.	Specimen Bloom, spike or spray and 1 vegetable. Flower to be displayed in suitable vase and vegetable placed immediately in front of vase.		Y
126.	Garden Flowers - 1 variety	3 stems	Y
127.	Gladiolus	1 spike	Y
128.	Planted Container	1	Y

Rule 5 applies to all Pot Plants

*For numbers required please contact Show Secretary

†Rule 2 applies

‡Sweet Potatoes should be exhibited in Class 117

Novices are advised to read Hints and Tips

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SECTION 10

COOKERY

AWARDS:

Havant Borough Council Cup (Open)
Best Exhibit (Classes 130-138)

Ava Trophy (Members Only)
Highest Aggregate Points for jams and preserves (Classes 139-142)

Judge: Mrs. N. Edwards

Class	Item	No.	Prize Code
130.	Ginger Cake - own Recipe	1	Y
131.	Madeira Cake - own Recipe	1	Y
132.	Lemon Sponge - 3 egg - own Recipe	1	Y
133.	Rock Cakes - own Recipe	5	Y
134.	Savoury Scones - own Recipe	6	Y
135.	WWII Cake - see given Recipe	1	Y
136.	Date and Walnut Cake - see given Recipe	1	Y
137.	Frosted Coconut Cake - see given Recipe	1	Y
138.	Men Only - Lemon Drizzle Cake - own Recipe	5	Y
139.	Jam - not less than 225g - labelled with type and date	1	Y
140.	Jelly - not less than 225g - labelled with type and date	1	Y
141.	Marmalade - not less than 225g - labelled with type and date	1	Y
142.	Chutney - not less than 225g - labelled with type and date	1	Y

'Own Recipe' entries must be accompanied by a list of ingredients.

PLEASE do read the Hints and Tips for the Cookery Section carefully!

SECTION 11 HANDICRAFTS

AWARDS:

Enid Gauntlett Cup (Members Only)

Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 145-158)

Judge: Ms. S. Arnold

Class	Item	Description	Prize Code
145.	Any soft toy	Hand made	X
146.	Hand knitted garment	Fancy pattern	X
147.	Hand knitted garment	Plain or ribbed	X
148.	Hand knitted article	Other than Classes 145-147	X
149.	Painting	Pastel, water or acrylic	X
150.	Wooden article		X
151.	3D Decoupage		X
152.	Cross stitch, half cross stitch or tapestry		X
153.	Embroidery	Other than Class 152	X
154.	Crocheted, tatted or lace article		X
155.	Patchwork, quilted or appliqued article		X
156.	Mounted photograph - max. A5	Animal Picture	X
157.	Greeting card	Hand made	X
158.	Any hand made article that does not qualify for Classes 145-157		X

Articles in Section 11 which have been entered in previous PHS Shows must not be re-entered.

Table space required MUST be given on Entry Form.

YOUNG PEOPLE

SECTION 12a (Under 5 years of age on 31st August 2025)

AWARDS:

Smith Cup - for Best Exhibit in Section 12a

Judge: Mrs. F. Leppard

Class	Item	Prize Code
159.	Flowers in a Jam Jar	Y
160.	Three Painted Pebbles	Y
161.	Play-Doh Flower	Y

SECTION 12b (5 to 7 years of age on 31st August 2025)

AWARDS:

Eileen Jones Cup - for Best Exhibit in Section 12b

Judge: Mrs. F. Leppard

Class	Item	Prize Code
162.	Decorated Plant Pot	Y
163.	Animal made from Fruit and Vegetable	Y
164.	Five Pebbles decorated as Faces	Y

SECTION 12c (8 to 10 years of age on 31st August 2025)

AWARDS:

Borrow Young Peoples Cup - for Best Exhibit in Section 12c

Judge: Mrs. F. Leppard

Class	Item	Prize Code
165.	A Garden/Allotment In a seed tray (full size)	Y
166.	Vegetable Monster	Y
167.	Decorate a pair of Wellingtons	Y

SECTION 12d (11 to 13 years of age on 31st August 2025)

AWARDS:

Mary Grinter Cup - for Best Exhibit in Section 12d

Judge: Mrs. F. Leppard

Class	Item	Prize Code
168.	Decorate five plain biscuits	Y
169.	Recycled Monster	Y
170.	Something I have Grown	Y

SECTION 12e (14-16 years of age on 31st August 2025)

AWARDS:

John Richardson Cup

For Best Exhibit in Section 12e **Judge:** Mrs. F. Leppard

Class	Item	Prize Code
171.	Wild Life Photograph - max size A5	Y
172.	Animal - made from recycled material	Y
173.	A Decorated Mask	Y

SECTION 13 FLORAL ART

AWARDS:

Chairman's Cup (Members Only) Best Floral Art exhibit

Rosemary Trophy (Members Only) Highest Aggregate Points (Classes 175-179)

Greta Carter Trophy (Members Only) Best Novice exhibit

Judge: Carol Edney-Gunter

Class	Item	Prize Code
175.	Golden Memories - Novice Class	B
176.	Oranges and Lemons - Open - a design with or without fruit	B
177.	Simply Red - Open - modern design to include two single flowers	B
178.	Shades of Green - Open - foliage only - a foam-free design	B
179.	Tutti-Frutti - a multi-coloured petite exhibit. Width, depth, not to exceed 25cm, height in exhibitors' discretion	B
180.	The Allotment - Men only class. An exhibit depicting an allotment in flowers, foliage and accessories in proportion	B

The Novice Class is intended to encourage newcomers and is restricted to those who have not previously been awarded a first prize for any Floral Art exhibit in a PHS Show. Novices may also enter any other Class.

For all Classes the table covering will be white. Classes 175-178 will be displayed in pale silver/grey niches about 60cm wide and 76cm high. Exhibits may extend beyond the height of the niche **but should be contained within the width and the available depth to the front of the table (approximately 50-55cm).**

ALL exhibits may be brought 'pre-done' to the Show. Exhibits will be judged under the NAFAS Rules in the Competition Manual Third Edition. Excluding Class 180.

For your guidance:

- In all exhibits natural plant material must predominate.

- All exhibits may consist of one or more placements with backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and accessories, all within the space specified.

Realistic or fantasy plant forms made wholly or partly from **non-plant material** may not be used as a **substitute** for natural plant material in an exhibit but are permitted as an integral part of a container, base, background or accessory. Artificial grass turf must not be used for any purpose, including bases.

SECTION 14

NOVELTY

Judge: T.B.A.

Class	Item	Prize Code
181.	Heaviest Apple	Y
182.*	A Weed to be Proud Of	Y
183.	Longest Runner Bean	Y
184.	Heaviest Cucumber	Y
185.	Heaviest Marrow	Y
186.	Heaviest Onion	Y
187.	Heaviest Potato	Y
188.	Heaviest Truss of Tomatoes - ripe or unripe	Y
189.	Most unusual shaped Vegetable	Y
190.	Longest Root Vegetable - excluding foliage	Y

*Must be identified and non-toxic.

Hints and Tips for Exhibitors

It is possible that many gardeners are too shy to enter exhibits in their local show, put off by the thought that those who exhibit are some kind of expert with secret knowledge, and a special ability. We want to see as many exhibits as possible, so don't be afraid.

Remember, they all had to start somewhere, probably in the Novice Classes. If you grow it, and are proud of it, then exhibit it.

Remember in any show, the exhibits that do not win prizes are just as important as those that do. Hopefully, the following tips will enable you to enter at least one exhibit in the Show.

READ THE SCHEDULE. This is the first thing to do, and read it very carefully. Then make sure that your exhibit is in accordance with the Schedule description.

If in doubt, consult the Show Secretary.

BIG is not always best, unless the Schedule so states, and it does not often do this. What you need to aim for is a well-balanced exhibit, clean, free from blemish or damage and uniform in shape. This applies equally to flowers and fruit as well as to vegetables. Resist the temptation to enter one good one with four smaller ones; much better to put in five of the same size, shape and quality.

VEGETABLES

1. Be careful when lifting beetroot, carrots and parsnips, etc.; try not to break the long, fine root. The schedule will usually ask for their greens to be trimmed. It makes for a better presentation if the tops are bound with raffia or something equivalent.
2. Parsnips, carrots, beans, beetroot, etc. are usually just placed on the show table.
3. Potatoes, tomatoes, shallots, peppers, etc. are best placed on a plate - a paper plate will do.
4. Shallots look better mounted on dry sand and onions on rings. (The cardboard centre from a kitchen roll will make good onion rings.)
5. The schedule will usually say if roots are to be left on. Lettuce may be displayed with roots in water.
6. All varieties of beans and peas should be displayed with their stalks attached.

FRUIT

1. Try to avoid removing the natural 'bloom'.
2. They must be shown with stalks except peaches and nectarines.
3. Do NOT polish apples. Present them with blossom-end uppermost.

FLOWERS

1. Make sure they are firmly in the vase and that they are taking up water. Newspaper is a good material to use to wedge the stem in the vase.
2. Where 5 blooms are asked for, it is best to arrange them in 2 & 3. Either 2 above and 3 below or vice-versa. If 3 blooms, then 2 & 1, etc.

POT PLANTS

1. Make sure that the size of the pot conforms with the size stated in the schedule. The schedule will usually say 'not exceeding ...' a certain size, so that any smaller than that is acceptable.
2. The size of the pot is the internal measurement.
3. Square pots may be used and are measured across opposite faces, internally.

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1. All preserves must be in clear jars, with no commercial or trade names on either the jars or the lids. If you do not have a lid without a trade name on, new lids can be bought in hardware stores.
2. All sweet preserves (jams, jellies and marmalades) should be filled to the top to allow for shrinkage, and covered either with a waxed disc and cellophane cover, or with a twist top (in which case a waxed disc is not needed).
3. All vinegar preserves (chutneys) should only be covered with a vinegar-proof twist top. They should be a minimum of 2 months old and have ½ inch/13mm between the contents and lid.
4. All preserves must be labelled with the main fruit used and the full date of making. Write your exhibitor number on the small self-adhesive label issued with your entry card and attach it to the back of the jar.
5. Read the recipes carefully! The recipes given for certain classes are the ones to be used. Tin sizes may vary slightly, but be aware that any significant variation will affect the result of your cake.
6. Loaves are ideally presented on a wooden board. Cakes and biscuits should be presented on a rigid, non-valuable (PHS not liable if accidentally broken) plate to facilitate ease of cutting.
7. With the exception of preserves, all exhibits should be covered with the provided clear plastic covers. These should accommodate plates/boards up to 24cm in diameter. These covers must be returned at the end of the Show.
8. **'Own Recipe' entries must be accompanied by a list of ingredients.**

*Don't forget that we now have a
website where you can read current issues of
the Gazette and Store information:
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RECIPES

FROSTED COCONUT CAKE

Juice and grated rind of 1 lemon	6oz self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder	4oz soft margarine
4oz caster sugar	2 eggs
Milk	2oz desiccated coconut

Topping:

1 rounded tablespoon caster sugar
1 rounded tablespoon desiccated coconut
5 glacé cherries halved

1. Prepare a cool oven (160C/Gas 3). Grease a 2½ pint capacity (2lb) loaf tin with oil. Line base of tin with greaseproof paper.
2. Place lemon rind, flour, baking powder, margarine, sugar, eggs, 2½ fluid oz milk in a bowl. Mix with a wooden spoon, then beat until mixture is smooth and glossy.
3. Add coconut and fold into mixture with a metal spoon, adding extra milk, if necessary, to make a soft, dropping consistency.
4. Place mixture into prepared tin. Level top with the back of a metal spoon. Bake in centre of oven for 1 hour 25 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes. Test by pressing with the fingers. If cooked, cake should spring back and have begun to shrink from the sides of the tin.
5. Mix caster sugar with 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and pour over cake while still hot. Sprinkle coconut over cake and leave cake to cool completely in tin. When cold, remove from tin and remove paper. Arrange cherry halves down centre of cake.
6. To store: wrap cake in foil and store 2 or 3 days to develop flavour. Cake will keep for up to 2 weeks in wrapped foil in a tin.

DATE AND WALNUT CAKE

8oz chopped dates	6oz sugar
8floz boiling water	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 tablespoon butter
6oz plain flour	chopped walnuts

1. Put dates, sugar, butter in a bowl.
2. Pour boiling water over and mash slightly.
3. Add flour and baking powder.
4. Bake in 2lb loaf tin, scatter nuts on top.
5. Bake at 200C/400F/Gas 4/5 for 50/60mins.

RECIPES

WWII CAKE

3oz butter or margarine 8oz self-raising flour
3oz raisins or sultanas 1 tablespoon marmalade
6 tablespoons condensed milk made up to $\frac{1}{4}$ pint or 150ml with water
2 beaten eggs

1. Rub fat into flour, add fruit, marmalade, milk and eggs.
2. Bake in a 6" tin at 180C/350F/Gas 4 for 45 minutes.

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