

East Meon Garden Club



ANNUAL SHOW 2024

Please note all exhibitors
are excluded from the Hall between
10.30am and 2.00pm

All entrance to the show is free.

Sunday 11th August

2.00pm to 4.00pm

in the Village Hall

Teas and Refreshments

N.B. All classes are open to
Non-members of the Garden Club

Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors

All exhibitors are bound by the **Rules of the Show**, which are adapted from the Rules and Standards contained in the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook.

By signing the Entry Form, exhibitors are declaring that the exhibits entered have been produced by them. In the case of potted plants, the exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 6 months. In flower arranging classes, bought flowers or foliage is permitted.

Only one entry per person, per class is permitted.

Adult **entry fee** is 50p per exhibit up to a maximum of £5.00. Whereafter unlimited entries are free.

Entry forms and fees must be received at the Village Shop by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th August 2024

Prize certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. Any prize may be withheld or modified if there are insufficient entries of the standard required. Money prizes will be awarded for children's classes 68 - 73 only: £2 for 1st, £1.50 for 2nd and £1 for 3rd.

Exhibitors must stage their exhibits in the Village Hall between 8.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 11th August. All exhibitors should leave the Hall by 10.30 a.m. There is no access to the Village Hall for exhibitors between 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m., when judging and administration will take place.

No exhibit may be removed from the Hall until prize giving has taken place which will be at **3.30 p.m.**

All exhibits must be removed from the Village Hall by **5.00 p.m.**

The Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage to goods or produce at the Show, nor for any accident or loss affecting persons, animals or property at the Show.

Any disputes arising from the judges' decisions will be considered by the Show Organising Committee. Complaints should be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of **£5** which will be forfeited if, in the opinion of the Committee, the complaint is not valid.

Medals, Cups and Trophies

Cups and Trophies will be awarded in various classes.

Points towards the RHS Banksian Medal, cups and trophies will be awarded as follows.

Individual classes: 1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point

Collections: 1st - 6 points; 2nd - 4 points; 3rd - 2 points
(classes 25 and 50)

Cups and Trophies open to all exhibitors are:

The **RHS Banksian Medal** presented to the exhibitor who gains the highest number of points in Classes 1- 55 excluding classes 25 - 50. Competitors who won the RHS Banksian Medal in 2022 or 2023 are not eligible to win the medal in this year.

Challenge Cup	awarded for most points classes 1 - 55
Allotment Holder Award	for most points in classes 1 - 55
Edgebourne Cup	awarded for most points classes 56 - 58
Produce Cup	awarded for most points classes 74 - 84
Novice Cup	awarded to those who have never won a cup or trophy for classes 1 - 55
Photograph Cup	awarded for most points classes 59 - 64
Children's Cup	awarded for most points in classes 68 - 73
The John Davies Salver	awarded for most points in classes 85 - 88

CUPS AND TROPHIES OPEN TO GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ONLY:

East Meon Vegetable Cup	awarded for classes 1 - 25
East Meon Flower Cup	awarded for classes 32 - 55
Best Exhibit in Show	in the opinion of the judge in classes 1 - 55

ARTS and CRAFTS Classes 85 - 88

- 85 A stitched, knitted or crocheted item
- 86 Something made from wood
- 87 An original piece of artwork, Painting, Drawing or collage
- 88 A recycled item

Hints for Exhibitors - Fruit and Vegetables

Read the schedule carefully. Check that you place on the Show tables the number of specimens stated in the schedule, for each exhibit. An incorrect number will lead to disqualification. All cultivars should be named if possible. **Vegetables** should be freshly gathered and cleaned so as not to damage the skin. A portion of the tap root on the vegetables should be present.

Carrots and beets should have leaves removed to approximately 75mm.

Courgettes should be about 150mm long and approximately 70mm in diameter with flowers attached, (optional).

French or runner beans should be straight and not stringy. They should be cut from the vine, leaving about 1cm of stem attached.

Potatoes should be of good shape and size appropriate to the cultivar.

Salad Crop may be any variety of lettuce or other salad leaf and should be present with a portion of root attached.

Shallots, onions, and garlic bulbs should have excess loose skin and foliage removed, have tops tied with raffia and be set on sand or rings as appropriate. Please check size and weight specified in the schedule. (rings, sand and raffia will be available at the show).

Tomatoes should be of an appropriate size for the cultivar and presented with the calyx attached. They should be of even size, shape and colour. The number must be as specified in the schedule.

A Trug or Basket of Vegetables. A collection of four different kinds of vegetable from classes 1 - 24, clean and well presented in a trug or basket of maximum size 600mm long by 160mm deep. You may not exhibit two varieties of the same kind, for example a red onion and white onion.

Double points will be awarded for the trug collection, but vegetables do not need to comply with the criteria specified for individual classes.

Fruits should be shown with the stalk or calyx attached. Do not polish. Handle the fruits as little as possible. Apples and pears need not be ripe and should be of a size appropriate to the cultivar.

FUN SECTION Classes 65 - 67

- 65 Oversize vegetable
- 66 The heaviest marrow
- 67 Fruit or vegetable with the funniest shape

CHILDREN'S SECTION Classes 68 - 73

1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.50, 3rd prize £1

- 68 An illustrated Poem
- 69 An animal made from vegetables, flowers or fruit
- 70 Chocolate crispy cakes - 3 on a plate
- 71 A jam jar of flowers
- 72 An edible necklace
- 73 A paper plane

PRODUCE AND PRESERVES Classes 74 - 84

- 74 A spicy chutney
- 75 A jar of jam - any fruit
- 76 A jar of marmalade
- 77 A jar of herb jelly
- 78 An Artisan bread
- 79 Shortbread - 6 on a plate
- 80 A Vegetable Cake
- 81 Savoury Scones - 6 pieces on a plate
- 82 Something to nibble with a glass of wine
- 83 A decorated cake with a floral theme
- 84 Hen eggs - 3

- 51 Any other perennial - 3 stems, spike, or blooms of same variety
- 52 Mixed annual flowering plants in a pot
- 53 Hosta in a pot
- 54 Flowering indoor pot plant
- 55 A potted succulent

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT Classes 56 - 58

No Floral Foam to be used

- 56 An arrangement of greenery (No Flowers)
- 57 Wedding buttonhole/corsage
- 58 An arrangement for an elegant supper

PHOTOGRAPHY Classes 59 - 64

Classes 59 - 64 are for amateur photographers only. Photographs will be judged on the creative use of the medium to represent the theme for each class. Prints may be colour or black and white. Maximum size 8 x 6

Please state if under 13 years of age.

- 59 Doors and Gates of East Meon
- 60 Hands
- 61 Wild Nights
- 62 This brings me joy
- 63 Pets
- 64 Friends

Hints for Exhibitors - Flowers and Other

Flowers should be arranged facing forward in an appropriate vase and should be of uniform size with strong stems and without dropping florets. It is recommended that flowers should be cut and placed in a vase the evening before the show to allow them to take up water.

Dahlias should be fully open and floribunda roses should be at least 50% open. For all flowers, stems should be presented with a balance of open blooms and buds and a spike should be a complete stem. Where the schedule calls for a specific number of blooms, be aware that a bud counts as a bloom. A limited number of small and medium display vases are available. Please contact Fiona Wyatt 01730 823916.

Flower arrangements may be arranged at home and brought to the Village Hall for finishing and staging. An exhibit should be composed of natural plant material, which may be fresh, dried or preserved, with or without accessories, placed within the space specified in the Show schedule. It is not recommended that oasis is used unless it is biodegradable. It is important that flower arrangements reflect the theme specified in the schedule, using appropriate materials and container. **No Floral Foam to be used in flower arrangements.**

Produce and Preserves may be sampled by the judge for consistency and taste. Baked or cooked items should be covered with a polythene bag. Preserves are best once matured and therefore recommended to be a minimum of 3 months old. All jams, preserves, chutneys and drinks should be labelled and dated. Jars should be sealed with cellophane or new lids, as appropriate to the product. Do not recycle commercial jars and lids. Savoury items should not include meat or fish.

Arts, Crafts and Family Section exhibits should be original work of the entrant. Children's exhibits should have the age of the child clearly marked on the exhibitor card. Where there is doubt about the authenticity of an exhibit, it will not be judged.

VEGETABLES Classes 1 - 25

Cultivar to be stated where possible

- 1 Potatoes -3 tubers white
- 2 Potatoes -3 tubers other than white
- 3 French beans - 6 pods
- 4 Runner beans - 6 pods
- 5 Mange Tout or Sugar Snap Peas - 6 Pods
- 6 Onions - 3 dressed (optional), each 225g or less in weight
- 7 Onions - 3 dressed (optional), each over 225g in weight
- 8 Shallots - 6 on a dish, large, over 30mm in diameter
- 9 Shallots - 6 on a dish, small, less than 30mm in diameter
- 10 Carrots - 3 of one variety, with approximately 75mm of foliage
- 11 Lettuce or salad leaf - 2 of one variety, with root attached
- 12 Rhubarb - 3 sticks
- 13 Beetroot - 3 of one variety, with half foliage attached
- 14 Marrow or squash - an equally matched pair
- 15 Tomatoes - medium, 3 on a plate, 50mm in diameter or more
- 16 Tomatoes - cherry variety, 10 on plate, each 35mm or less in diameter
- 17 Courgettes - 3 of length approximately 150mm
- 18 Cucumbers - a pair. Ridge or greenhouse varieties
- 19 Garlic - any variety, 3 bulbs with same root and stem attached
- 20 Spinach or Chard - 7 stems
- 21 Sweetcorn - 2 heads
- 22 Herbs - 3 different herbs in labelled jars
- 23 Radish - 6 on a plate (any variety not mixed) with 30mm of foliage
- 24 Any other vegetable - up to 3 specimens or a bunch
- 25 A trug or basket containing a selection of four different vegetables

FRUIT Classes 26 - 31

- 26 Raspberries - 12 stalks attached
- 27 Plums - 3 of one variety with stalk attached
- 28 Soft fruit on a plate - 12 of one variety or 200g maximum
- 29 Pears - 3 of one variety
- 30 Apples - 3 of one variety
- 31 Any other fruit - (other than the above) 1 or more fruit

FLOWERS Classes 32 - 55

Variety to be stated where possible

- 32 Cosmos - 3 blooms
- 33 Clematis - 3 blooms
- 34 Dahlias - 3 of one variety 150mm in diameter or less
- 35 Dahlias - 3 of one variety more than 150mm in diameter
- 36 Dahlias - 5 mixed
- 37 Delphinium - 1 spike
- 38 Rudbeckia - 3 stems
- 39 Gladiolus - 1 specimen spike
- 40 Gladioli - 3 spikes
- 41 Hydrangea - mop head (Hortensias - large round heads) 3 blooms
- 42 Hydrangea lace cap (flat head with large outer blooms)
- 43 Penstemon - 3 spikes
- 44 Phlox - 3 stems
- 45 Rose - 3 stems cluster flowered rose
- 46 Rose - 3 stems large flowering rose
- 47 Rose - 1 specimen stem
- 48 Rose - 1 stem to be judged by scent
- 49 Sweet Peas - annuals 6 stems
- 50 Collection of 10 spikes, sprays, or bloom - no more than 2 of one variety