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WOLVERHAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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# ANNUAL SHOW

Supported by David Austin Roses and Hillview Hardy Plants

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

PENN UNITED REFORM CHURCH, PENN ROAD,  
WV4 5QF

**Admission £1** (includes entry fee for 4 exhibits)

**Refreshments available from 2.00pm.**

**Show opens to the public at 2.30pm.**

**Prize presentation 3.00pm**

**Staging on the day from 9.00am to 11.30am**

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Penn United Reform Church Hall

Class	Class
<b><u>FRUIT – Guidance note 18</u></b>	
1	3 dessert apples (ripe or unripe)
2	3 cooking apples (ripe or unripe)
3	Heaviest Apple (ripe or unripe)
4	6 Plums or at least 9 Damsons
5	3 Pears (ripe or unripe)
6	9 berries
<b><u>VEGETABLES</u></b>	
7	5 White Potatoes
8	5 Potatoes other than white
9	3 Onions
10	3 Courgettes approx. 15cm long – <i>Note 19</i> (Round courgettes approx. 7.5cm in diameter)
11	5 tomatoes more than 3cm in diameter – <i>Note 18</i>
12	10 tomatoes less than 3cm in diameter – <i>Note 18</i>
13	Heaviest Tomato
14	5 French beans
15	3 Leeks – <i>Note 19</i>
16	5 Runner Beans
17	3 Beetroot, Round – <i>Note 19</i>
18	3 Beetroot, Long – <i>Note 19</i>
19	3 vegetables, same variety, not listed in 7-18
<b><u>CHAMPIONS CORNER (Members only)</u></b>	
20	A display of 3 or more different vegetables (Max container size 30cm x 45cm) – <i>Note 20</i>
21	The heaviest marrow
22	The longest runner bean
<b><u>HERBS</u></b>	
23	3 sprigs of each of 3 different species in a vase
24	3 sprigs of mint, same variety
<b><u>MEMBERS' PLANT</u></b>	
25	Lavender plant
26	Heaviest Onion
<b><u>CUT ORNAMENTALS</u></b>	
27	5 Fuchsia heads, same variety (Display boards provided)
28	Vase of garden flowers, mixed variety no extra foliage (vase not judged)
29	1 stem of Dahlia
30	3 stems of Dahlia, same variety
31	1 stem of a rose or roses
32	3 sprays of the same flowering shrub or tree
<b><u>CUT ORNAMENTALS (Continued)</u></b>	
33	3 specimens of the same decorative foliage (can be any plant/shrub/fern)
34	3 sprays of the same berried tree or shrub
35	3 sprays of any flower, same variety
<b><u>POT PLANTS– Guidance note 17</u></b>	
36	1 pot (any size) of any flowering plant
37	1 pot (any size) of any foliage plant
38	Geranium Pot Plant (members plant)
<b><u>FLORAL ART (accessories permitted) –note 17</u></b>	
39	An arrangement "Ode to Autumn" Max base A4.
40	A display of flower heads on water (single or mixed varieties). Bowl not to exceed 8" (20cm) diameter.
41	An arrangement of foliage only – Max base 30cm sq
42	An arrangement to fit in a cup and saucer
43	Buttonhole comprising a single flower, simple foliage
<b><u>HOME PRODUCE– Guidance note 21and Tips</u></b>	
44	Victoria sponge (recipe provided) – <i>Tips (a) and (b)</i>
45	Bara Brith (your own recipe) – <i>Tip (a)</i>
46	4 cheese scones (your own recipe) – <i>Tip (c)</i>
47	Rocky Road Tray bake (your own recipe) – <i>Tip (a)</i>
48	Lemon Drizzle (your own recipe) – <i>Tip (a)</i>
49	1 jar of jam – <i>Tips (d)(e)(f)</i>
50	1 jar of curd – <i>Tips (d) to (g)</i>
51	1 jar of marmalade or jelly - <i>Tips (d) to (h)</i>
52	1 jar of pickle/chutney/savoury sauce - <i>Tip (i)</i>
53	1 Loaf of Bread (bread-making machines allowed)
<b><u>PHOTOGRAPHS from the Garden – Guidance note 8</u></b>	
54	A Cloud scape
55	A Tree scene
56	A seedhead, fruit or berry
57	A single flower close up
<b><u>ARTS/CRAFTS WITH A GARDEN THEME</u></b> <b><u>(Members only section due to restricted space)</u></b>	
58	A Flower painting
59	Home made pot pourri
60	A decorated plant pot

## Wolverhampton Horticultural Society Show: Rules and notes for guidance (2024 edition)

1. On arrival exhibitors MUST register with the Entry Steward to receive their exhibitor's number and display cards (one card to be placed with each exhibit). Entry fees must be paid at the Treasurer's table before staging.
2. The Prizes for all classes are: 1<sup>st</sup> £1; 2<sup>nd</sup> 60p; 3<sup>rd</sup> 40p. Points towards trophies and medals are: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> 4pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pts. Prize monies can be collected from the Treasurer's table after the prize presentation.
3. Trophies are awarded as follows:

Fruit: classes 1 to 6	Overall Show winner: classes 1 to 60
Cut Ornamentals: classes 27 to 35	Vegetables: classes 7 to 26
Floral Art: classes 39 to 43	Pot Plants: classes 36 to 38
Photography: classes 54 to 57	Home Produce: classes 44 to 53
Children's cup: Members' children/grandchildren aged 15 or under with most points across all classes	Arts and Crafts: classes 58 to 60
4. The Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal is awarded for horticultural classes only (classes 1 to 38). Any person who has won the medal in the last two years is not eligible.
5. The National Vegetable Society medal will be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in classes 7 to 26.
6. The Ben George Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor, who has the highest total of points, but has not won one, or more of the main trophies/awards/medals. An extra 2 points will be awarded for each class in which the member has entered at least one exhibit. Any person who has won the trophy in the last two years is not eligible.
7. Classes will be judged to Royal Horticultural Society or appropriate National Society rules.
8. Exhibits in Photographs (classes 54 to 57) and Arts and Crafts (classes 58 to 60) must not have been previously exhibited at a Wolverhampton Horticultural Society show. Photographs must be prints up to a maximum of A4 including mount, and must be exhibitor's own work
9. If, in the opinion of the Judge, the entries in a class are insufficient, classes may be grouped together. The Members onion should have stem trimmed to maximum 1" and roots removed, judges will remove any excess.
10. Prizes may be withheld if the Judge considers the entries do not merit an award. The Judge's decision is final in all matters relating to exhibits.
11. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason or explanation for such a refusal. Members joining on the day of the show are not eligible for the Members only classes or the Ben George Challenge Trophy.
12. Objections by exhibitors must be lodged in writing to the Show Secretary by 2.45pm, with a deposit of £1 for each objection, which shall be forfeited if the objection is not upheld by the Show Committee, whose decision is final.
13. No exhibits may be removed before the presentation of the trophies.
14. When an exhibitor is unable to stage in person, the delegate must be present at prize giving and remove the exhibit at the end of the Show
15. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitors and must have been in their possession for at least six weeks
16. Two or more persons may not exhibit, separately, items in the same class from the same garden or allotment, except in the Flower Arrangement classes.
17. Flower Arrangements will gain points for harmonious containers or supports. Pot plants will gain points for presentation, i.e. clean pots, neat tying or staking, freedom from blemishes in the leaves and flowers. Max base 30cm sq
18. Fruits and tomatoes should be presented on a plate (cardboard is acceptable) and should be unpolished and ripe, (except in the case of apples and pears which may be shown ripe or unripe), and with stalks.
19. Beetroots should have leaves trimmed to 7.5cm (3"). Courgettes may be with or without flower attached. Leek leaves trimmed to 2" above the "button" and roots trimmed.
20. Garnish can be included in the display of 3 or more vegetables but will not be considered during the judging process.
21. Entries in the Home Produce classes must conform to the details on the recipe sheets, including ingredients and size. All exhibits should be on an appropriate size plate. See guidance on Tips for Home Produce section.

**FOR RECIPES AND HOME PRODUCE PRESENTATION GUIDANCE, SEE NEXT SHEET**

## Wolverhampton Horticultural Society Recipes for the Annual Show

### Victoria Sandwich ( creaming method )

6 oz. soft margarine or butter  
6 oz. caster sugar  
3 eggs  
6 oz. white self-raising flour  
Pinch of salt  
Teaspoon of vanilla essence  
Raspberry or strawberry jam for the centre.  
Icing sugar for the top.  
Approximately 7" (18cm.) in diameter

Victoria Sandwiches should be presented on an appropriately sized plate.

## Tips for Home Produce Section of the Annual Horticultural Show

### Cookery

Recommended marking scheme:

Each item is marked on its own merits out of 20. Most marks are given for aroma and flavour, as this is the hallmark of home baking.

**External appearance** **4**

Colour shape and uniformity

**Internal condition** **4**

Depth of crust, texture, distribution of ingredients

**Flavour/aroma** **12**

### (a) General points for all cakes

In proportion (depth/width length) e.g., good idea to weigh mixture into the tins.

Sides smooth, indicating a well-lined tin.

No cooling rack marks on top of cake or air bubbles.

Any fruit should be evenly distributed, no sign of flour pockets.

Unless schedule states otherwise, cakes should be presented on a plate.

### (b) Victoria Sandwich

See above plus:

Recipe as the show schedule states

Raspberry jam stops the top and bottom separating, use sufficient, evenly spread.

Top flat or almost flat

### (c) Scones

Recipe as the show schedule states

Suitable size 5-6cms diameter (2- 2 ½ inch) almost as tall as round.

Should stand erect (take care not to twist cutter)

Flat on top

No glaze, but may be dusted with flour before baking.

Scones should preferably have a "waist" so can be split without using a knife

#### **(d) Preserves**

Recommended marking scheme:

Each item is marked on its own merits, out of 20

##### **External standard**

Container, cover, label, appearance **2**

##### **Internal standard**

Colour and quantity **5**

##### **Quality**

Consistency and texture **6**

Flavour and aroma **7**

#### **(e) Covers for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades**

The first thing the judge looks for is a seal. This shows that the item is actually worthy of the term **preserve**.

A twist top or plastic cover will “pop” when opened if there is a true seal.

Lids should always be put on freshly potted sugar preserves, immediately each jar is filled, when hot.

Avoid honey jars with screw tops, as the thread does not produce a good seal. The new twist tops however do give a good seal.

Slow cooking before adding sugar & very rapid boil once sugar added.

No manufacturers names on lids or jars (Kilner jars are acceptable as Kilner do not manufacture preserves).

Wax discs not necessary with screw top

Try to use new lids

Always ensure fruit is well cooked before adding sugar, fill jar to top

#### **(f) Recycled jars and lids**

If no seal of preservation is present, the item is not acceptable (NA) and is not marked further. (Often an exhibitor will be tempted to test the seal before exhibiting, and thus destroy it!)

Labels should be plain, neat and straight and of suitable size for the container. Place label between the seams of the jar. Label should state the contents and day, month and year of making.

**(g) Lemon Curd** - Must be covered so it can breathe, ie wax disc +cellophane. Solid lids are not acceptable.

**(h) Marmalade** - leave to settle for 20mins & stir before potting.

#### **(i) Vinegar preserves**

Keep at least two months before showing.

Covers of preserves must prevent evaporation and should not be liable to corrosion due to the presence of vinegar (e.g. twist tops with plastic linings, pliable plastic on traditional jam jars)

Do not use cellophane cover.

#### **Pickles**

Colour of all pickles is better if white vinegar is used rather than malt.

#### **Clear pickle**

Vegetables should be crisp (except beetroot, which should be tender)

#### **Chutney**

Label should state **HOT** or **MILD**

Mature flavour improved by being potted for two to three months

# Wolverhampton Horticultural Society

## SHOW ENTRY FORM

Fill in your name, address, number of exhibits and payment dues then hand the completed form to the Treasurer. You will be given an Exhibitor's number and cards to put with each of your exhibits.

For each exhibit, write your Exhibitor's number on one side of the card and the relevant class number on the other. Place the card with your Exhibitor's number face down on the show bench so the class number is uppermost.

Registration and staging is from 9.00am to 11.30am. **Staging MUST be completed by 11.30am and the hall vacated to allow judging to start promptly.**

Name		
Address		
Post Code		
Telephone Number		

Are you a member of the WHS?    Yes/No

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Number of exhibits	
Fee payable £1.00 (includes 4 entries) then @ 25p per exhibit	

**Member's Classes 25 and 26 are NOT free**

**To be completed by Show Steward:**

Exhibitor's number	
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**Ben George Challenge Trophy (WHS members only)**

**Please tick each category entered:**

Fruit	Vegetables	Cut Ornamentals	Pot Plants	Floral Art	Home Produce	Photography	Arts & Crafts