

Summer Show, 21st June 2025

This year the show was held on Site 2 alongside opening for the National Garden Scheme, (NGS). In contrast to last year when we had torrential rain, it was the hottest day of the year so far. The start of a hot summer has meant there wasn't much asparagus or strawberries left to show but there were plenty of other crops, you can rely on rhubarb come rain or shine.

90 people visited through the NGS. They had a look at the show, walked around the site and spoke to plot holders, bought plants and chutneys from the produce stall and sat down to enjoy tea and cake before taking part in the auction.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success.





It was good to see 101-year-old Ruth who met HRH King Charles in the VE Day celebrations



The Show Section A – Flowers



1. Vase containing 1 HT rose, any colour – Mariangela Renshaw



Bella and Alannah taking the votes from visitors for the most fragrant rose.

2. The most beautiful / fragrant rose in the garden – judged by visitors to the show – Kate Hunt. Also, best flower in show.

3. *Vase of multiflora roses, 3 stems of any one variety – Kate Hunt.



4. *Bowl of any number of roses arranged for an all-round effect – Elaine Barnwell



5. Vase of 6 stems of sweet peas, any 1 variety – 1st prize given to all exhibitors – Jackie Savage, Siop Cooper and Sally Harvey

6. Vase of 12 stems of sweet peas, can be mixed varieties – 1st prize given to all exhibitors – Sue Illingworth, Jon Compson and Kate Hunt.

7. Vase or bowl of pansies or violas with own foliage, not more than 12 stems, can be mixed – Susan Davidson



8. *Vase of cut flowers, 3 or more kinds with any foliage, arranged for all round effect (Society vases to be used, available on day) – Susan Davidson

9. *Arrangement in a goblet of flowers and/or leaves – Susan Davidson



10. A vase of flowers of any kind – can include wild flowers/grasses – Susan Davidson



11. A miniature flower arrangement in a vessel measuring no more than 5x5 cm, e.g., an egg cup – Associate Member Jane Powell



12. My favourite pot plant – Susan Davidson.

Section B – Vegetables

13. 3 asparagus spears – Jon Compson



14. 6 pods of broad beans – Jackie Savage

15. 12 pods of peas – No first prize



16. 12 pods of mangetout or sugar snap (not mixed) – Sheila Konig



17. 2 courgettes, any colour or shape – Sally Harvey



18. 4 potatoes of any one variety – Carol Martinez



19. a) 3 garlic bulbs with 25mm stem – Associate Member Ruth Tighe. Also, best vegetable in show.

b) 3 elephant garlic bulbs – Jon Compson



20. 3 sticks of rhubarb (natural) – Geoff Waterhouse



21. 3 different herbs, in small bunches – Shan Karwatowska



22. 3 onions, autumn sown, as dug, unwashed and with roots and tops intact – Raj Patel



23. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad – Sheila Konig

24. Any other vegetable not listed above – Geoff Waterhouse, lettuce

Flower/vegetable/fruit – mixed



Susan Davidson. Also, best plant in show.



B25. *1 specimen each of 1 flower, 1 fruit and 1 vegetable – Vivien Fowler



Hai Li's 2 boys who are very proud of their Vietnamese Chameleon plant which is a medicinal salad leaf good for digestion.

B26. Any one fruit/vegetable/plant you are proud to display –

Section C – Fruit



27. 15 gooseberries – Kate Hunt



30. A display of any other kind of fruit – Sheila Konig – Loganberries. There were also black, red and white currants, blueberries, cherries and tayberries – all brought forward by the hot sunshine.



28. 15 raspberries, with calyx – Raj Patel

29. 12 strawberries, with calyx – Susan Davidson

Section D – Cookery / Cake Off

34. *Any cake, decorated with a Midsummer theme – Shan Karwatowska



Shan's winning cake on the right – judged by visitors to the show.

The cup cakes on the left were made by Ursula Plumley