



A warm welcome...

...from the Otford Allotment Association to our Autumn Show

The Otford Allotment Association was formed in 1953 when 42 keen allotment holders got together to form the association. This year is our platinum jubilee and we now have more than 90 members and 65 associate members. When the allotments were first started most of the plots were 10 rods. Now the plots vary in size from 2.5 rods up to 10 rods and occasionally more. Members are encouraged to grow vegetables, and where possible fruit, for the table throughout the year and we are proud to show our produce at our Autumn Show.

The show has been organised by members of the Association on behalf of the village and we welcome entries not only from our allotment holders but from everyone in the village. In the past, members of the Association have taken away some of the top prizes, but there must be other villagers who can surpass them.

We have classes for everyone in the show competition, children included. We look forward to seeing all the entries.

May I wish you all some success and thank you for taking part.

Michael Richards

Chairman, Otford Allotment Association.

AUTUMN PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW SCHEDULE

NOTES ON SHOW

ADMISSION ON SHOW DAY £1

STAGING 9–11.45am

JUDGING 12–2pm

DOORS OPEN 2pm

PRESENTATION 4pm

SHOW ENTRY FEES You may enter as many classes as you wish, at 20p per entry (one entry per class) with a maximum payable of £2

ENTRY TO JUNIOR CLASSES IS FREE

POINTS will be awarded as follows:

1st – **5 points** | 2nd – **3 points** | 3rd – **1 point**

Class 1 “collection of 4 different vegetables” will be judged and scored using the RHS handbook / rhs.org.uk

EXHIBITION RULES

All classes are open entry, i.e. you do not need to be a member of the Otford Allotment Association in order to take part.

Junior classes are open to all under 14's.

Entry forms and fees should be in a sealed envelope and delivered (or posted) to the Parish Office, School House, High Street and marked “AUTUMN SHOW ENTRY”.

All exhibitors must have grown or created exhibits themselves.

HINTS AND ADVICE FOR EXHIBITORS

Encourage your friends and neighbours to enter especially if you know they have a special craft or growing skill. Why not try one class completely out of your comfort zone for a bit of fun?

Read the schedule carefully! Six items will not be accepted if five is specified on the schedule. When staging (setting up) you are welcome to speak to the stewards for advice. You will receive one card per entry to be placed face down in front of your entry (the judge will turn cards back over after judging).

Quality is paramount – try to find examples that are young and blemish free, but still fully developed.

- Reduce foliage on carrots and beetroots to 3” (75mm)
- Onions and shallots should have the foliage cut off and then tied with raffia or string and not over peeled
- Exhibit peas and beans with stalks
- Courgettes and cucumbers with flowers if possible
- Clean all vegetables where possible
- Names and varieties where possible
- Evenness scores highly
- Do not polish apples, pears or stone fruit and show with stalks in place
- Take extra flowers and blooms in case of damage
- Take materials for arranging flowers in vases, i.e. moss, paper, oasis® etc.

THE GORDON DARBY MEMORIAL TROPHY

will be awarded for the most points accumulated from all categories in the show.

VEGETABLES

SPEAK CUP awarded for the highest number of points in classes 2–25.

THE LONGEST BEAN awarded for class 29.

OTFORD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION TROPHY awarded for class 36.

- 1 Collection of four kinds *to be RHS pointed. Each kind as per schedule below in classes 2–25. Space 75 x 60cm*
- 2 6 pods of runner beans
- 3 6 french beans
- 4 3 courgettes
- 5 2 cabbages
- 6 3 onions under 7.5cm
- 7 3 onions over 7.5cm
- 8 3 potatoes, white *1 cultivar/variety*
- 9 3 potatoes, coloured *1 cultivar/variety*
- 10 3 carrots long pointed
- 11 3 carrots stump rooted
- 12 1 pumpkin
- 13 3 beetroot *with root*
- 14 6 shallots, large
- 15 6 pickling shallots *up to 3 cm*
- 16 3 tomatoes over 3.5cm *not beefsteak*
- 17 7 tomatoes, less than 3.5 cm
- 18 1 beefsteak tomato
- 19 1 truss of tomatoes
- 20 2 cucumbers
- 21 3 sweet corn
- 22 3 sweet peppers
- 23 6 chilli peppers
- 24 2 leeks
- 25 Any other vegetable not mentioned above *at least two of a kind*
- 26 1 pot of growing herbs
- 27 3 tied bunches of different culinary herbs in water, in 3 separate containers of entrant's choice *please name herbs.*

NOVELTY CLASSES

1st prize only awarded to classes 28–34

- 28 Heaviest marrow or squash (not pumpkin)
- 29 Longest bean
- 30 Longest carrot
- 31 Heaviest onion
- 32 Heaviest potato
- 33 Heaviest pumpkin
- 34 Most comical vegetable
- 36 A display of undressed vegetables for kitchen use in a trug, basket or tray *not exceeding 60cm x 38cm. Judged on overall quality and appearance.*

FRUIT

OTFORD BOWL awarded for the highest number of points in classes 37–42.

- 37** 3 dessert apples *1 cultivar/variety*
- 38** 3 cooking apples *1 cultivar/variety, must have stalks and be unpolished*
- 39** 3 pears *1 cultivar/variety*
- 40** 5 stoned fruit, with stalks *1 cultivar/variety*
- 41** 12 berried fruits *must have stalks*
- 42** any other fruit in season *maximum of 5*

DAHLIAS

LOWRIE CUP awarded for the highest number of points in classes 44–48.

Vases and frames will be provided by the Association.

Maximum Sizes: Pompom: 55mm; Miniature: 115mm; Small: 170mm; Medium: 220mm; Large: 280mm; Giant: no limit.

- 44** 3 small or miniature cactus and/or semi-cactus *1 or more cultivar/variety*
- 45** 3 small or miniature decorative *1 or more cultivar/variety*
- 46** 3 pompom *1 or more cultivar/variety*
- 47** 1 large or giant bloom
- 48** 3 blooms *any cultivar/variety not included above, e.g. single or collerette*
- 49** A vase of mixed dahlias *up to 8*
- 50** A vase of dahlias for effect *this is not a flower arrangement*
- 51** A dahlia in a frame a single bloom displayed in a frame.

FLOWERS

ALLEN CUP awarded for best exhibit in classes 53–64.

Vases and test tubes will be provided by the Association.

- 53** 3 stems michaelmas daisies *1 or more cultivar/variety*
- 54** 5 stems herbaceous perennials *1 cultivar/variety*
- 55** 1 bloom 'large flowered' Hybrid Tea rose
- 56** 3 blooms Hybrid Tea roses *1 or more cultivar/variety*
- 57** 3 blooms of chrysanthemum
- 58** 5 blooms french marigolds *own container optional*
- 59** 3 stems pelargoniums
- 60** 6 specimen fuchsia blooms
- 61** 1 stem fuchsia *own container optional*
- 62** 5 stems annuals *own container optional*
- 63** A vase of mixed flowers for effect
- 64** 1 spray flowering or berried shrub or tree *no more than 60cm extending over top of vase*
- 65** Pot plant in flower, not orchid *up to 5"/12.5cm pot*
- 66** Pot plant in flower, not orchids *over 5"/12.5cm pot*
- 67** Pot plant for foliage *up to 5"/12.5cm pot*
- 68** Pot plant for foliage *over 5"/12.5cm pot*
- 69** Orchid in flower *any size pot*
- 70** Planted patio pot or container *pot not exceeding 40cm in either height or width, planted with at least three different types of plant. To be judged by public vote.*

JUNIOR CLASSES

JUNIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY awarded at the show to the junior gaining the highest number of points in classes 73–81.

All children 14yrs and under

72 Marigold grown from seed available from the OAA stall at the Spring Fair and afterward from the Parish Office

5yrs and under

- 73** Colour in a picture of a flower
- 74** Photograph of a mini beast
- 75** A plate of 3 decorated biscuits

6–9yr olds

- 76** Creature made from a fruit or vegetable
- 77** Photograph of a mini beast
- 78** 3 scones, savoury or sweet *please show recipe*

10–14yr olds

- 79** Creature made from a fruit or vegetable
- 80** Photograph of a mini beast
- 81** 3 scones, savoury or sweet *please show recipe.*

PRESERVES AND COOKERY

WESTON BOWL awarded for the most points in classes 82–86.

- 82** 1 jar of marmalade
- 83** 1 jar of jam
- 84** 1 jar of chutney
- 85** 5 savoury biscuits *please show recipe*
- 86** A 'fruit-style' cake using a glut of fruit or vegetables *please show recipe.*

PHOTOGRAPHS

J&J PHOTOGRAPHIC CUP awarded for the most points in classes 87–89.

Photographs should not be mounted. They may be black and white or coloured. The photograph must not exceed 18cm x 12cm. (7¼" x 5¼").

Photographic titles are:

- 87** Through the garden gate
- 88** A close-up of a flower
- 89** Reflections.

HANDICRAFTS

CHALLENGE TANKARD awarded for the best exhibit in classes 90–94.

DODD ART TROPHY Awarded for the best exhibit in classes 95–97.

- 90** A piece of quilting or patchwork
 - 91** A piece of cross stitch or needlepoint
 - 92** A piece of hand embroidery
 - 93** A knitted garment
 - 94** An exhibit made from wood, metalwork or pottery *
 - 95** A painting *
 - 96** A drawing *
 - 97** A miniature in any medium *not exceeding 9"/23cm* *
 - 98** An exhibit from any craft not included above *
- *please indicate size on entry form.*