

# Flitwick Gardeners' Association



# ANNUAL SHOW

The Annual Summer Vegetable and Flower Show will be held in **FLITWICK VILLAGE HALL on Saturday 20th AUGUST 2022** 

#### TEAS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

# **ADMISSION FREE**

#### **PROGRAMME**

STAGING OF EXHIBITS

From 9:00am to 11:45 am

**JUDGING** 

12 noon sharp

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

3:00 pm

RAFFLE DRAW

3:55 pm

Autumn Show Schedule see Page 12

Entry Form for all classes must be handed in at one of the following addresses before 8pm. on the Friday prior to the show. <u>After this entries will be late and must be handed direct to the Show Secretary</u> who will use his discretion as to whether the entry can be accepted.

The Show Secretary – Mr Colin Stennett, 10 Salisbury Road (Contact No: 716982) Mr J-P Carter, 50 Lyall Close.

The Seed Box, Steppingley Road.

#### Or via email to: FGASHOW@Flitwickgardeners.co.uk

#### SHOW RULES

- 1. All classes are open to members of the Association, their partners and to their children and grandchildren who are 16 years or under.
- 2. No exhibitor may stage more than 1 entry in each class, except for Class 98 (Wine) where a maximum of 2 entries are allowed.
- Entry fees will be: Children's classes and Novice classes FREE
   All other classes 10p
- If there is not enough room to stage your exhibit you <u>MUST NOT</u> move other already staged exhibits but ask the show secretary or one of the show stewards for assistance.
- 5. No exhibit to be shown in more than 1 class.
- 6. No more or less than the quoted number of each kind, variety (cultivar) to be entered.
- 7. All roots to be washed and skins to be left in a natural state. Garnishing allowed.
- 8. Photographs must not exceed 7 x 5 inches and should be un-mounted and not have a frame or a border.
- Championship points will be awarded in Sections A, D and E (and at the discretion of the judges in Sections B and C) as follows: -

1<sup>st</sup> - 4 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 points; H.C. - 1 point.

- 10. The decision of the Judges will be final as to the merit of an exhibit.
- 11. Vases supplied by the Association must be used for all floral exhibits. Plates will also be supplied by the association for all fruit exhibits and if required vegetable exhibits. These will be available at the Hall on the day.

- 12. Judging will be in accordance with the Rules, Standards and Definitions contained in the Royal Horticultural Show Handbook, except where in this schedule it obviously does not apply. The RHS marking system of points may be used to discriminate between the merits of collections and in other vegetable classes when necessary. These points shall not be confused with the Championship points (rule 9).
- 13. Pot plants (classes 68-70) must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 6 months and must be exhibited in terracotta or plain plastic type pots.
- 14. Official cards corresponding with the exhibit will be supplied at the Hall on the day. These must be placed face down on the exhibit. Please name the variety (cultivar) of your exhibit on the entry card, if known.
- 15. All exhibits in sections A to E (inclusive) and L <u>must be grown by the exhibitor in their garden or allotment. The show committee shall be authorised to visit any garden or allotment of any exhibitor.</u>
- 16. A novice entering vegetables shall be a person who has not won a First Prize in any class in Section A (Vegetables) in a previous FGA Show, or held the Novice Vegetable Trophy.
- 17. A novice entering flowers shall be a person who has not won a first Prize in Flower Classes 54 to 66 (inclusive) in Section D or held the Novice Flower Trophy.
- 18. Exhibits must be staged ready for judging by 11.45 am **PROMPT** on Show Day. All persons other than authorised officials must be out of the hall by 11.45 am.
- All Cups and Trophies are for <u>perpetual challenge</u> and must be returned before the Annual show.
- 20. In the event of any dispute The Show Secretary's decision will be final.
- 21. Any member who has won the Banksian Medal in the last 2 years is not eligible to win this year's medal. People sharing in the cultivation of, and exhibiting from, the same garden / allotment as the member are also ineligible from winning the medal for the same period
- 22. Creative Needlework the article should be made by the Exhibitor and can cover any needlework such as Embroidery, Lacework or Cross-stitch. The only exclusion is an article of clothing.
- 23. Prepared Display Units for Flower classes 50 (Fuchsia florets) and 59 (Pansy heads) are available on the day of the show supplied by the FGA or shown in your own display unit which must have a maximum size of 25cm x 20cm (length and width).
- 24. The Exhibitors name must not be visible on any exhibit prior to judging.

# Trophies, Medals etc.

Trophy	Awarded For	2019 Winner		
RHS Banksian Medal	Most points in Vegetable, Flower and Fruit Sections (see rule 9)	Colin Stennett		
Chairman's Trophy	Best Exhibit in Show (Chairman's choice)	Richard Marriott (Dahlias - class 66)		
	Vegetable Section			
The Wallspan Cup	Winner class 1 – Collection of 4 vegetables	Darren Pritchett		
W.J.Billington Cup	Most points in classes 2- 5	Lindsey Barker		
The Crawley Cup	Best in classes 6 + 7 (Potatoes)	Darren Pritchett		
The Dix & Lawrence Cup	Best in classes 8 + 9 (French and Runner Beans)	Darren Pritchett		
David Hill Trophy	Best in classes 10 + 11 (Carrots)	Roland Taylor		
Ron & Lorna Wallis Trophy	Winner class 13 (Parsnips)	Darren Pritchett		
The Silicate Trophy	Best in classes 16 + 17 (Cabbages and Cauliflower)	Colin Stennett		
Bill Corfe Memorial Cup	Best in class 18 (Marrows)	Colin Stennett		
Sonia Corfe & Jo Lacey Cup	Best in class 19 (Cucumber)	Roland Taylor		
Ken & Betty Lane Trophy	Best in classes 20 + 21 (Tomatoes)	Darren Pritchett		
The F.G.A Vegetable Trophy	Most Points in the Vegetable Section	Colin Stennett		
K Sweetzer Trophy	Best Exhibit in Onion and Shallot Classes	Colin Stennett (class 4)		
The N.V.S Medal	Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section	Colin Stennett (class 17)		
1	Novice Vegetable Section	,		
Whittamore Cup	Most points in the Novice Vegetable Section	Ted Humberstone		
	Novice Flower Section			
Rayner Cup	Most points in the Novice Sue Livens Flower Section			

	Flower Section	
Aubrey Dix Cup	Best in classes 51 – 53 (vase	Richard Marriott
-	flowering shrub / flowers	
George Field Memorial	Best exhibit in class 54 (Sweet	Kath Stennett
Sweet Pea Trophy	Peas)	
Arthur Taylor Salver	Best in classes 55 + 56	Richard Marriott
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(Gladiolus)	
David & Joyce Empson	Best in classes 57, 58 & 60	Richard Marriott
Salver	(Roses)	
Flitwick Manor Cup	Best in class 62 (Pompon Dahlias)	Richard Marriott
Bernard & Pauline Knight	Best in classes 62 –66 (Dahlias)	Richard Marriott
Cup	Boot in diagona de (Barinaa)	Tallara Marriott
Hargreaves Fertilizers	Best in Classes 68 – 70 (Pot	Kath Stennett
Trophy	Plants)	rain Gionnoti
Peter Swanwick Shield	Best in Classes 71 + 72 (Hanging	Ann Godden
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Stella Hawkes Rosette	Most Scented Rose	Sue Livens
Sid Clayton Salver	Most points in Flower Section	Richard Marriott
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	Fruit Section	
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Peter & Sue Latter Shield	Most points in Fruit Section	Richard Marriott
	Home Produce Section	
Rod & Chris Mayhew Trophy	Winner class 79 (Men only	lan Holman
, , ,	Cooking)	
Rod & Chris Mayhew Trophy	Best in Classes 80 - 82 (Cooking)	Sue Foster
Rod & Chris Mayhew Trophy	Best in classes 84 - 87 (Jams /	Sue Foster
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Rod & Chris Mayhew Trophy	Best in classes 88 - 90 (Pickles &	Sue Farrer
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	Children's Section	
Kath & Colin Stennett Medal	Best exhibit in Children's Section	Not awarded
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	ome Made Wine Section	
John & Joan Street Trophy	Best exhibit in Homemade wine	Ed Coverley
	Section	
	Handicraft Section	
Jane Saville Memorial Cup	Winner class 99 (An Embroidery	Sue Farrer
	article)	
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	Photographic Section	
Cliff White Trophy	Best exhibit in Photographic	Kath Stennett
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# **Polite Reminders**

Would members please use the designated tables in the hall for the staging of their exhibits and not the actual show tables, potentially disturbing entries already staged. It is also essential that the anteroom is used for staging of floral entries rather than the main hall to prevent possible spillage of water in the hall.

# Why not put an entry into our show?

We are always looking for new people to put exhibits into our show to make it bigger and better. It is not as daunting as it may seem and there are always people around on the day to offer help and make sure you enjoy the experience.

In our Annual show we have specific classes in the Vegetable and Flower sections for people that have never won a vegetable or flower class in one of *our* Annual shows - they are under the Novice headings. Of course, you can enter any, or all, of the classes in the schedule - the novice classes just mean you would not be up against people who have won classes before.

The show is meant to be fun and the majority of people simply show things that look good from their garden or allotment - so why not give it a try.

#### THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S POINTS SYSTEM

The Horticultural Show Handbook incorporates rules for judging of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants. In the preparation of that manual the help of specialist societies was recruited, and the National Vegetable Society was the specialist organisation for vegetables.

It gives an exhibition value for any kind of vegetable governed by the difficulty of producing a perfect dish; maximum points value is 20, some rate 18 points, some 15, 12, 10 or 5 points. The points are made up of consideration for condition, size, and uniformity, though sometimes an additional factor is included such as shape, solidity, firmness, colour, eyes, straightness and so on. The idea is to enable different collections of vegetables to be compared and to impose a measure of uniformity on the judging.

Vegetable	Condition/ freshness	Size	Shape	Colour	Uniformity	Total
Beans Broad	5	3	2	2	3	15
French	5	3	2	2	3	15
Runner	5	3	4	2	4	18
Beet Globe	5	2	3	2	3	15
Cabbage	5	3(a)	2	2	3	15
Carrot Long	5	4	3	4	4	20
Carrot Stump rooted	5	3	3	3	4	18
Cauliflower	5	4	4	3	4	20
Celery Trench	5	4	4	3	4	20
Courgette	4	2	3		3	12
Cucumber indoor	5	3	3	3	4	18
grown		_				
Cucumber outdoor	5	2	2	3	3	15
grown	-			_	_	
Leek Blanched	6	4	3	3	4	20
Lettuce	6		3(b)	2	4	15
Marrow	6	3	2		4	15
Onions over 250g	6	5	3	2	4	20
Onions under 250g	5	2	3	2	3	15
Parsnip	5	4	4	3	4	20
Peas	6	4	4(c)	2	4	20
Potatoes	5	3	4	3 (d)	5	20
Rhubarb	3		3	3	3	12
Shallots pickling	5	2	2	2	4	15
Shallots Exhibition	6	3	3	3	3	18
Sweet Corn	5	3	3(e)	3	4	18
Tomato	5	3	3	3	4	18
Tomato small fruit /	3	2	2	2	3	12
cherry	-	_	_	_	_	
Turnip & Swede	5	2	2	2	4	15
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d=shallow eyes e=setting of grain

a=Size & firmness

c=fullness of pod

b=firmness & texture

#### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

#### **SECTION A - VEGETABLE CLASSES**

- 1 Collection of four different kinds of vegetables to be shown in a space 600 mm x 600 mm: Quantity -
  - 6 Beans 6 Peas 3 Tomatoes 3 Potatoes or 2 of any other kind of vegetable
- Three onions maximum 75mm diameter may be dressed 2
- 3 Three onions – over 75mm diameter - may be dressed
- 4 Nine shallots – over 30mm diameter
- 5 Three Leeks
- Five potatoes coloured one variety (named if possible) 6
- 7 Five potatoes - white - one variety (named if possible)
- 8 Nine French beans
- 9 Nine runner beans
- Three carrots stump rooted 10
- \* about 75mm foliage to be shown

11 Three carrots - pointed \* about 75mm foliage to be shown \* about 75mm foliage to be shown

Three beetroots 13 Two parsnips

12

\* about 75mm foliage to be shown

- 14
- One lettuce stem attached
- Nine shallots pickling size maximum 30mm diameter 15
- 16 Two cabbages – 75 mm stem attached and washed (some outer leaves can be removed – but not too many).
- One cauliflower leaves trimmed and about 75 mm stem attached and washed 17
- Two marrows (ideally about 380mm long or 500 mm circumference for round 18 cultivars)
- Two cucumbers outside or greenhouse grown 19
- 20 Five tomatoes - over 30 mm diameter
- Five tomatoes maximum 30 mm diameter 2.1
- 22 Three sticks of Rhubarb
- 23 Two sweet corn cobs (shown open along one side of each cob)
- Two courgettes ideally about 150mm long with flowers attached 24
- 25 Two Squashes
- 25a Peppers - 2 Sweet Peppers or 6 Chilli Peppers (with stalks attached)
- 26 Any other vegetable not eligible in above classes (2 or more items)
- Collection of 3 Different Salad vegetables maximum 5 items 26a For instance: 2 Tomatoes + 2 Beetroot + 1 Cucumber

#### SECTION B -VEGETABLE CLASSES -Novice (see rule 16) and Children ONLY

- 27 Three onions may be dressed
- 28 Six runner beans
- 29 Three carrots
- \* about 75 mm of foliage to be shown

30 Three beetroots

- \* about 75 mm of foliage to be shown
- 31 Three potatoes of one variety
- 32 Three tomatoes
- Any other vegetable not mentioned in above classes in Section B (2 or more items)

#### SECTION C - FLOWER CLASSES - Novice (see rule 17) and Children ONLY

- 35 One Rose
- One vase of three stems of sweet peas
- 37 One vase of mixed flowers staged for all round effect, may include foliage
- 38 One vase of three dahlias

### **SECTION D - FLOWER CLASSES**

- 50 6 Florets of Fuchsia in prepared display unit (see rule 23)
- One vase of three stems of flowering shrub
- 52 One vase of one distinct kind of annual
- One vase of mixed flowers staged for all round effect, may include foliage
- One vase of seven stems of Sweet Peas
- 55 One vase of three spikes of Gladioli
- 56 One spike of Gladiolus
- 57 One Rose
- One vase of three Roses any variety
- 6 Pansy heads in prepared display unit (see rule 23)
- 60 One spray of Multi-headed Rose
- One vase of three stems spray Chrysanthemums
- One vase of three pompon Dahlias not to exceed 55 mm diameter
- One vase of three cactus or semi cactus Dahlias
- One vase of three decorative Dahlias
- 65 One vase of three miniature ball Dahlias not to exceed 115 mm diameter
- 66 One vase of Dahlias 2 varieties / 4 to 6 stems
- One vase of any other flower not eligible for any other class in section D, including other types of dahlias, and may include foliage
- 68 Pot Plant foliage (see Rule 13)
- 69 Pot Plant flower (see Rule 13)
- 70 Pot Plant cactus or succulent (see Rule 13)

- 71 Hanging basket any plant, may include Fuchsias. Planted for all round effect
- 72 Hanging basket Fuchsias only Planted for all round effect
- 73 One Hydrangea Head

#### **SECTION E - FRUIT CLASSES**

All fruit shown with stalks - except apricots, nectarines, peaches, blueberries, and citrus fruits. Leaves may be used to decorate

- Nine individual soft fruits of any one kind
- 75 Four dessert apples (**not to be polished**)
- 76 Four cooking apples (**not to be polished**)
- 77 Six plums
- Any other fruit not eligible for any other class above -5 items (a sprig of currants = 1 item)
- 78a Collection of 3 Different Fruits maximum 5 items (a sprig of Currants = 1 item)

#### **SECTION F - HOME KITCHEN CLASSES**

All cookery to your own recipes. All items will be tasted / sampled.

- 79 1 Apple Tart (homemade) MEN ONLY
- 80 1 Ginger Cake (homemade)
- 81 1 Meat or Vegetarian Pasty (homemade)
- 82 1 Loaf of Bread (homemade)
- 83 Three Cooked Beetroots shown whole, not skinned
- 84 One jar of soft fruit jam
- 85 One jar of any other jam
- 86 One jar of curd or jelly
- 87 One jar of marmalade
- 88 One jar of pickles onions or shallots
- 89 One jar of pickles not onions or shallots
- 90 One jar of chutney

# SECTION G - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

# All your own work

- 91 3 Onions
- 92 A Decorated Pebble
- 93 One decorated Gingerbread Biscuit / Shape
- 94 A Vegetable Animal (can be made with purchased vegetables)
- 95 Container of growing Cress
- 96 A Photograph of something Near, Far, Fast or Slow. (see rule 8)
- 97 Vase of Mixed Flowers
- 98 An original Painting (any media)
- 98a Handmade greeting card maximum size A5 (21 x 15 cm)

#### **SECTION H - HOMEMADE WINE CLASS**

99 One bottle Please indicate the variety on a label **Maximum 2 entries per Exhibitor** 

#### **SECTION J - ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES**

- 100 An article of Creative Needlework see Rule 22
- 101 An original Painting (any media) adult
- 101a An original Drawing adult
- Handmade greeting card maximum size A5 (21 x 15cm)

#### **SECTION K - PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES** (see Rule 8)

#### Your photographic interpretation of the following words:

103	Near	104	Far
105	Fast	106	Slow

Give your photographs a <u>short</u> explanatory title which you should write on both sides of the show card – not on the photo

# **SECTION L - MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES**

- A collection of cut culinary herbs of 4 varieties, may be tied to be shown in a small glass supplied by the Association
  - Will be judged on condition and freshness as well as variety
- One Vase of 2 My Love Semi-Cactus Dahlias (grown from tuber supplied by the FGA only)

#### AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE - Saturday 8th October 2022

# FLITWICK VILLAGE HALL Admission FREE

#### **SHOW RULES**

The rules of the Annual show shall apply to this show, except for Rule 2.

#### An Exhibitor may show up to 2 entries per class in the Autumn show

Entries via email to: FGASHOW@Flitwickgardeners.co.uk or to 10 Salisbury Road or at the show. Children may enter any class, and in classes 1 to 12 their entry will be judged as a children's class

Staging of exhibits 12:30 pm to 2 pm.

Judging 2 pm to 3 pm.

Open to the Public - 3 pm - 4 pm

# **SCHEDULE of CLASSES**

#### **HEAVIEST AND LONGEST**

- 1 Heaviest Marrow
  2 Heaviest Onion
  3 Heaviest Beetroot
  4 Heaviest Carrot
- Heaviest CabbageHeaviest Potato
- 7 Heaviest Tomato
- 8 Longest Runner Bean
- 9 Largest Sunflower Head
- 10 Heaviest Parsnip **Jonathan Wilde Cup**
- 11 Smallest Ripe Tomato
- 12 Misshapen Vegetable
- 12a Heaviest Crop of potatoes from 1 tuber supplied by the FGA

#### **VEGETABLES** NSALG Trophy for most points in the following classes 13 Five Potatoes - White - One variety 14 Five Potatoes - Other than white - One variety 15 Two Marrows or Courgettes 16 Three Carrots 17 Two Leeks 18 Two Parsnips 19 Five Tomatoes 20 Three Onions 20a Any other Vegetable – 2 or more items **FLOWERS** Cliff White Trophy – Best exhibit in Flower classes 21 Three stems of Spray Chrysanthemums 21a Three stems of single stem Chrysanthemums Three Dahlias - Cactus or Semi-cactus 2.2. Three Dahlias - Decorative 23 24 Three Dahlias - Ball 25 Three Dahlias - Pompon - not to exceed 55 mm diameter 26 One Dahlia - any variety 2.7 Three Roses – any variety 28 One Pot Plant - Flower 29 One Pot Plant - Foliage 30 One Pot of Alpine One Vase of Flowering Shrub 31 One Vase of one distinct kind of flower 32 One Vase of Mixed Flowers 33 **FRUIT** All fruit shown with stalks - except apricots, nectarines, peaches, blueberries, citrus fruit and nuts. Leaves may be used to decorate 34 Four Dessert Apples (not to be polished) 35 Four Cooking Apples (not to be polished) 36 Four Pears 37 Nine individual Soft fruit - of any one kind 38 A Bunch of Grapes Any other fruit, including nuts, not covered in any other class in the schedule 39

# **PUMPKINS**

40 Heaviest Pumpk	in
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41 Decorated / Carved Pumpkin - children

#### YOUR COPY: DO NOT REMOVE

Flitwick Gardeners' Association Annual Show Entry Form. Please ring the classes that you intend to enter.

# 10p per class, except classes 27-38 (inclusive) and children's classes

Memb	Members Name										
Membership No											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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25	25a	26	26a	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	35
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59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73			74	75	76	77	78	78a	79
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36	37	38	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73			74	75	76	77	78	78a	79
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	
99		100	101	101a	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Child's Name											
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Child?	Child's Name										

#### **ENTRY FORM**

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Members Name											
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71	72	73			74	75	76	77	78	78a	79
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36	37	38	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73			74	75	76	77	78	78a	79
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Child's Name							3a				
Child'	's Name	e			Age	9	1 92 9	3 94 9	96 9	7 98 98	3a
Child'	's Name	e			Age	9	1 92 9	3 94 9	95 96 9	7 98 98	3a

# **Tips for Showing**

# Pick up a booklet from the Seed box of tips we have put together for displaying entries in all our shows. Some of the tips are described below.

- If class details state a maximum or minimum size, then you must ensure that all of the exhibits in your entry conform.
- If you are asked to leave some foliage, do not forget.
- When showing more than one specimen they should be as uniform as possible.
   This also applies to the "any other vegetable" class.
- When showing tomatoes leave a little stalk attached.
- When showing beans leave a little hook of stalk on each and should be as straight as possible.
- If you are showing jams or pickles etc. ensure that there is no brand name visible on the jar or lid that you use.
- To show shallots stand on a plate in a little sand. Onions can be shown stood on rings cut from toilet rolls or similar.
- Trim the roots of leeks, onions and shallots and make sure they are dry (particularly around the top)
- Regardless of length carrots with a rounded tip are 'stump rooted' whilst 'pointed' carrots taper to a point.
- After digging potatoes put into water so that dirt can be wiped off without damaging the skins.
- Vegetables should be clean but take care not to damage them.
- If you have any questions, then ask at the Seedbox or bring your potential
  exhibits along to the show where a committee member will always be happy
  to advise you.
- Apples should be shown with stalks downwards and not polished.