

# **EAST READING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

President: Mr Jeff Gardner

## **SCHEDULE**

for the

**14<sup>TH</sup> AUTUMN SHOW  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

to be held at

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL  
CHURCH ROAD, EARLEY**

**3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.**

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AT 4:00 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES FOR THE SHOW SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO

**9 WYCHWOOD CLOSE, EARLEY, RG6 5RB  
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# AUTUMN SHOW 2024

*Where possible, exhibitors are encouraged to name the variety of their exhibits, to enhance the general interest in the Show.*

## **SECTION A: FLOWER CLASSES**

The **WILLIAM PARSONS MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 1 - 3.

The **JOHN T. BRIDGES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 4 - 19.

- 1 Vase of HT Roses – 3 blooms, any variety.
- 2 Specimen large flowered (HT) Rose, 1 stem.
- 3 Specimen Floribunda Rose, 1 stem spray.
- 4 A specimen Sunflower stem
- 5 Vase of mixed Dahlias, at least 2 varieties, greater than 52 mm diameter, 5.
- 6 Any other Dahlias, not cactus or decorative, 3.
- 7 Specimen Chrysanthemum, single bloom, either reflex or incurved.
- 8 Vase of Chrysanthemums, spray type, single or mixed varieties, 3 sprays.
- 9 Vase of mixed Annual Flowers – minimum 2 kinds.
- 10 Vase of Annual Flowers, single variety, 5 stems.
- 11 Vase of mixed Perennial Flowers – minimum 3 kinds.
- 12 Vase of Perennial Flowers, single variety excluding shrubs, 5 stems.
- 13 Flowering shrub, 1 stem.
- 14 Fuchsia, any variety, up to 10” pot.
- 15 Cactus and/or Succulent plant in a container not to exceed 10” diameter or length.
- 16 One Flowering House Plant in a pot not to exceed 10” diameter.
- 17 One Foliage House Plant in maximum 10” pot.
- 18 Pelargonium in flower, 1 plant in maximum 10” pot.
- 19 One specimen Gladiolus bloom

*Note: All pot and container dimensions are internal.*

## **SECTION B: VEGETABLE CLASSES**

The **BULMERSHE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 20 – 36.

- 20 Carrots, one variety, 5.
- 21 Beetroot, globe, one variety, 3.
- 22 Runner Beans, one variety, 6.
- 23 Tomatoes, with stalks, medium size fruit 35 – 60 mm diameter, 1 variety, 5.
- 24 Tomatoes, with stalks, small (less than 35 mm diameter), 1 variety, 5.
- 25 A truss of tomatoes, single stem, any variety, may include unripe fruits.
- 26 Potatoes, Round or Kidney, any colour, one variety, 5.
- 27 Lettuces with roots, one variety, 2.
- 28 Onions, to pass through a 75 mm diameter ring, one variety, 3.
- 29 Onion, specimen large globe more than 100 mm diameter.
- 30 Courgettes, one variety (any colour, approx. length 150mm), 2.
- 31 French Beans, one variety, 6
- 32 Shallots, one variety, 9

- 33 Marrows, one variety, 2
- 34 Herbs, 3 kinds, each staged in a separate vase of 2.5” diameter.
- 35 Any other Vegetable – number optional.
- 36 Collection of 5 kinds of vegetable, Not more than 2 from classes 23 – 35, one specimen of each

### **SECTION C: FRUIT CLASSES**

The **C. J. HARMAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 37 – 43. Apples and Pears may be exhibited ripe or unripe.

- 37 Dessert apples, 3.
- 38 Cooking apples, 3.
- 39 Pears, 3.
- 40 Plums or Gages, dish of 7.
- 41 Raspberries, with stalks, dish of 20.
- 42 Dish of any other fruit, number optional.
- 43 Collection of mixed fruit, to consist of at least 3 separate fruit varieties, number optional.

*Note: Each entry in classes 37 – 42 must consist of one cultivar (variety) only. Decoration with leaves of the fruit shown is permitted.*

### **SECTION D: FLORAL ART CLASSES**

The **“MAURICE ILES” PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 44 – 48.

**Only natural plant material to be used in all classes. Due to space restrictions, maximum size for any display in classes 44 – 46 and class 48 is 24”.**

- 44 “Celebration” – A table arrangement for a Golden Wedding. Accessories are permitted. No bigger than 15” in any direction.
- 45 An arrangement on the theme “Wonderful in White”. Maximum size 15 inches in any direction.
- 46 “Harvest” – An exhibit with flowers, fruit and/or vegetables. Maximum size 18” in any direction.
- 47 A petite arrangement not to exceed 9” in height, width and depth.
- 48 MEN ONLY. An arrangement of flowers and foliage in a wine glass.

*Judging in these classes will be based on creativity, originality and visual attractiveness, and will not be based on N.A.F.A.S. rules.*

## **SECTION E: COOKERY CLASSES**

The “**MISS NAOMI BOURTON**” **PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 49 – 57.

- 49 One jar of marmalade.
- 50 One jar of jam.
- 51 One jar of chutney.
- 52 5 shortbread (fingers or petticoats.)
- 53 6 sausage rolls (shortcrust pastry.)
- 54 A mixed grain loaf (any shape or size.)
- 55 6 2” squares of gingerbread (see recipe.)
- 56 Lemon drizzle cake (own recipe.)
- 57 6 homemade chocolates.

## **SECTION F: HOMECRAFT CLASSES**

The **MOCKBEGGAR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 58 – 63. All entries must be made by the exhibitor and not previously shown at any show organised by the society.

In classes 58 – 60, digital photography is permitted. Prints must not exceed 7” x 8” unless otherwise stated. All photographs must be mounted borderless on white card to produce a 1” border surrounding the photograph.

- 58 (Photograph) “My favourite landscape”.
- 59 (Photograph) “Sky”.
- 60 (Photograph) A building (ruins permitted.)
- 61 4 decorated coasters – 4” square (any material.)
- 62 3 Christmas decorations.
- 63 A greetings card using pressed flowers.

## **SECTION H: NOVELTY CLASSES**

In these classes only a first prize is awarded. Exhibits do not receive any point values towards trophies.

- 64 The longest runner bean.
- 65 The ugliest potato.

## **SECTION I: NOVICE CLASSES**

*Note: A novice is a competitor who has not won, at a previous Show, any prize or prizes in those classes specified in the Schedule.*

- 66 The best of the vegetable patch: at least 3 vegetables.
- 67 The best of the flower bed: any amount.

**The “CYRIL GARDNER” PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the Husband-and-Wife team obtaining the highest number of points in all sections of the Show.**

## **PRIZES**

| <b>Classes</b>              | <b>Award</b> | <b>Prize</b> | <b>Points value</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| All classes except 44 to 48 | 1st          | £1           | 4                   |
|                             | 2nd          | 75p          | 3                   |
|                             | 3rd          | 50p          | 2                   |
| Classes 44 to 48            | 1st          | £2           | 4                   |
|                             | 2nd          | £1.50        | 3                   |
|                             | 3rd          | £1           | 2                   |

In the event of a tie in points for a Trophy, the exhibitor gaining the most first prizes will be adjudged the winner. If still a tie, the most second, then third and commendations will be taken into consideration.

## **ENTRY FEES**

Classes 1 to 43, 49 to 67: 20p  
Floral art classes 44 to 48: 40p

## **GINGERBREAD RECIPE**

225g (8oz) self-raising flour    1 tsp bicarbonate of soda    2 tbsp ground ginger  
1 tsp mixed spice    100g (4oz) butter    100g (4oz) black treacle  
100g (4oz) golden syrup    100g (4 oz) light muscovado sugar  
1 egg beaten    275ml (9 fl oz) full fat milk  
23 x 30cm (9 x 12 in) traybake lined with baking paper

### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C or 160°C (fan oven) or gas mark 4.
2. Measure the flour, bicarbonate, ginger & mixed spice in a bowl.
3. Measure the butter, treacle, syrup & sugar into a small saucepan. Heat gently until the butter has melted. Stir and set aside to cool.
4. Pour the mixture from the saucepan into the bowl of dry ingredients. Add the beaten egg and beat with a wooden spoon until blended. Gradually add the milk, beating to make a smooth batter.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and bake for about 35 minutes or until dark golden and springy to touch. Cut into 24 pieces (approx. 2" squares).

## RULES

- 1 **Entry** in all classes is confined to members of the East Reading Horticultural Society and their immediate families. Each entry must be accompanied by the Entry Fee shown above.  
**Entries:** Entries on the form on page 8 (a photocopy is acceptable) or on plain paper, giving full details, should be received by the Show Secretary (address on front page) or any Committee member, not later than 10 p.m. on the Wednesday before the show.  
**Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Show Secretary. Because of space restraints, late entries will not be accepted for any of the Floral Art classes.**
- 2 **Staging:** The hall will be open from 11 a.m. for staging, which must be completed by 1 p.m. A Show Entry Card must be obtained from the Show Secretary for each entry and placed with the exhibit after staging so as to clearly show the entry class.
- 3 No exhibit shall be removed until after the trophies have been presented.
- 4 **Exhibits:** All floral, fruit and vegetable exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor and all home cookery entries must be the work of the exhibitor. If two or more persons enter separately in the same class with produce from the same garden and/or allotment, they will be regarded as duplicate entries (see below). Floral arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor although the use of purchased plant material is permitted.
- 5 No exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in any one class. Duplicate entries are permitted, but cards will be marked to indicate that the entries are duplicates.
- 6 Exhibitors are requested to name the variety shown, if possible, to enhance the general interest in the Show.
- 7 **Notice of objection** to any exhibit or exhibitor, must be made in writing to the Show Secretary together with a deposit of £1 by 3:30 p.m. on the day of the show. The deposit will be returned if the objection is sustained by the Committee.
- 8 The Committee reserve the right to settle any matter in dispute in such a manner as it may decide. The Committee shall not be held liable for any loss or damage that may be caused to any exhibit or equipment.
- 9 Judging will commence at 1:15 p.m. The decision of the judges will be final. Where applicable, judging will be in accordance with the RHS Handbook. Only stewards appointed by the committee shall be allowed in the exhibits area whilst judging is taking place.

- 10 The judges may award additional prizes, should the entries merit them, or may withhold prizes where they consider the exhibits do not merit awards.
- 11 **All Trophies must be returned** to the Show Secretary in good condition **no later than 4 weeks before the show.**
- 12 No artificial flowers or foliage to be used.
- 13 **Vases** will be supplied for classes 1-13, 19, 34 and 67. **Paper plates** will be supplied for classes 37-43 and 52-56, and for any other classes if required.

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**AUTUMN 2024 Entry Form** Photocopies accepted, or entries can be on plain paper.  
(Please use one line for each entrant from the same address)

I / We wish to enter the following classes in the ERHS Autumn Show:  
*(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)*

Name.....

Classes.....

Name.....

Classes .....

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Name.....

Classes .....

Address.....

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Telephone (in case of queries).....

Email (in case of queries) .....

Total sum enclosed (see entry fees on page 5)                      £.....

**TO: 9 WYCHWOOD CLOSE**

**BEFORE 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**