

Cirencester Gardening Club

(Stratton & Baunton Horticultural Society)

48th Annual Show

Sunday 23rd August 2026

at

Stratton School & Village Hall
Stratton Cirencester GL7 2NG

Show Schedule

Doors Open 1.30pm

Prize Draw and Presentation of Trophies 3.30pm

Visitor admission: £1

Refreshments available

The Rules of The Show

1. The halls will be open for Exhibitors at 7.30am on the morning of the Show. Entries to be in place and the halls cleared for judging by 10am prompt when Exhibitor's vehicles must be moved.
2. After the presentation of trophies all exhibits must be removed.
3. Exhibitors are limited to TWO ENTRIES per class. More than one prize certificate can be awarded.
4. The Show will be judged under RHS and/or NVS Rules. The Judge's decision is final.
5. The committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibitor's property.
6. All vegetables and flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor on his or her own premises, allotment, land etc, except those used in Floral Art Classes. In the case of pot plants, these must have been cared for by the Exhibitor for at least 60 days prior to the Show.
7. All classes are open to all ages and genders.
8. When stated a bowl or a vase/jug must comply with the following: a bowl is a vessel as wide or wider than its depth; a vase/jug is a vessel which has its height greater than its width.
9. In Home Economic Classes, tarts should be presented on a plate or ceramic not larger than 25cm (10in). Tinfoil dishes are not allowed.
10. Prize money for the best in Section will be paid during the presentation of trophies at 3.30pm.

We request that all exhibitors use compostable oasis or alternatives such as hedgehogs and wire bundles in all appropriate classes

Judges

Section 1 – Vegetables & Fruit	Steve Yells
Section 2 – Flowers	Carole Jeffes
Section 3 – Members Special Section	Steve Yells / Carole Jeffes
Section 4 – Photographs	Gary Cleghorn
Section 5 – Home Economics	Carol Tunbridge
Section 6 – Floral Art.	Jenny Tidmarsh
Section 7 – Handicraft	Avril Rodgers

The Committee thank the Judges for their continued help and support.

Prize Money for all 7 sections will be:

£10 for best in section

Points will be awarded as follows for The Cripps Perpetual Challenge Cup, The Matthew Perpetual Challenge Cup and The Mills Trophy for handicrafts:

1st: 3 points 2nd: 2 Points 3rd: 1 Point

Top Tray – Class 1

Open to all

The Top Tray class is for a collection of three types of vegetables from the following list of eight. The quantity of each vegetable is given in brackets.

Carrots (3) Cauliflowers (2) Onions (3) Parsnips (3)
Peas (6) Potatoes (3) Runner Beans (6) Tomatoes (6)

Each type of vegetable will be judged out of a total of 20 points. This is split into three sections as follows; 7 points for size, shape and colour; 7 points for condition; 6 points for uniformity. The overall mark will therefore be out of a total of 60.

All vegetables are to be displayed for effect. The vegetables must be displayed within an area measuring 45x60cm (18x24in), without bending any of them. No part of any exhibit may exceed the size of the tray. A tray or board measuring 45x60cm (18x24in) can be used to display the vegetables, or the area can simply be marked on the staging. Where a tray has a lip or edge, it is the internal measurements that must not exceed 45cm x 60cm (18in x 24in). A black cloth is permitted, and the tray may be painted. Parsley is allowed for garnishing, but no other foliage or accessories, such as plates, sand, rings etc, will be allowed. Onion tops may be tied or whipped using raffia or string.

Notes For Exhibitors

Carrots and parsnips must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3in). Peas and beans must be displayed with some stalk attached. Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case). The tray, board or staging must not be cut or mutilated in any way at all – such as cutting holes for standing onions in

All entries can be made on our website:

www.cirencestergardeningclub.co.uk/entry

The closing time for online entries is 9pm Friday 21 August.

If you are unable to make an entry online, please contact Sue Walton (01285 657319) who can provide a paper form.

Top Vase – Class 20

Open to all

The Top Vase class is for a vase of mixed flowering stems containing a total of between five and ten stems, taken from a minimum of two different kinds of plants. Please note that is two different **KINDS** of plants (see below).

The display will be judged out of a total of 35 points, split into: 25 for the colour, form, condition, quality and freshness of the flowers on display, and 10 marks for the overall presentation and effect of the flowers in the vase. The vase will be viewed from all directions. Stems used in the display must be showing flowers only; no seed heads or berries will be allowed. The vase can be any shape and size and made from any material but must be in proportion to the display. No marks are awarded for the vase itself. No accessories whatsoever – such as bows and additional foliage – will be allowed. Foliage, which is growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material – including oasis – to keep the stems in place is allowed.

Notes For Exhibitors

Flowering stems can be taken from any flowering plant. The different kinds of plants need to be taken from different genera. For instance, Pinks, Carnations and Sweet William – which are all Dianthus – would not be classed as different kinds.

Only fresh, homegrown flowers can be used in the vase. No dried or silk flowers are allowed. Exhibitors should note that the display will be viewed and judged all round.

Failure to abide by any of these rules will lead to disqualification.

Section 1 – Vegetables & Fruit

All classes open to all.

The award of £10 for section 1 will be for classes 4 to 19.

- 1 Top Tray – a collection of three types of vegetable. See page 3 for this class.
- 2 Collection of vegetables, four distinct kinds, frontage 75cmx60cm deep (30inx24in). Varieties named. Tomatoes may be included, garnishing allowed.
- 3 A collection of 3 onions over 250g (8oz), 3 onions 250g (8oz) or under and 6 exhibition shallots over 2.5cm (1in) in diameter, in a space 60cm (24in) deep by 38cm (15in) frontage.
- 4 Four potatoes, white or coloured.
- 5 Four onions.
- 6 Four carrots, long or stump rooted.
- 7 Five runner beans.
- 8 Five French beans.
- 9 Six red tomatoes.
- 10 A dish of six cherry tomatoes.
- 11 Six tomatoes, any colour except red.
- 12 Three beetroot, any variety.
- 13 Six shallots.
- 14 A plate of three courgettes, maximum 17.5cm (7in) in length.
- 15 Any other vegetable not listed above, not less than 3 specimens.
- 16 Two cucumbers.
- 17 Three apples, dessert or culinary.
- 18 Three hot chilli peppers.
- 19 One dish/plate of any other fruit.

Section 2 – Flowers

Please use only biodegradable oasis or alternatives such as wire balls and hedgehog spikes.

All classes open to all

- 20 Top Vase – a vase of mixed flowering stems. See page 3 for this class.
- 21 One rose bloom.
- 22 A jug or vase of 6 stems of one variety of annual flowers.
- 23 A jug or vase of 3 cacti type dahlia.
- 24 A jug or vase of 3 decorative/waterlily type dahlia.
- 25 A jug or vase of 6 zinnia. May be mixed colours.
- 26 A container of 6 stems of a perpetual sweet pea.
- 27 A jug or vase of one stem of a Floribunda (spray) rose
- 28 A jug or vase of any other flower not named in Section 2.
- 29 A jug or vase of mixed garden flowers.
- 30 Novelty Class – a display of floating flower heads in a dish or bowl, not more than 25cm (10in) diameter.
- 31 A jug or vase of 3 stems of cosmos, can be mixed.
- 32 A potted geranium/pelargonium, pot not to exceed 25cm (10in).
- 33 One flowering pot plant. Pot not to exceed 25cm (10in).
- 34 One foliage pot plant. Pot not to exceed 25cm (10in).
- 35 One cactus or succulent. Pot not to exceed 25cm (10in).
- 36 One fuchsia plant. Pot not to exceed 25cm (10in).
- 37 A container of 5 hosta leaves of one or more varieties.

Section 3 – Members Special Section

Only members may enter these classes

- 38 The longest runner bean.
- 39 A single dahlia bloom, any variety.
- 40 A spike from a gladioli corm supplied by the Club.
- 41 A container, maximum size 30cm (12in) diameter with a display of plants for a dry garden.
- 42 A collection of vegetables displayed in a 38cm x 24cm (15in x 9.5in) seed tray containing 3 different types of vegetable.

Section 4 – Photographs

All classes open to all. Maximum size 17.5cm x 12.5cm (7in x 5in).

- 43 An unusual garden container.
- 44 A single tree.
- 45 A butterfly.
- 46 The colour blue.

Section 5 – Home Economics

All classes open to all.

All items to be homemade and covered in clingfilm.

Specified recipes: www.cirencestergardeningclub.co.uk/recipes

- 47 A Victoria sponge – recipe specified on our website.
- 48 A tea loaf – recipe specified on our website.
- 49 4 plain scones.
- 50 4 sausage rolls.
- 51 A jar of sweet or savoury jelly.
- 52 A jar of marmalade.
- 53 An apple pie with top and bottom pastry.

Section 6 – Floral Exhibits

Please use only biodegradable oasis or alternatives such as wire balls and hedgehog spikes.

All classes open to all

Floral Art definition applies to classes 54 to 57.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material (fresh or dried) with or without accessories contained in a space specified in this schedule. Bases, containers, exhibit tiles and mechanics may also be included in an exhibit unless otherwise stated. More than one placement may be included.

Plant material must predominate.

- 54 **Golden Treasures.** An arrangement to depict golden treasures, to be judged from the front. Space allowed 50cm (20inches) square. Height unrestricted. Accessories allowed.
- 55 **Fabulous Foliage.** A foliage only arrangement, to be judged from the front. Space allowed 50cm (20inches) square, height unrestricted. No accessories allowed.
- 56 **Harvest Festival.** An exhibit depicting harvest festival in a basket to include flowers, foliage and fruit in a basket. To be judged from the front. Space allowed 50cm (20inches) square. Height unrestricted. Accessories allowed.
- 57 **A petite arrangement.** To be judged all round. Maximum size 15cm (6in) square. No accessories allowed.

Section 7 – Handicrafts

All classes open to all

NOTE: Items in this section should not have been exhibited in this show during the last three years.

- 58 A hand-knitted garment, any wool (ply band attached).
- 59 A handcrafted item made from soft materials, e.g. fabric, wool
- 60 A decorated topper for a celebratory cake – any medium
- 61 A handcrafted item made from willow or similar natural materials.
- 62 Your own original drawing or painting in any medium (please enable it to be hung).
- 63 A poem on the theme of composting.

Trophies

1. The Presidents Perpetual Challenge Cup (presented by Mr. F. Sanders). Awarded to the winner of The Top Tray Class 1.
2. The Mutton Cup (presented by Mr. N. Mutton). Awarded to the winner of Class 2 – A collection of vegetables.
3. The Albert Keylock Cup (presented by Messrs. C. & M. Mills) Awarded to the winner of Class 3 – a collection of Onions & Shallots.
4. The Cripps Perpetual Challenge Cup. Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 1 – Vegetables and Fruits.
5. The Boulton Perpetual Challenge Cup. Awarded to the winner of the Top Vase Class 20.
6. The Robert Jefferies Rose Trophy (Presented by the late Bob Jefferies). Awarded to the Best Rose Bloom in Class 21.
7. The Alan Brookes Fuchsia Trophy for one Fuchsia in a pot. Awarded to the winner of Class 36.
8. The Matthew Perpetual Challenge Cup. Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 2 – Flowers.
9. The Jones Cup. Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section 3 – Members only.
10. The Stark Perpetual Challenge Cup. Awarded to the best exhibit in Section 6 – Floral Art.
11. The Mills Trophy. Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in section 7 (handicrafts).

Engraving of trophies

The winner of each trophy may choose to have it engraved, at their own expense.

Cirencester Gardening Club

Visiting speakers

Gardening tips and information

Visits to gardens and nurseries

Spring Bulb Show

Plant sales

Garden party / coffee morning

Competitions & refreshments

We meet on the 2nd Thursday each month from

September to May at 7.30pm

in Stratton Village and School Hall GL7 2NG.

All visitors are welcome.

Annual Subscription due September: £22

Visitors: £5 per meeting

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