

**STEEPLE ASTON
& MIDDLE ASTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

presents their 132nd

annual show

Monday 26th August 2024

**in the Steeple Aston Village Hall
and the Marquee – Fir Lane**

Gate opens at 2pm

Admission £2 per person over 16 years. No charge for under 16 years



Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society

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Barbara Brewer, Janet Coley, Chris Cooper, Diana Dale, Judith Lane,
Caroline Parsons, Zoe Shayler, Stuart Walton, Julia Whybrew

***The object of the Society is to encourage and improve
the cultivation of fruit, flowers and vegetables in the district.***

Society Regulations for Exhibitors

1 All produce for exhibition must be the property of the exhibitor and entered in the owner's name and (except in the case of Floral Art) must have been in his/her possession at least two months previous to the date of the show.

2 Entry forms together with entry fees (Adult's classes 30p per exhibit entered and Children's classes 10p per exhibit) must be delivered by 7pm on the Wednesday previous to the show, or a double entry fee will be charged. The entry fee includes payment for membership of the Society for one year.

Entries for the planter and the hanging basket must be in by Thursday 1st August to allow the judges time to visit all the entrants. Judging will take place within a week of this date.

All entry forms to Victoria Clifton, Bluebell Cottage, Middle Aston (07817 025948) or Rebecca Lewin, Lansdowne House, Heyford Road, Steeple Aston (07768 904841). Late entries close at 7pm on the Friday before the show and entry forms must be delivered to Victoria Clifton, Bluebell Cottage, Middle Aston OX25 5PZ.

PLEASE NOTE! – NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 7PM ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE SHOW

3 Exhibits marked * in the schedule require a plate or dish which must be provided by the exhibitor.

4 **Exhibits must be delivered to the Committee at the show not later than 10.15am on the day of the show** and they may not be removed until after the presentation of the prizes. **The marquee will be cleared at 10.30am for judging.**

5 The Trophies will be distributed at 5pm on the day of the show preceded by an auction of produce. Any produce for auction may be placed on the auction table by 4.30pm

Please note! Prize money will be available for collection from the treasurer from 3.30pm until 5pm inside or close to the marquee. Any monies not collected by 5pm on the day will be donated to the Society. A signature will be required and under-16s must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

6 Any exhibitor attempting to gain prizes dishonestly or wilfully violating any of the Rules and Regulations of the Society shall forfeit all claims to all prizes. Any complaint must be made to the show secretary before 3pm on the day of the show.

7 The judges shall withhold any prize or points if the exhibits are not deemed of sufficient merit and in all cases their decision shall be final.

8 The Committee will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss and exhibits are accepted only on this condition.

9 In the event of doubt or dispute arising as to the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

10 Exhibitors are requested not to exhibit items in Divisions 6, 7 and 9 that have previously been shown at a Steeple Aston Horticultural Society Show.

11 Please note: exhibitors may only enter one entry in each class in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10 with the exception of class 18. Exhibitors can enter more than one entry in each class in Divisions 5, 6, 7 and 9, but only one entry per exhibitor can be placed.

12 Division 2 Class 27: collection of any vegetables (5 distinct kinds). N.B. Collections must be of distinct kinds, e.g. it is not permissible to enter both globe and flat onions together, or runner and dwarf beans together. The exhibition value of any kind of vegetable is governed by the difficulty of producing a perfect exhibit. The maximum points attainable for each type of vegetable are as follows:

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|------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Peas (5 pods) | 20 | Potatoes | 20 | Shallots, large | 18 |
| Sweetcorn | 18 | Celery, trench | 20 | Tomatoes | 18 |
| Cherry tomatoes | 12 | Dwarf beans | 15 | Lettuce | 15 |
| Marrows | 15 | Parsnips | 20 | Onions, large | 20 |
| Runner beans | 18 | Beet, globe | 15 | Cabbage | 15 |
| Carrots, long | 20 | Stump rooted | 18 | Cauliflowers | 20 |
| Cucumbers, frame | 18 | Leeks | 20 | | |

Values of other vegetables can be obtained from the show secretary or RHS publication *The Horticultural Show Handbook*.

13 Note any unusual features of your exhibit on your form – if in doubt, check with Victoria Clifton (07817 025948).

14 For our privacy policy see:

<https://www.steepleaston.org.uk/clubs-societies/gardening/#horticultural>

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

To be held by the winner and returned to the secretary 14 days before the show.

- Hayter Cup §** **Holder:** Geoff Rawnsley
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 1.
- Robson Cup §** **Holder:** Stan Nelson
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 2.
- The Beehive Cup** **Holder:** Mary White
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 3.
- The Wadham Challenge Cup** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 4.
- The Scott Cup** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 5.
- The Gladys Stevens Memorial Cup §** **Holder:** Janet Coley
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 6.
- The Photography Cup** **Holder:** Jon Gascoyne
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 7.
- Coronation Bowl §** **Holder:** Victoria Clifton
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 8.
- Walker Cup for Show Champion** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Exhibitor with the highest number of points in show. Divisions 1 to 8 inclusive.
- Fothergills Cup** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded for the best overall flower exhibit in the show, growing or cut.
- The Lee Cup** **Holder:** Geoff Rawnsley
Awarded to the winner of class 12.
- The Rousham Cup** **Holder:** Richard Preston
Awarded to the winner of class 27.
- Doug Walton Tankard** **Holder:** Lily Bockenek
Awarded to the winner of class 28.
- The Lilley Cup** **Holder:** Steve Chessum
Awarded for the best exhibit of roses.
- The George Alder Memorial Cup** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded for the best exhibit of dahlias in show.
- The Rose Lilley Memorial Trophy** **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded for the best Foliage arrangement.
Winner also receives 'Certificate of Merit in Floral Art'.
- The Jean Stone Trophy** **Holder:** Jon Gascoyne
Awarded for the best photograph in the show.

CHILDREN'S CUPS

Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 8.

Senior Holders: Jenny Marsden

Junior Holders: Hector Wheeler-Nunneley

Under 8s: Isobel Coysh

Under 5s: Jacob Lewin

Junior Photography Cup

for the competitor gaining most points in classes 131 to 133:

Jenny Marsden

OTHER AWARDS

Rosettes will be presented for: the best single exhibit of vegetables in any division; best single exhibit of handicraft in division 6; the most points for preserves classes 98-103 and for most points from baking classes 104-112.

§ Special plaques will be awarded to exhibitors winning these cups three years running.

The Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal is awarded to the person with the largest amount of prize money from the Horticultural classes (Divisions 1 to 4). The competitors who won the medals in 2022 (Daphne Preston) and 2023 (Richard Preston) are not eligible to win this medal.

Points in all classes are: 3 for first place; 2 for second place; 1 for third place.

PRIZE MONEY: £2, £1, 50p unless otherwise stated.



DIVISION 1

for the Hayter Cup

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

Open only to residents of Steeple Aston, Middle Aston, North Aston and Rousham

VEGETABLES

- 1 4 Tomatoes*
- 2 5 Pods of runner beans
- 3 3 Onions
- 4 3 Carrots, long or short, tops cut to 8cm
- 5 3 Varieties of salad vegetables, any quantity
(see class 30 for definition of a salad vegetable)
- 6 4 Potatoes (coloured)*
- 7 4 Potatoes (white)*
- 8 3 Beetroot with tops left on
- 9 3 Courgettes (not more than 6 inches long)
- 10 5 Cherry tomatoes*
- 11 5 Dwarf beans or French beans*
- 12 Collection of vegetables in a basket or trug. 4 varieties of vegetables, 2 of each. **Special prizes of £10, £5, £2.50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.** Winner to receive **THE LEE CUP.**
- 13 Best vegetable not specified in any other class in Division 1

FLOWERS

- 14 3 Dahlias, any variety
- 15 3 Stems of annuals
- 16 Container of cut, mixed garden flowers
- 17 3 stems of roses (any varieties)
- 18 Outdoor planter or hanging basket. More than one entry per exhibitor will be accepted. To be judged on quality, condition, variety of plants, colour and overall impression. **TO BE JUDGED AT HOME (arrangements for judging in July edition of Steeple Aston Life). Entries for the planter and the hanging basket must be in by Thursday 1st August to allow the judges time to visit all the entrants. Judging will take place within one week of this date.**

Division 2 and all subsequent divisions are open to all

DIVISION 2

for the Robson Cup

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

VEGETABLES

- 19 5 Tomatoes*
- 20 5 Pods of runner beans
- 21 1 Cabbage culinary (leaving minimum 5cm stem)
- 22 3 Carrots, a long pointed cultivar; tops cut to 8cm
- 23 3 Carrots, other than long pointed cultivar; tops cut to 8cm
- 24 4 Potatoes (coloured)*

- 60 3 Gladioli spikes
- 61 Single Gladioli spike
- 62 Container of cut mixed garden flowers (to be judged on quality and variety)
- 63 3 single bloom roses
- 64 One single bloom rose, not wired
- 65 Vase of roses (to be judged on their scent)
- 66 A Spray of Floribunda Roses
- 67 5 stems of perennial, one variety excluding dahlias and chrysanthemums
- 68 3 Stems Spray Chrysanthemums
- 69 5 Stems of Sweet peas
- 70 Pelargonium (pot plant)
- 71 Pot plant flowering (excluding Pelargoniums)
- 72 Pot plant foliage
- 73 Pot plant succulents or cactus
- 74 5 Fuchsia flower heads displayed in oasis
- 75 3 Clematis blooms, floating on water

DIVISION 5

Scott Cup awarded for the most points gained in the division

Rosette to be awarded to best exhibit in division

More than one entry per class allowed

Exhibits marked † to be staged in niche 18x18x25 inches (45x45x63.5cm).

No plant material to touch the niche. No accessories allowed except where stated.

- 76 Informal arrangement from my garden
- 77 'Paris' arrangement, accessories allowed †
- 78 'Title of your choice', accessories allowed † (please label your exhibit)
- 79 A foliage arrangement for the **ROSE LILLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY** †
- 80 Vertically inspired arrangement. Maximum table space 30cm x 30cm.
Minimum height 60cm, accessories allowed. To be staged on table provided.
- 81 A flower arrangement using five (5) blooms and any foliage †
- 82 An arrangement in a thimble. (A small quantity of Blu-tac or similar to prevent it falling over will be allowed)

DIVISION 6

for the GLADYS STEVENS MEMORIAL CUP (for Handicraft)

awarded to the person with most points in division

More than one entry per exhibitor per class allowed.

A rosette will be presented for the best single exhibit in Div. 6

- 83 Hand knitting / Crochet item
- 84 An apron
- 85 A child's birthday card
- 86 A pressed flower picture
- 87 A gift-wrapped cereal box, using home-decorated wrapping paper
- 88 A painting or drawing
- 89 A piece of embroidery or tapestry
- 90 Any other handicraft. If large, please make a note on the entry form.
- 91 Complete the following limerick (on no larger than A5 please!):

"There once was a burglar called Nick..."

(with 8 syllables in the 1st, 2nd and 5th lines and 5 syllables in the 3rd and 4th lines)

DIVISION 7

**for the Jean Stone trophy (best photograph in show)
and the Photography Cup (most points in division 7)**

A maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor per class is allowed

- 92 'Weather' – panel of four photographs
- 93 'Action' (photographic print)
- 94 'Mechanical' (photographic print)
- 95 'Folly' (photographic print)
- 96 'Urban Scene' (photographic print)
- 97 'Purple' (photographic print)

Photographs may be in black-and-white or colour. Straight from camera. No post processing, except for class 97. Print size should not exceed 7 x 5 inches. No mounts please, except for the panel of four.

DIVISION 8 for the CORONATION BOWL

Trophy awarded for most points in division

Not more than one entry per exhibitor per class

**Rosettes to be awarded to the person gaining most points in
classes 98 – 103 and classes 104 – 112 inclusive**

COOKERY AND WINE

**All entries in classes 104 to 111 inclusive and class 115 to be covered in
'Clingfilm' or a clear cover**

- 98 Lemon curd
- 99 Raspberry jam
- 100 Other jam
- 101 Marmalade
- 102 Pot of jelly
- 103 Pot of chutney
- 104 Decorated focaccia bread
- 105 A savoury flan (stating main ingredients)
- 106 5 Cheese straws
- 107 3 iced finger buns
- 108 Lemon meringue pie
- 109 Victoria sandwich
- 110 3 Chocolate chip cookies
- 111 5 pieces of fudge
- 112 Chocolate and vanilla marble loaf (**Set recipe – see back cover**)
<https://thehappyfoodie.co.uk/recipes/chocolate-and-vanilla-marble-loaf/>
- 113 Homemade cordial in a clear glass bottle with glass.
- 114 Homemade flavoured gin in a clear glass bottle with glass. (Add flavouring to shop-purchased gin.)

SPECIAL CLASS

- 115 A Dundee cake – **Special prizes £10, £5, £2.50**

DIVISION 9

Children can **ONLY** enter classes for their age bracket. Age on the day of the show.

Age must be declared on entry form.

All cooked items to be covered in 'Clingfilm' or a clear cover.

More than one entry per exhibitor per class is allowed.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Prizes £2, £1, 50p

Under 5 (Rosette/s to be awarded to overall winner/s in under 5s)

- 116 A collage using natural materials, not larger than A4
- 117 A painting or drawing not larger than A4
- 118 3 decorated biscuits, to be judged on decoration only.
(The biscuits will not be tasted)

Age 5 to 7 inclusive

- 119 A Lego plane. (No kits allowed)
- 120 A collage using natural materials, no larger than A4
- 121 3 Decorated Gingerbread people. Judged on appearance and taste.
Displayed on a plate*

JUNIOR Age 8 to 11 inclusive

- 122 A Lego animal (no kits)
- 123 A collage using natural materials, no larger than A4
- 124 A Victoria sandwich cake. Judged on taste and appearance. Displayed on a plate* (Filled with raspberry jam only, no cream, and dusted with caster sugar only on top)
- 125 A painting or drawing not larger than A4
- 126 A room in a shoe box or cereal box (Diorama)

SENIOR Age 12 to 15 inclusive

- 127 Homemade soap
- 128 A pencil sketch. Max. A4
- 129 A Swiss roll to be displayed on a plate*
- 130 Create your own Avatar and companion animal. (As a printed image, no larger than A4)

The Junior Photography Cup – open to all under 16

- 131 'Blue' (photographic print)
- 132 'Close up' (Macro photographic photo)
- 133 'Patterns' (photographic print)
Maximum size 7 x 5 inches and unmounted

DIVISION 10

* First prize only and no points awarded for classes 134 – 140

- 134 Largest sunflower head* – grown by child under 16
- 135 Largest sunflower head*
- 136 The heaviest pumpkin*
- 137 The heaviest potato*
- 138 The heaviest marrow*
- 139 The most misshapen vegetable*
- 140 The longest bean*

Annual Show 26th August 2024 Entry Form

Please circle each class you wish to enter and enter the number of entries in each class in the grey strip below the class number.

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| 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 |
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Total number of entries:

Enter five classes or more and get free admittance to the show

I wish to enter the classes circled above and confirm that I have read and understand the rules governing the show (see pages 2 and 3). I undertake to comply with them.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Age if under 16 ____ Signature of parent/guardian if under 16 _____

Completed entry form and entry fees should be delivered to Victoria Clifton or Rebecca Lewin (addresses on page 2). Adult classes 30p per exhibit; children's classes 10p per exhibit.

Entry forms to arrive no later than 7pm on Wednesday 21st August 2024 (see page 2).

SHOW ATTRACTIONS

A fun dog show

Classes

2.30pm – Prettiest Bitch

2.45pm – Most Handsome Dog

3.00pm – Waggiest Tail

3.15pm – Best Child Handler

3.30pm – Dog the judge would most like to take home

3.45pm – Dog of the day (best of previous 5 classes) for Dog of the day trophy

Open to all dogs. This is a fun dog show and is not held under Kennel Club rules.

Entry is for amateurs only. No puppies under 6 months of age. No bitches in season.

Please keep the venue clean by using bins provided in the exercise area.

Entries will be taken on the day.

Rosettes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

For further information please contact Rebecca Lewin (07768 904841)
or Claire Coysh (07799 065482)

**Children's Entertainment,
Bouncy Castle, Handicraft and produce stalls
Bottle stall, Prize draw, Teas, Ice-creams, Games and side shows
AND SO MUCH MORE!**

An auction of produce donated by exhibitors will be held at 4.45pm

Chocolate & Vanilla marble loaf (set recipe for class 112)

Ingredients

225g (8oz) butter, softened

225g (8oz) caster sugar

275g (10oz) self-raising flour

2 level tsp baking powder

4 large eggs

2 tbsp milk

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

1 1/2 level tbsp cocoa powder

2 tbsp hot water

For the Icing: 25g (1oz) butter; 15g (1/2oz) cocoa powder, sifted; 1-2 tbsp milk; 100g (4oz) icing sugar, sifted; about 25g (1oz) white chocolate melted.

Equipment needed: 900g (2lb) loaf tin, 17 x 9 x 9cm base measurement and electric whisk/mixer

Preheat oven 160°C/ Fan 140°C/gas 3. Lightly grease a 900g loaf tin and line with a wide strip of non-stick baking parchment to go up the wide sides and over the base of the tin.

Measure the butter, sugar, flour, baking powder, eggs, milk and vanilla extract into a large bowl and beat with a hand-held electric mixer for about 2 minutes, until well blended. Spoon half the mixture into another bowl and set aside.

In a small bowl, mix the cocoa powder and hot water together until smooth. Allow to cool slightly, then add to one of the bowls of cake mixture, mixing well until evenly blended.

Spoon the vanilla and chocolate cake mixture randomly into the prepared tin until all of the mixture is used up, and gently level the surface. Bake for 50 mins - 1 hour, until the cake is well risen, springy to touch and beginning to shrink away from the sides of the tin. Allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack, peel off the lining paper and leave to cool completely.

To make the Icing, melt the butter in a small pan, add the cocoa powder, stir to blend and cook gently for 1 minute. Stir in the milk and icing sugar, then remove from the heat and mix thoroughly. If necessary, leave the icing on one side, stirring occasionally, to thicken. Spread the cold cake evenly with the icing, then drizzle the melted white chocolate over the top. Leave to set.