



**STEEPLE ASTON &  
MIDDLE ASTON  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**

**presents their 134th**

# **Annual show**

**Monday 31st August 2026**

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

*Gate opens at 2pm*

Admission £2.50 per person over 16 years. No charge for under 16 years

Free entry for those entering 10 or more exhibits

## Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society

### President

Mr. R. Preston

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Mr. & Mrs. G. Clifton, Mr. & Mrs. J. Coley, Mr. C. Cottrell-Dormer,  
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### Safeguarding officer

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### Committee

Barbara Brewer, Graham Clifton, Chris Cooper, Diana Dale,  
Amanda Gascoyne, Julie Hillier, Judith Lane,  
Debbie Morris, Jenny Marsden, Zoe Shayler, Julia Whybrew

### *The objectives of the Society are:*

- to encourage and improve the cultivation of fruit, flowers and vegetables in the district***
- to encourage handicrafts, photography and the visual arts in the district***
- to encourage, support and facilitate community members of all ages and abilities in the district to participate, come together and engage in horticultural activities***
- to encourage horticultural and handicraft traditional skills to continue to future generations***

## 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 **Thursday** previous to the show to **Victoria Clifton, Bluebell Cottage, Middle Aston OX25 5PZ** or **Claire Coysh, Walton House, South Side, Steeple Aston OX25 4RT**.  
**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**
3. The entry fee for the annual show includes payment for membership of the Society for one year.
4. Exhibits marked \* in the schedule require a plate or dish which must be provided by the exhibitor.
5. **Exhibits must be staged between 8am and 10.30am on the day of the show or the exhibit will not be judged. The marquee and hall will be cleared at 10.30am for judging.** Exhibits may not be removed until after the presentation of the prizes.
6. Preceding the prize-giving at approx. 4.45pm there will be 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.**
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The Committee will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss and exhibits are accepted only on this condition.
10. In the event of doubt or dispute arising as to the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Committee shall be final.
11. Exhibitors are requested not to exhibit items in Divisions 6, 7 and 9 that have previously been shown at a Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Show.
12. Please note: exhibitors may only enter one entry in each class in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10. 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.
13. Division 2 Class 27: collection of any vegetables. See full guidelines on page 5.
14. Note any unusual features of your exhibit on your form – if in doubt, check with Victoria Clifton (07817 025948).
15. 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:** Graham Clifton  
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 1.

**Robson Cup §** **Holder:** Stan Nelson/Richard Preston  
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 2.

**The Beehive Cup** **Holder:** Julia Whybrew & Stan Nelson  
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:** Claire Coysh  
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:** Rachel Marsden  
Awarded to the winner of class 12.

**The Rousham Cup** **Holder:** Richard Preston  
Awarded to the winner of class 27.

**Doug Walton Tankard** **Holder:** Stephen Chessum  
Awarded to the winner of class 28.

**The Lilley Cup** **Holder:** Daphne Preston  
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 Holder:** James Marsden  
**Junior Holder:** Charlotte Purtell/James Monroe  
**Under 8s:** James Lewin/Rebecca Purtell  
**Under 5s:** Edward Coysh

**Junior Photography Cup**  
for the competitor gaining most points in classes 131 to 133: Isabella Reid

## 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.**

**§ Framed certificates or special plaques** will be awarded to exhibitors winning these cups three years running.

**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.**

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<b>Division 2 Class 27: collection of any vegetables (5 different 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:</b>					
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*.**

## 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 – pure white, no coloured eyes allowed)\*
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. Mixed planter – to be judged on quality, condition, variety of plants, colour and overall impression. Plants must be planted / not a flower arrangement.  
Maximum size of container 45cm in any direction.

*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)\*
25. 4 Potatoes (white – pure white, no coloured eyes allowed)\*
26. 3 Beetroot with tops left on

27. Collection of any vegetables (5 distinct kinds), quantities exhibited as in respective classes (in Division 2) unless not specified.  
**Special Prizes: 1st – £10, 2nd – £5, 3rd – £2.50.**  
Winner to receive **THE ROUSHAM TROPHY.**  
See rules in 'Society Regulations for Exhibitors' at the front of this brochure and page 5.
28. 4 Onions to weigh over 250gms (for **DOUG WALTON TANKARD**).
29. 4 Onions to weigh under 250gms
30. Collection of 3 salad vegetables (any quantity). *Definition of salad vegetables – a vegetable used in either a raw or cooked state and served in salads as a cold dish – i.e. tomato, cucumber, lettuce, potato, sweetcorn, carrot, etc.*
31. One cucumber – any variety
32. 5 Pods of dwarf beans or French beans\*
33. A Lettuce, any variety
34. 5 Cherry tomatoes\*
35. Pair of table marrows (not to exceed 15 inches or 38cms in length)
36. 3 Courgettes (not more than 6 inches long)
37. 2 Peppers\*
38. 2 Sweetcorn
39. 5 Spring onions
40. 2 Leeks
41. 2 Parsnips (tops cut to 8cms)
42. 6 Shallots pickling\* (not to exceed 3cm in diameter)
43. 6 Shallots large\* (more than 3cm in diameter)
44. 2 Sticks celery
45. The best vegetable not specified in any class
46. Collection of culinary herbs

## DIVISION 3

**for The Beehive Cup for fruit**

*Only one entry per exhibitor per class*

### All fruit to be presented with its stalk

47. 4 Apples, culinary\*
48. 4 Apples, dessert\*
49. 3 Pears, culinary or dessert\*
50. 5 Plums, any variety\*
51. Dish of blackberries\* (stalks on)
52. Dish of fresh fruit, any other variety\*
53. Bowl of mixed home-grown fruit to be judged on quality and presentation\*

## DIVISION 4

**for The Wadham Challenge Trophy**

*Only one entry per exhibitor per class*

### FLOWERS

54. 3 Dahlias cactus
55. 3 Dahlias decorative or ball
56. 5 Pom-Pom Dahlias
57. 3 stems of annuals, one variety
58. Vase of mixed grasses
59. 3 Vases of garden flowers (distinct kinds)
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 perennials, 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, floating on water
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 (42x42x59cm). **NEW SIZE***

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

76. Informal arrangement from my garden
77. 'Sport' arrangement, accessories allowed †
78. 'English Summer', accessories allowed †
79. A foliage arrangement for the **ROSE LILLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY** †
80. An arrangement in a welly (any size welly allowed)
81. A flower arrangement using five (5) blooms and any foliage †
82. A miniature arrangement (not more than 4 inches or 10cm in any direction)

## 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 Division 6**

83. Handknitted / crochet pair of gloves or mittens
84. 1 metre of handmade fabric bunting (to be displayed hanging)
85. A celebration card
86. A handmade tree decoration max. length 20cm inc. hanging ribbon
87. Vegetable animal
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 lady called Claire..."**  
*(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. 'Life' – panel of four photographs (maximum of 2 entries for this class)
93. 'Childhood' (photographic print)
94. 'Poppies' (photographic print)
95. 'Sea of colour' (photographic print)
96. 'Gateways' (photographic print)
97. 'Macro' (photographic print)

*Photographs may be in black-and-white or colour. Straight from camera. 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**

**All entries in classes 104 to 112 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. Granary loaf
105. A savoury flan (stating main ingredients)
106. 5 Cheese straws
107. 5 Fruit scones
108. 3 Banbury cakes
109. Victoria sandwich
110. 3 Viennese fingers
111. 5 pieces of fudge
112. Jamaican ginger 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 enter classes for their age bracket and older (rule change to previous years). 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 5s only (rosette/s to be awarded to overall winner/s in under 5s)

116. A decorated potato  
 117. A painting or drawing not larger than A3  
 118. 3 decorated biscuits, to be judged on decoration only. Displayed on a plate\*  
 (The biscuits will not be tasted. Biscuits can be shop purchased.)

### Age under 8 (for all children up to age 7 and inclusive)

119. A Lego vehicle (no kits allowed)  
 120. A vegetable animal  
 121. 3 Rock cakes. Judged on taste and appearance. Displayed on a plate\*  
 122. Painting or drawing. Not larger than A4

### JUNIOR Age under 12 (for all children up to age 11 and inclusive)

123. A Lego wild animal (no kits allowed)  
 124. A vegetable animal  
 125. 3 Shortbread biscuits. Judged on taste and appearance. Displayed on a plate\*  
 126. A painting or drawing not larger than A4

### SENIOR Age under 16 (for all children up to age 15 and inclusive)

127. A vegetable animal  
 128. A painting or drawing. Theme 'a view through'. Not larger than A4.  
 129. 3 Millionaires shortbread slices. Judged on taste and appearance. Displayed on a plate\*

### OPEN TO ALL AGES – to 15 years and inclusive

- 130 Any other handicraft. **Special prizes of £5, £3, £2. No points awarded.**

### The Junior Photography Cup – open to all under 16

131. 'Summer' (photographic print)  
 132. 'Orange' (photographic photo)  
 133. 'Clouds' (photographic print)  
 Maximum size 7 x 5 inches and unmounted

## DIVISION 10

\* First prize only and no points awarded for classes 134 – 139

- 134 Largest sunflower head\*  
 135 The heaviest pumpkin\*  
 136 The heaviest potato\*  
 137 The heaviest marrow\*  
 138 The most misshapen vegetable\*  
 139 The longest runner bean\*

## Annual Show 31st August 2026 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	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	79	80	81	82	83	84
85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98
99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126
127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	

Total number of entries:

*Enter ten 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 3 and 5). 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 Claire Coysh (addresses on page 2). Adult classes 30p per exhibit; children's classes 10p per exhibit.  
**Entry forms to arrive no later than 7pm on Thursday 27th August 2026 (see page 3).**

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# SHOW ATTRACTIONS

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## A fun dog show

### Classes

2.30pm – Loveliest Lady

2.45pm – Most Handsome Dog

3.00pm – Musical sit (Think musical chairs)

3.15pm – Golden Oldie (dogs 8 years and over)

3.30pm – Child and dog Best friends

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

*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 from 2pm. £2 per class in aid of Dogs for Good.*

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

For further information please contact Victoria Clifton (07817 025948)



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

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**An auction of produce donated by exhibitors will be held at 4.30pm  
followed by the presentation of the trophies.**

**Prize money to be collected from the treasurer's desk after 3.30pm**

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