

Autumn Show

Saturday 6th September 2025

3:00—4:30pm

Bellingdon & Ashridge Village Hall



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Trophies

The Abbott Challenge Cup - Division 1 – *Vegetables*

J Morby Potato Cup - Division 1 – *Potato class*

Oddfellows Shield Division 1 – *Best Exhibit Collection of Vegetable*

Society Fruit Cup Division 2 – *Fruit*

Ethel Baines Memorial Cup Division 3 – *Flower Class*

William Darvell Memorial Cup Division 1, 2 & 3

Highest points with only 9 entries in Vegetable, Fuit & Flower

The Des & Molly Wright Memorial Salver Division 4 – *Dahlias*

The Good News Shield Division 4 – *Best Collection of Dahlias*

The Morrison Scott Challenge Trophy Division 5 – *Miniature Garden*

The Morrison Scot Challenge Trophy Division 5 – *Baking*

Grace Martin Trophy Division 5 - *Children's best of the rest*

Hewitt Challenge Cup Division 6 - *Domestic* (Preserves)

The Mrs Hayward Memorial plate Division 6 – *Domestic* (Baking)

The Mrs Binks Memorial Plate Division 6 – *Fruit Cake*

The Asheridge Challenge Trophy Division 7 – *Floral*

The Chiverton Tankard Division 7 – *Men's Floral*

The Lynne Magennis Photographic Frame Division 8 – *Photography points*

The Keller Trophy for Needlework Division 9 – *Needlecraft*

The Marian Thomson Trophy for Novice Division 10 – *Novice*

The Dennis Hannam Handicraft Cup Division 11 – *Handicraft*

The Sheila Mitchel Memorial Trophy *Special class - Fuchsia*

The Linda Baker Memorial Bowl Group class

Horticultural Society Banksian Medal *most points in Vegetable & Flower section*

(Winners in the previous 2 years are not eligible)

How to enter

How to enter: entries to be submitted by 6pm on Thursday 4th September by phoning or emailing through the list of classes entered, your name and a contact phone number, or by dropping off a completed form to Adrian Norris at 215 Chartridge Lane, Chesham.

If sent via email a confirmation receipt will be emailed. If this has not been received by 9am on Friday 5th, please phone Nicola on 07973558675.

Division 1—Vegetables

Abbott Challenge Cup Division 1 - *Vegetables*

J Morby Potato Cup - *Potato class*

William Darvell Memorial Cup Division 1, 2 & 3 *Highest points with only 9 entries in Vegetable, Fruit & Flower*

1	Collection of Vegetables, 4 distinct kinds. (numbers as below)	12 a	3 Tomatoes (standard cultivars)
2 a	5 Potatoes, white (one variety)	12 b	2 Tomatoes (large-fruited and novelty cultivars, including striped varieties)
2 b	5 Potatoes, coloured (one variety)	12 c	5 Cherry Tomatoes (any variety including striped and coloured varieties)
2 c	Collection of Potatoes - 3 varieties, at least one variety must be coloured	13	One Pair Leeks
3 a	2 Carrots - long	14	One pair Cucumbers
3 b	2 Carrots – short (stumped)	15	One Pair Capsicums (chillies or peppers)
4 a	3 Onions, not exceeding 8oz	16	One Pair Sweetcorn
4 b	3 Onions, over 8oz	17	One Pair any other Vegetables (6 if Peas)
5	5 Shallots	18	One Pumpkin
6 a	7 Runner Beans	19	Pair of Squash
6 b	7 Dwarf /French/Stringless/Climbing Beans		
7	2 Parsnips		
8	2 Beetroot. Any colour		
9 a	One Pair Marrow		Novelty Class
9 b	One Pair Courgettes, not exceeding 6"/150mm long or 3"/75mm diameter if round	20	Longest Runner Bean
10	Cabbages, one pair - Green, Red or Savoy (3" /75mm of stalk to be left)	21	The largest Marrow
11	One Lettuce, any one variety (hearted or loose- leafed) - with stalk, but no roots	22	Heaviest Potato
		23	Truss of Tomatoes
		24	The Ugliest Vegetable

Division 2—Fruit

Society Fruit Cup Division 2 — *Fruit*

William Darvell Memorial Cup Division 1, 2 & 3 *Highest points with only 9 entries in Vegetable, Fruit & Flower*

- 25 a 5 Apples - dessert, 1 variety
- 25 b 5 Apples - cooking, 1 variety
- 26 5 Plums - 1 variety
- 27 5 Pears - 1 variety
- 28 Dish of outdoor Soft Fruit - 1 variety, with stalks
- 29 A dish of any other soft fruit (can be mixed, must include stalks)- e.g.
1 Melon, 7 Damsons, 5 Peaches, 5 Apricots, 1 bunch Grapes etc.

Division 3—Flowers

Ethel Baines Memorial Cup Division 3 - *Flower Class*

William Darvell Memorial Cup Division 1, 2 & 3 (*highest points with only 9 entries*)

- 30 a Vase of 5 Roses
- 30 b 1 specimen Hybrid Tea Rose in your own vase
- 31 Cosmos—1 vase of 3 stems
- 32 Hydrangea—2 heads
- 33 Spike of Gladiolus
- 34 Pot Plant, flowering (excluding fuchsia and pelargonium) (*pot not exceeding 8"*)
- 35 Pot Plant, foliage (*pot not exceeding 8"/200mm*)
- 36 Pot Plant, fuchsia (pot not exceeding 8"/200mm)
- 37 Pot Plant, pelargonium (pot not exceeding 8"/200mm)
- 38 Pot Plant, Chillies/capsicum (*pot not exceeding 8"*)
- 39 a Vase of outdoor flowers and any added foliage, (excluding flowers named in other classes)
- 39 b Vase of Mixed Annuals (minimum 2 kinds) (8"/200mm)
- 39c Vase mixed perennial flowers, (3 distinct kinds) excluding flowers named in other classes
- 40 3 flowering shrubs (one stem of each)
- 41 Vase of foliage, not more than 7 stems (minimum 2 kinds)
- 42 Patio container
- 43 Hanging basket
- 44 Succulent or cactus - one specimen
- 45 5 Herbs (all named, in container of your choice)
- 46 Vase—collection of weeds

Division 4—Dahlias

The Des & Molly Wright Memorial Salver

Garden News Shield—*Best collection*

- 50 **3 vase collection.** 1 vase Decorative, 1 vase Cactus, 1 vase any other kind. 3 blooms in each vase of any one variety
- 51 **Small/miniature Cactus or Semi-cactus.** 1 vase, 3 blooms in any one variety (Blooms up to 6" diameter)
- 52 **Medium Cactus or Semi-cactus.** 1 vase, 3 blooms of any one variety (Blooms 6" - 8" diameter)
- 53 **Small/miniature Decoratives.** 1 vase, 3 blooms of any one variety (Blooms up to 6" diameter)
- 54 **Medium Decoratives.** 1 vase, 3 blooms of any one variety (Blooms 6" - 8" diameter)
- 55 **Pom Poms.** 1 vase, 5 blooms in any one variety (Blooms up to 2" diameter)
- 56 **Ball Dahlias.** 1 vase, 3 blooms (Blooms over 2" diameter)
- 57 **1 Giant or Large Dahlia** (Blooms over 8" diameter)
- 58 **Vase of any Dahlias.** No added foliage, maximum of 9 blooms

Division 5—Children

The Morrison Scott Miniture Garden Trophy

The Morrison Scott Challenge Trophy – *Baking*

Grace Martin Trophy - *Children's best of the rest*

Age must be stated on entry, up to a maximum age of 16.

All children & grandchildren of members very welcome.

If entry numbers are high, classes may be split into the following age categories:

a) Up to 5 B) 6 to 10 C) 11-16

C 1	Miniature garden in a seed box	C 6	Artwork
C 2	5 Rice crispy cakes	C 7	Home grown produce
C 3	2 decorated cookies	C 8	An animal made from vegetables and/or fruit
C 4	A jar of flowers	C 9	An item of Jewellery made from dried pasta
C 5	Handicraft	C 9	Photography — My family

Division 6—Domestic

The Hewitt Challenge Cup Division 6 - *Domestic* (Preserves)

The Mrs Hayward Memorial Plate Division 6 – *Domestic* (Baking)

Given recipes can be found at the back of the schedule.

All cooking to be prepared by the exhibitor.

60 a	“Men's only” 3 Brownies (own recipe)	69	Raspberry jam
60 b	“Women's only” 3 Brownies (own recipe)	70	Marmalade
61	Shortbread	71	Chutney
62	5 Cheese scones	72	Cordial/wine/fortified wine (e.g. sloe gin, elder-flower cordial)
63	Victoria sandwich (according to given recipe)	73	3 Savoury pastry rolls
64	Savoury Quiche	74	Unusual bread (with or without bead maker)
65	Vegetable cake (own recipe) <i>Recipe to be displayed next to cake</i>	75	Home made Confectionary
66	Apple Tart	76	3 edible flowers
67 a	Jar Berry jelly		
67 b	Jar Non-berry jelly		
67 c	Jar Mixed berry/non-berry jelly		
68 a	Jar Berry jam (excluding raspberry)	78	Homemade fruit cake (according to given recipe)
68 b	Jar Non-berry jam		
68 c	Jar Mixed berry/non-berry jam		

The Mrs Binks Memorial Plate

Division 6 – *Fruit Cake*

Division 7—Floral

The Ashridge Challenge Trophy

The Chiverton Tankard — *Men's Floral*

A Novice, for anyone who has not won more than 3 prizes in previous years

80 "Teddy Bears Picnic"

B Open to any exhibitor

81 A petite arrangement (less than 6" x 6" x 6")

82 An artificial and/or preserved flower arrangement— table arrangement

83 "A song" *please specify song*

84 "Hedgerow"

85 A 3 flower arrangement

C For men only

86 "In a beer can"

Space available 1'10" x 2' high. Drapes and accessories may be used in any class (except class 81).

All arrangements must be within the specified size. Fresh flowers and foliage must be used (except in class 82).

In line with current RHS ruling, floral foam or 'Oasis' is not acceptable for use in floral art displays and its use will result in elimination.

Division 8—Photography

Photographic Frame

Size no more than 6" x 8". Printed in colour or black & white, unmounted

90 Presents

91 Rooftops

92 Foliage

93 Fruit study

94 Landscape

Division 9—Needlecraft

The Keller Trophy for Needlework

Please indicate if it's your own design

100 A hand knitted article

101 A crocheted article

102 Hats & cushions

103 A machine-made garment

104 Hand embroidery (decorated with needle work)

Special Class

The Sheila Mitchel Memorial Trophy—*Fuchsia*

A 1 Single fresh flower in a frame (own picture frame of appropriate size)

B1 Begonia, two individual blooms

F1 Fuchsia, nine individual blooms, at least two varieties

P1 5 pansies displayed on a saucer

B1 & F1 To be shown stems down in supplied container

Division 10—Handicraft

The Dennis Hannam Handicraft Cup

Bench space available for display up to 3' x 3'

110	Cloth (made with or on fabric)	114	3 cards
111	Non-cloth (wood, plastic, metal, ceramic etc.)	115	Decoration
112	Artwork (painting, drawing, digital art etc.)	116	Any other handicraft

Division 11—Novice

The Marian Thomson Trophy for Novice

A novice is anyone who has not won a first prize in any similar class at any show

Nov 1	Vase of 3 Dahlias	Nov 9	2 Carrots
Nov 2	One stem Sunflower	Nov 10	2 Potatoes
Nov 3	Vase of Annuals (4 stems, 2 kinds)	Nov 11	2 Tomatoes
Nov 4	Vase of Perennials (5 stems, any one variety)	Nov 12	2 Onions
Nov 5	One specimen Rose	Nov 13	2 Beetroot
Nov 6	Pot plant, flowering (max 8"pot)	Nov 14	2 Apples
Nov 7	Pot plant, foliage (max 8"pot)	Nov 15	One foliage shrub
Nov 8	3 Runner Beans	Nov 16	One flowering shrub

Group Class

The Linda Baker Memorial Bowl

For 1-6 people. Choose **five** items from the following list and display within the 2'6" wide area.

Each item is marked out of 10 with an additional 10 points available for the display.

- a. Bottle of wine or beer
- b. Item of cookery
- c. Jar of preserve
- d. Pot plant indoor
- e. Pot plant outdoor
- f. Flowering shrub, 1 stem
- g. Foliage shrub, 1 stem
- h. 3 annuals
- i. 3 Perennials
- j. Handmade article
- k. Item of handicraft
- l. Photographic print
- m. Painting or drawing
- n. Collection of vegetables, 3 kinds, at least 2 of each kind
- o. Collection of fruit, 3 kinds, at least 3 of each kind
- p. Any combination of n & o

Recipes

Class 63—Victoria Sandwich

Ingredients

3 large eggs	Unsalted butter	Golden caster sugar
Self-raising flour	Pinch of salt	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon milk		

Method

Preheat the oven to 170°C / Gas Mark 3 and grease and line two 20cm/8in sandwich tins with greaseproof paper. Weigh the eggs (in their shells) then weigh out the same amount of butter, sugar and flour. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy then beat in the eggs, one at a time. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl and carefully fold into the batter. Fold in the vanilla and milk, divide the batter between the two cake tins and smooth the tops. Bake for 30 minutes until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. When the cakes are completely cool, sandwich together with (approximately 150gm) of jam.

Class 77—Fruit Cake

Ingredients

2 tea bags	250gm dried mixed fruit	60gm dark brown sugar	50gm granulated sugar
275gm plain flour	2 ½ teaspoons baking powder	1 teaspoon ground mixed spice	
¼ teaspoon salt	2 oranges	2 large eggs, beaten	

Method

Grease and line a 7-inch diameter round baking tin. Preheat the oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4. Place the tea bags in a medium-sized saucepan and pour over 300ml just-boiled water. Turn on the heat and simmer for 2 minutes then lift out and discard the tea bags. Stir in the dried fruit and brown sugar and simmer for another 1 minute then transfer to a large, heatproof mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, mixed spice, salt and finely grated zest of one of the oranges. Stir the eggs into the cooling tea mix followed by the dry ingredients. Spoon into the prepared tin and bake for approximately 1 hour (until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean). About 20 minutes before the end of baking time, pare the rind of the second orange and cut into thin strips. Heat 25gm of the granulated sugar in a small saucepan with the juice of ½ the orange and stir until dissolved. Add the orange strips, leave to cool slightly then stir in the remaining 25gm of sugar. Spoon over the cake while still warm in the tin then leave to cool.

Points for Guidance

The following maximum points may be given for vegetable in collection

20 points Carrots (long), Cauliflowers, Celery, Leeks, Onions, Parsnips, Peas, Potatoes, Tomatoes

18 points Carrots (short), Cucumber, Runner beans, Shallots

15 points Beans Dwarf/French/Stringless, Beetroot, Broad bean, Broccoli, Cabbage, Lettuce, Marrow, Peppers, Swedes, Sweetcorn, Turnips

10 points Courgettes, Pumpkins

Show Rules & Points for Guidance

Read the rules carefully and if in doubt on any point, apply to the Show Secretary for assistance.

1. Entry forms should be submitted by 9am Thursday 4th September.
Late entries will be accepted in moderation.
2. **Staging:** 9:00—11:30am
Judging: 11:45am—2:30pm (no access to exhibits during this time)
Awards presentation: 3:30pm
Exhibits not collected before: 4:30pm
3. Every specimen exhibited must be the bona fide growth of the exhibitor and must have been in their possession for at least two months preceding the date of the show.
4. Exhibits must be according to the schedule or they are liable to be disqualified.
5. Vases will be provided if required; bowls and vases must not exceed 9" or 22.5 cm in diameter.
6. For floral decoration, the size stated is the maximum available space, and exhibits must be contained within this space or less.
7. No entry fees will be taken.
8. Only one entry per class per person is allowed.
9. The Judges shall award the prizes, or withhold prizes that are not meritorious, and their decision shall be final. Any other point that may arise shall be decided by the Show Secretary in consultation with members of the Committee.
10. Prize money will not be given, but trophies will be awarded.
11. In line with current RHS ruling, due to its manufacture from non biodegradable plastic and being highly toxic to all animals and humans, floral foam or 'Oasis' is banned from use in any exhibit in the show and its use will result in that exhibit being disqualified.

Contact us

For entries and general enquiries, please email cheshamvalegs@gmail.com or contact either Show Secretary, Nicola Parkes, 07973 558675 or Adrian Norris on 01494 793746 or 07718 609719.

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