



# ANNUAL SHOW

**SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2023**

**Tilehurst Village Hall, Victoria Road  
Tilehurst, READING, RG31 5AB**  
**Open to the public from 2pm.**

The trophies will be presented at 4pm

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023**

**Entries to be received at**

The Gratwicke Road Trading Shed (during shed opening hours)

**#THAShow**  
**5th August 2023**

email [show.tilehurstha@gmail.com](mailto:show.tilehurstha@gmail.com)



## **Support the show by sponsoring a class at the 2023 Annual Show.**

Your business name and logo, or your name, will appear alongside the prize winning exhibits on the show bench, feature in the show publicity shots and be shared in social media posts.

To sponsor a class costs just £5. Pick up a form in the Trading Shed, download one from the website or email the Show Committee [show.tilehurstha@gmail.com](mailto:show.tilehurstha@gmail.com).



## **RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 1.** The Show is open to amateurs only. It is open to members of Tilehurst Horticultural Association, their family or partners, including children, and all residents of Tilehurst.
- 2.** Entries must be made on the printed entry form supplied in the Schedule and **MUST** be received by Sunday 30 July 2023. Late entries may be considered, but only at the discretion of the Show Committee and cannot be guaranteed. There will be a charge of £1 for late entries in adult classes.
- 3.** Entry fees (50p per adult class) to accompany entry form. Children's classes **FREE**.
- 4.** No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any one class. Husband, wife or partners may not enter the same class. Except Class 24.
- 5.** All exhibits to be staged under the direction of the Committee between the hours of 8.30am and 10.45am on the day of the Show.
- 6.** The Committee cannot undertake to stage or return any exhibits.
- 7.** The use of wire supports in classes 29 to 43 is not permitted.
- 8.** No persons, other than those officially engaged with the judging, will be allowed in the hall while judging is in progress.
- 9.** The judges' decision is final. They have the power to withhold or modify any prizes, as they consider fit.
- 10.** Any objection must be made in writing and handed to the Chair of the Show Committee before 3.00pm on the day of the Show. The objector to deposit the sum of £1. This deposit will be returned if the objection is upheld. It will be dealt with immediately by the Show Committee.
- 11.** It is assumed that all exhibits are the work of the exhibitor, although exhibits in classes 1 to 46 must have been in the possession of, or grown by, the exhibitor for at least two months prior to the Show.
- 12.** Vases will be supplied for classes 20, 29–39 which must be used.
- 13.** Exhibits may not be removed from the Show benches before 4.30pm.
- 14.** All trophies are perpetual and cannot be won outright. The winners must observe the rules relating to such trophies.
- 15.** The Committee will take all normal care of exhibits, but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage, however caused.
- 16.** All trophies to be returned by 23 July 2023 to the Trading Shed or any Committee Member.
- 17.** In the event of a tie for a trophy, the exhibitor with most first prizes will be considered the winner.
- 18.** Exhibitors are asked to name exhibits where possible to enhance the interest of the Show.
- 19.** Exhibits remaining on the Show benches after 5.00pm will be donated to a local Community Organisation



## THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful to our members and local businesses for their support and donations and look forward to their continued support in the coming years.

## TROPHIES



**TROPHIES** and **RHS CERTIFICATES** are awarded, with points in each class awarded towards trophies as follows:

**1st – 5 points | 2nd – 3 points | 3rd – 1 point**

The **RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL** is awarded to the exhibitor gaining most prize money in the horticultural classes.

**TILEHURST HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION'S CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** and a £10 Voucher are awarded to the Best Dish of Vegetables, Best Dish of Fruit, Best Vase of Flowers, Best Pot Plant and Best Flower Arrangement in the Show.

### JUNIOR CLASSES

The Junior exhibitor with the most points in each of the age groups will receive a rosette.

## PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY

For each class, including children, unless stated otherwise:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize – £2.00 | 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – £1.00 | 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – £0.50**



## Timetable: Show Day Saturday 5 August

8.30am	Staging starts
10.45am	Staging to be complete and all competitors to leave the hall
11.00am	Judging begins
2.00pm	Show opens to the public. Plant Stall and Refreshments open.
3.30pm	Treasurer's Office open for collection of Prize Money
3.45pm	Refreshments close
4.00pm	Presentation of trophies
4.15pm	Raffle draw
4.30pm	All exhibits to be removed from Show tables
4.45pm	Treasurer's Office closes
5.00pm	Show ends – any exhibits remaining on the Show tables will be donated to a local Community Organisation
5.15pm	Plant Stall closes



## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Additional hints & tips available at  
[www.tilehurstha.org.uk](http://www.tilehurstha.org.uk)

### VEGETABLES

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| <b>1</b> 3 Potatoes, white                                  | <b>13</b> 4 Onions – under 227g one cultivar  |
| <b>2</b> 3 Potatoes, coloured                               | <b>14</b> 3 Onions – over 227g one cultivar   |
| <b>3</b> 9 Shallots, large                                  | <b>15</b> Pair of Marrows – not over 38cm long  |
| <b>4</b> 9 Shallots, pickling, to pass through a 2.5cm ring | <b>16</b> 3 Courgettes – not longer than 21cm   |
| <b>5</b> 3 Carrots, one cultivar                            | <b>17</b> 5 Tomatoes with calyces (stalks)  |
| <b>6</b> 3 Beetroots, globe                                 | <b>18</b> 9 Cherry Tomatoes with calyces (stalks) not over 35mm   |
| <b>7</b> 6 Runner Beans (with stalks)                       | <b>19</b> Truss of Tomatoes – ripe or a mix of ripe and unripe  |
| <b>8</b> 6 French Beans                                     | <b>20</b> Vase of mixed Herbs – maximum of 5 kinds, please name when displaying   |
| <b>9</b> 3 Garlic Bulbs<br>excluding elephant garlic        | <b>21</b> Any other Vegetable not included in Class 1-20 (numbers optional: single, pair, three etc)                      |
| <b>10</b> 6 Pods of Peas, Mangetout or Snap, one cultivar   | <b>22</b> Novelty Class: Longest Runner Bean  |
| <b>11</b> 2 Cucumbers, indoor or outdoor                    | <b>23</b> Novelty Class: 1 500g margarine tub of home-made compost.   |
| <b>12</b> 4 Sticks Rhubarb                                  | <b>24</b> Special Class: Best Dwarf Sunflower grown in a pot. Maximum pot size 15cm. 3 seeds distributed free to members. |



## FRUIT

- 25** Raspberries, blackberries or hybrid cane fruit. One cultivar with stalks.
- 26** Currants (red or black). Not more than nine bunches (strigs).
- 27** Dish of any other fruit not named above. One cultivar.
- 28** A Collection: Five A Day in a Seed Tray. Can be fruit and/or vegetables either one of each or multiples but not more than 5 kinds.

Examples of quantities required for a Dish of Fruit	Number of Specimens required
Apples (cooking or dessert)	6
Blackberries & hybrid cane fruit	20
Blueberries	Dish of 200-250g
Cherries (sweet or sour)	20
Figs	5
Gooseberries	20
Pears (cooking or dessert)	6
Raspberries	20
Strawberries	15

For further information, see the RHS publication, The Horticultural Show Handbook.



## FLOWERS

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| <b>29</b> Sweet Peas, not more than 6 stems, one cultivar                            | <b>34</b> Dahlia, one cultivar, 3 blooms                      |
| <b>30</b> Sweet Peas, not more than 6 stems, mixed cultivars                         | <b>35</b> Dahlia, mixed cultivars, 3 blooms                   |
| <b>31</b> Marigolds – Calendula or Tagetes, any kind or kinds, one or more cultivars | <b>36</b> Vase of Dahlias, mixed cultivars, at least 5 blooms |
| <b>32</b> Rose, specimen bloom   | <b>37</b> Vase of Flowers not included in Schedule – one kind |
| <b>33</b> Dahlia, specimen bloom   | <b>38</b> Vase of Flowers – three kinds                       |
|  | <b>39</b> Vase of mixed Garden Flowers                        |

## POT PLANTS

**NOTE: POT SIZE LIMIT FOR CLASSES 40–43 not to exceed 20cm diameter.**

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| <b>40</b> One Foliage Pot Plant. (Except Fuchsia / Pelargonium / Geranium). | <b>42</b> One Flowering or Fruiting Pot Plant. (Except Fuchsia / Pelargonium / Geranium). |
| <b>41</b> One Pot of Pelargonium or Geranium.                               | <b>43</b> One Specimen – Cactus or Succulent.   |

## FUCHSIAS

**NOTE: POT SIZE LIMIT FOR CLASSES 44–45 not to exceed 20cm diameter.**

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| <b>44</b> One Fuchsia – other than Standard / Half Standard.                  | <b>46</b> 6 x Fuchsia Florets.<br>Display stand will be provided. |
| <b>45</b> One Fuchsia –<br>Standard 760–1070mm or Half<br>Standard 460–760mm. |   |



## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

**Artificial plant material must NOT be included. The Arrangement may not extend beyond a base of 38cm square.**

**47 Crown Jewels.**

**49 A Table-top Pedestal Arrangement.**

**48 Hand held posy fit for a Queen.**  
Presented in a vase, paper or box.

**50 An Arrangement in a Teacup and Saucer.**  
Size not to exceed 20cm x 20cm x 20cm.

## PRESERVES

**Plain jars must be used for preserves – no commercial marked jars or lids. Sweet preserves must have a cellophane seal & waxed disc.**

**51** Jar of Marmalade – any variety

**54** Jar of Relish or Chutney

**52** Jar of Jelly – any variety

**55** Jar of Runny Honey – no labels

**53** Jar of Jam – any variety

**56** Jar of Lemon Curd

### **Tips for Preserves:**

Jars must have a small plain label stating type, month & year.

Chutney must have a screw top lid, no waxed disc.

## COOKERY

**Exhibit cooked items on a plain white plate; sweet items with a doily; savoury items with a plain napkin unless stated otherwise.**

**57** White cottage Loaf, 500gm. Own recipe.

**59** Spiced Apple Cake. The recipe provided on page 9 must be used.

**58** 6 Eccles cakes. Own recipe.

**60** Swiss Roll. Own recipe.





## SPICED APPLE CAKE (Hairy Bikers)

Oil, for spraying	750g Bramley cooking apples
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice	Finely grated zest of ½ lemon
250g self-raising flour	1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon	1 tsp ground mixed spice
2 large eggs	100g demerara sugar, plus 2 tbsp
200ml semi-skimmed milk	100ml sunflower oil

½ tsp sifted icing sugar, for dusting

Preheat the oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 5.

Line a 23cm spring clip cake tin with baking parchment. Mist the base and sides with oil.

Peel the apples and cut them into quarters. Remove the cores and cut the apples into thin slices – you'll need about 500g prepared weight. Put the apple slices in a bowl and toss with the lemon juice and zest.

Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and spice in a large mixing bowl. Whisk the eggs with the 100g of sugar, the milk and sunflower oil in a separate medium bowl using a large metal whisk. Then pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring lightly until combined – use the whisk to break up any stubborn lumps. Toss the lemony apples through the cake batter until evenly mixed and pour the mixture into the prepared tin.

Sprinkle the 2 tablespoons of sugar evenly over the top and bake the cake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour until it is well risen and golden on top. Test the cake by inserting a skewer into the centre – it should slide easily through the apples in the middle and come out clean.

Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing it from the tin and carefully peeling off the baking parchment. Dust with sifted icing sugar

**NOTE:** Cake can be made up to 2 days in advance and wrapped in foil to keep it moist until show day.

### Tips for Cookery Classes:

Oven temperatures & times are guidelines and must be adjusted according to your experience with your own oven.

Cover lightly with clingfilm or an appropriate transparent cover.



## PHOTOGRAPHY

**All entries must be in colour, unframed and mounted on card which must not exceed 21cm x 16cm and have not previously been exhibited at any THA Annual Show. Digital Photographs must not have had the format manipulated.**

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| <b>61</b> One photograph.<br><b>Eventide.</b>        | <b>63</b> One photograph.<br><b>A single flower bloom.</b>   |
| <b>62</b> One photograph.<br><b>River Landscape.</b> | <b>64</b> One photograph.<br><b>Coronation Celebrations.</b> |

## JUNIOR SECTION

**For Children up to 8 Years – age to be stated on the entry form.**

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| <b>65</b> A garden in a seed tray any size.  | <b>67</b> Decorate a Wooden Spoon for use as a Garden Label |
| <b>66</b> A Fruit and / or Vegetable Monster |   |

**For Children 9 to 16 Years – age to be stated on the entry form**

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| <b>68</b> Bake and decorate 4 Cup Cakes. Cover lightly with clingfilm or an appropriate transparent cover. | <b>70</b> A Display of Mixed Foliage in a Jam Jar. |
| <b>69</b> Make a bug hotel, not to exceed 25cm x 25cm x 25cm.  |  |



# Tilehurst Horticultural Association

## SUMMER SHOW 2023 ENTRY FORM

Closing Date for Entries: Sunday 30 July 2023

Entry Fees: 50p per Adult Class – Children's Classes free

### CIRCLE CLASSES ENTERED

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		

**All entries must be the unaided work of the entrant. One Entry Form per person. More forms available to download [www.tilehurstha.org.uk](http://www.tilehurstha.org.uk).**

Child's Age where appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the rules as stated in the Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENTRY FEES £** \_\_\_\_\_



Tilehurst  
Horticultural  
Association

*Gardening for All*



### **Membership**

£6.00 per annum  
(£3.00 for senior citizens)

### **Talks**

Regular Winter Talks starting September 2023.

### **Trading Shed**

Gratwicke Road

For opening times and further information, see our website.

### **Events, Visits**

See our website.

**For up to date information and the latest news visit  
[www.tilehurstha.org.uk](http://www.tilehurstha.org.uk) or find us on social media.**

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5<sup>th</sup> August 2023

