



Membership

£6.00 per annum
(£3.00 for senior citizens)

Talks

Regular Winter Talks starting September 2025.

Trading Shed

Gratwicke Road

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Events, Visits

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ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2025

**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 27 JULY 2025

Entries to be received at

The Gratwicke Road Trading Shed (during shed opening hours)

email show.tilehurstha@gmail.com

Support the show by sponsoring a class at the 2025 Annual Show.

Your name will appear alongside the prize winning exhibits on the show bench.

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.





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 27 July 2025. 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 on 20 July 2025 to the Gratwicke Road Trading Shed
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



Tilehurst Horticultural Association

SUMMER SHOW 2025 ENTRY FORM

Closing Date for Entries: Sunday 27 July 2025

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.

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 £ _____



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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| <p>61 One photograph.
Raindrops.</p> <p>62 One photograph.
The Perfect Bloom.</p> | <p>63 One photograph.
Feeding Wildlife.</p> <p>64 One photograph. In and around Tilehurst.</p> |
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JUNIOR SECTION

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

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| <p>65 A garden in a seed tray any size.</p> <p>66 A Fruit and /or Vegetable Monster.</p> | <p>67 Decorate with any medium a sunflower on pre-printed template. Distributed at talks and Trading Shed. Can be mounted on card if required.</p> |
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For Children 9 to 16 Years – age to be stated on the entry form

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| <p>68 A garden in a seed tray any size.</p> <p>69 A Fruit and /or Vegetable Monster.</p> | <p>70 Decorate with any medium a sunflower on pre-printed template. Distributed at talks and Trading Shed. Can be mounted on card if required.</p> |
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THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful to our members 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:

1st prize – £2.00 | 2nd prize – £1.00 | 3rd prize – £0.50



Timetable: Show Day Saturday 2 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.
2.30pm	Treasurer's Office open for collection of Prize Money
3.45pm	Refreshments close
4.00pm	Treasurer's Office closes
4.00pm	Presentation of trophies
4.15pm	Raffle draw
4.30pm	All exhibits to be removed from Show tables
5.00pm	Show ends – any exhibits remaining on the Show tables will be donated to a local Community Organisation
5.15pm	Plant Stall closes

Please note the change in opening/closing times of the treasurer's office from previous years



LEMON and COURGETTE CAKE

Dry Ingredients

200g plain flour
 ¼ tsp salt
 ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
 2 tsp baking powder
 1tsp ground cinnamon

Wet Ingredients

200g courgettes
 1 egg
 140g caster sugar
 110ml vegetable oil
 1 lemon, zest only

For the Drench

1 lemon, juice only
 2 tbsp caster sugar

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

Slightly grease, to help line an 8"/20cm round cake tin (Springform is easier) with baking parchment.

Grate the courgette into a bowl. Add egg, caster sugar, vegetable oil, and lemon zest and mix together.

In another bowl mix together the plain flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and ground cinnamon.

Combine ingredients from both bowls together until just blended. Pour into the lined cake tin. Bake for around 45 minutes.

Towards the end of baking, mix the lemon juice and caster sugar together. Drizzle over the cake soon after removing from the oven.

NOTE: The cake is very soft when warm and will break easily. Leave to cool fully before removing from the tin.

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.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Artificial plant material must NOT be included. The Arrangement may not extend beyond a base of 38cm square. Florist foam (oasis) is no longer acceptable. See Hints and Tips

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| 47 An arrangement in a small Watering Can (up to 1 litre). | 49 An arrangement including only 3 flower stems. |
| 48 VE or VJ day themed arrangement. | 50 An arrangement in a sherry glass
Size not to exceed 20cm x 20cm x 20cm. |

PRESERVES

Plain jars must be used for preserves – no commercial marked jars or lids.

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| 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 Fruit Curd |

Tips for Preserves:

Jars must have a small plain label stating type, month & year.
Chutney must have a screw top lid.

COOKERY

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

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| 57 Farmhouse Loaf. Own recipe. | 59 Lemon and Courgette Cake. The recipe provided on page 9 must be used. |
| 58 6 Cheese Straws. Own recipe. | 60 Tea Bread. Own recipe. |



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Additional hints & tips available at
www.tilehurstha.org.uk

VEGETABLES

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



FLOWERS

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

POT PLANTS

NOTE: THERE IS A POT SIZE LIMIT FOR CLASSES 40–43. Each pot must not exceed 20cm diameter.

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

FUCHSIAS

NOTE: POT SIZE LIMIT FOR CLASSES 44–45. Each pot must not exceed 20cm diameter.

- 44** One Fuchsia – other than Standard / Half Standard.
- 45** One Fuchsia – Standard 760–1070mm or Half Standard 460–760mm.
- 46** 6 x Fuchsia Florets. Display stand will be provided.