



Tilehurst  
Horticultural  
Association  
*Gardening for All*



**Membership 2026**  
£6.00 per annum  
(£3.00 for senior citizens)

#### Talks

Regular Winter Talks starting September 2026.

#### Trading Shed

Gratwicke Road

For opening times and further information, see our website.

#### Events, Visits

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# ANNUAL SHOW

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026**

**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 26 JULY 2026**

**Entries to be received at**

The Gratwicke Road Trading Shed (during shed opening hours)

or 6 Overlanders End, Tilehurst, RG31 6PS

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



**Support the show by sponsoring  
a class at the 2026 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](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 26 July 2026. 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 19 July 2026 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 2026 ENTRY FORM

Closing Date for Entries: Sunday 26 July 2026

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if this is the first time you have entered anything in classes 1-21 \_\_\_\_\_

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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|---|---|
| <b>61</b> One photograph.<br><b>Sunset.</b>       | <b>63</b> One photograph.<br><b>Wildlife.</b> |
| <b>62</b> One photograph.<br><b>Single Bloom.</b> | <b>64</b> One photograph.<br><b>Water.</b>    |

## JUNIOR SECTION

**For Children up to 7 Years – age to be stated on the entry form.**

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| <b>65</b> Egghead. Seeds grown in an empty egg shell. | <b>66</b> A Photograph not exceeding 21cmx16cm. <b>It made me laugh.</b> |
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**For Children 8 to 11 Years – age to be stated on the entry form**

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| <b>67</b> Painted stone. Smaller than 15cm. | <b>68</b> A Photograph not exceeding 21cmx16cm. <b>It made me laugh.</b> |
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**For Children 12 to 16 Years – age to be stated on the entry form**

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| <b>69</b> 4 Homemade Cookies | <b>70</b> A Photograph not exceeding 21cmx16cm. <b>It made me laugh.</b> |
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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:

**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 1 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
3:55pm	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



## POTATO BREAD

### Ingredients

375g/13oz potatoes, peeled and cut into even chunks (300g/10½oz peeled weight)

1 tsp dried fast-action yeast

1 tsp caster sugar

1 tbsp sunflower oil, plus extra for greasing

1tsp fine sea salt

300g/10½oz strong white flour, plus extra for kneading

1tsp Nigella seeds

You need exactly 300g/10½oz to make the bread so check the weight once they are peeled. Place the potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with cold water, bring to the boil, then reduce the heat slightly and cook for 15–20 minutes until they are tender but not falling apart. Drain the potatoes in a colander over a bowl and reserve the cooking liquid. Return the potatoes to the pan and toss over a very low heat for 2-3 minutes until any excess liquid has evaporated.

Pour 75ml/5 tbsp of the warm cooking liquid into a large bowl and leave to cool for a few minutes. When it's lukewarm, sprinkle in the yeast. Stir in the sugar and leave in a warm place for about 10 minutes until a light foam appears on the surface.

Mash the potatoes with the oil in the saucepan until they're as smooth as possible, then stir in the yeast mixture and salt.

Mix well with a wooden spoon and gradually add the flour, a few tablespoons at a time, stirring well before adding more. When the dough becomes too stiff to stir in the flour, turn it out on to the work surface and knead the remaining flour into the dough. Don't be tempted to add more water or the dough will become too sticky to work with.

Knead the dough for 10 minutes until soft and pliable. Place it in a lightly oiled bowl, cover loosely with lightly oiled cling film and leave to rise in a warm place for 45–60 minutes, or until well-risen and spongy to touch.

Knock back the dough with your knuckles and shape it into a rough ball. Flatten the ball on a floured surface until it is about 2cm thick, then bring the sides up to the middle to give a rustic surface to the bread. Pinch lightly to seal. Place it on a lightly oiled and floured baking sheet, rough side up, and leave to prove in a warm place for a further 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 220°C/Fan 200°C/Gas 7. Score the dough with a knife along the pinched join and sprinkle the top with the onion seeds. Bake the loaf in the centre of the oven for 35 minutes until well risen and crusty on top. Cool on a wire rack

### Tips for Cookery Classes:

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



## 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 leaflet or online.

- 47 An arrangement in a cream jug.
- 48 On the beach arrangement.
- 49 An Ikebana style arrangement.
- 50 An arrangement in a shot glass  
Size not to exceed 20cm x 20cm x 20cm.

## PRESERVES

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

- 51 Jar of Marmalade – any variety
- 52 Jar of Jelly – any variety
- 53 Jar of Jam – any variety
- 54 Jar of Relish or Chutney
- 55 Bottle of home made cordial
- 56 Jar of Fruit Curd

### Tips for Preserves:

Jars and bottles 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.

- 57 Victoria Sponge. Own recipe. (No cream.)
- 58 A plate of 2 or more vegetable samosas. Own recipe with homemade pastry.
- 59 Potato Bread. The recipe provided on page 9 must be used.
- 60 4 Cookies. Own recipe.



## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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

## VEGETABLES

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