

**Golf Course Allotments Association
and
National Gardens Scheme**

ANNUAL SHOW and OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2024

HOW YOU CAN HELP

By **contributing sandwiches, cakes, and savouries** for the **Tea Stall** on the day

By **donating any fresh fruit and vegetables** you can spare on the day for the **Produce Stall**, which is always very popular, as well as **your home-made Jams and Preserves**, which also sell well on this stall

If you have any **spare plants**, particularly unusual ones (appropriately potted up and labelled, please) the **Plant Stall** would appreciate them

Contributions towards the Bottle Tombola as well as Preserves will be welcome during the weeks before the Show - you can bring them to the Community Hall and Trading Shed between 11 am and 1 pm, Saturdays and Sundays

Please consider helping, even in a small way, with **site preparations for the Show: setting up tents and stalls, tidying common areas, putting up notices**, etc., as well as **manning the stalls on the day, or helping out in the Cafe**.

It can be a lot of fun and you get to meet your fellow plot holders! We will be putting up a list of jobs that you can sign up for nearer to the time of the Show.

And now, for the competitively-minded among you (and everyone else)...

THE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 31st August 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

ENTRIES desk will be open for all Show entries

You may stage your entries between 2 and 5pm, or as soon as tents/marquees become available for staging

SUNDAY 1st September

8.30am – 11.00am ENTRIES desk open

8.30 am – 11.15am STAGING of all classes

11.30 am – 1.30pm JUDGING of all classes

1.00 pm SHOW OPENS to all

NGS visitors pay an entrance fee

Allotment holders and their families enter for free

1.30 pm (approx) VIEWING of show exhibits

2.00 pm TOURS (meet at Oak Tree by the Container)

3 - 3.30 pm RETRIEVE YOUR ENTRIES if you want them back

3.30 pm All remaining entries will be taken to Produce Stall

3.45 pm (approx) PRIZE GIVING and GCAA RAFFLE

4.00 pm NGS RAFFLE

4.30 pm (approx) SHOW CLOSSES

WHAT CAN YOU ENTER FOR?

Before Show Day:

The 3 Potato Competition: Prize is for the highest combined weight of potatoes from 3 tubers distributed in late March/early April from the Trading Shed and planted on your plot. Tubers will be dug up and weighed approximately one week before the Show by 3 committee members. Please mark the growing area CLEARLY.

Best Plots:

Trophies are awarded for best full plot, best half plot, and best newcomer's half plot/most improved plot

All plot holders (**except** the previous year's winners) are eligible. Plots will be judged about **one to two weeks** before the Show. There will be an independent 3rd judge from another allotment site to ensure impartiality.

Gardener of the Year:

Nominations should be submitted to the Chairman by 16th August 2024. **Serving members of the Committee are ineligible, as are self-nominations.**

Raffle: Don't forget to buy a **Raffle** ticket from the Trading Shed (from early August) £1.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for £4.00.

THE ALLOTMENT SHOW

See below the various categories of and classes in **fruit, vegetables, flowers, produce and baked goods** you can enter below, along with the rules of entry.

REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

Entries are welcome from all members of GCAA. Make sure you have first paid your GCAA subscription (£5.00) and collected your Membership Card (available from the Trading Shed)

1. All exhibits should have been grown by the exhibitor on their own allotment or garden at least eight weeks before the Show. Anyone attempting to gain prizes by

unfair means shall forfeit all prizes awarded to them. The Committee will refuse all further entries from that person. Young people may enter in the Novice/Young People's Section, but not in the adult section. Novices may enter in the Novice/Young People's Section and/or the adult section

2. All exhibits should be grouped under the correct class and should not be moved after staging is complete. Each exhibit should be accompanied by a card bearing the Class and Exhibitor numbers, provided by the Entries desk.

3. No competitor shall be allowed to stage more than one exhibit for any one class unless otherwise stated.

4. Proxy entries will be accepted on receipt of a letter to the Show organisers from the exhibitor confirming that they have grown the items on their allotment.

5. The decision of the Judges is final. The Committee, in consultation with the Judges, may withhold any prize in any Class at their discretion. The GCAA reserves the right to consult with the judge in respect to possible changes or amendments. Protests must be made by 5.00 pm on Show Day to be adjudicated later by the Show Committee.

6. Completed entry forms should be returned to the Entries desk **by 11.15 am** on Show Day.

7. All exhibits should be staged between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the day before the Show **or** between 8.30 am and 11.15 am on Show Day. Judging will commence at 11.30. **Exhibitors must leave the tent by 11.15 am.**

8. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st Prize 4 points, 2nd Prize 3 points, 3rd Prize 2 points, Highly Commended 1 point.

9. All exhibits of fruit and vegetables should be displayed on plates (paper included) **which exhibitors should provide.**

10. All ordinary care will be taken of exhibits but the Association is unable to accept responsibility for loss or damage.

11. Exhibitors will be allowed to recover their exhibits at the time specified in the Show Timetable. **Exhibitors wishing to keep items should mark entry cards with a star sticker available from the entries desk.**

HINTS FOR EXHIBITORS

How to impress the Judge and win more points!

BEANS, RUNNER OR DWARF: Pods long, straight, clear, even, fleshy and brittle, with stalks.

BEETROOT: Uniform size, deep, not flat, small tap roots, well coloured, 3" (7.5cm) stem, tied.

CABBAGE: Of medium size, hearts firm, well-formed leaves, clean with 4" (10cm) of stem.

CARROTS: Of medium size according to variety, good and even form, skin clear, good, bright colour, no side shoots, with 3" (7.5cm) stalk.

CAULIFLOWER: Medium size, firm, rounded, free from stain or frothiness, white and clean with 4" stem.

MARROWS: Of medium size, approximately 9" (23cm) long and 3" (7.5cm) diameter.

ONIONS: Skin clear, rounded or globular, the neck tied with raffia, solid shape, no splits or over skinning.

PEAS: Pods large well filled, of good deep green colour, with bloom, free from rust, of fair size and clean.

POTATOES: Medium size, free from disease, eyes few and shallow, skin clear, fresh and clean.

SHALLOTS: Uniform in size, firm and bright.

TOMATOES: Medium size, skins clear, speckle free and unbroken, flesh solid and ripe, with fresh stalks.

SHOW SECTIONS AND CLASSES

Decide which classes you would like to enter and then circle the class numbers so that you can easily enter them on the entry form

VEGETABLE SECTION

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
1. AUBERGINES	Two with stalks
2. BEANS, RUNNER	Six pods of one variety, with stalks
3. BEANS, FRENCH	Six French Beans, one variety with stalks
4. BEANS, ANY OTHER	Six beans, any other variety
5. BEETROOT	Three of one variety, with 3" (7.5 cm) of tied stalk
6. CABBAGES	Two of one variety, with 4" (10 cm) stalks
7. CARROTS	Three of one variety, with 3" (7.5cm) of tied stalk
8. COURGETTES	A pair for table use, with stalk

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| 9. CUCUMBER | Two of one variety, with stalk |
| 10. LEEKS | Three of one variety. All foliage to be shown;
roots may be trimmed |
| 11. LETTUCE | Two of one variety |
| 12. MARROW | One |
| 13. ONIONS | Five dressed, under 8 oz |
| 14. ONIONS | Three dressed, over 8 oz |
| 15. PARSNIPS | One variety, with 3" (7.5 cm) of tied stalk |
| 16. PEPPERS, Sweet | Pair of one variety with stalk |
| 17. PEPPERS, Chili | Pair of one variety with stalk |
| 18. POTATOES | Three of one variety |
| 19. PUMPKIN | One of any variety, named, judged on quality |
| 20. SHALLOTS | Six of one variety |
| 21. SQUASH | One of any variety, named (e.g. patty pan, crook necked) |
| 22. SWEET CORN | Two cobs, one variety |
| 23. TOMATOES, Cherry | Outdoor or indoor, plate of 5, one variety, with stalks |
| 24. TOMATOES, Medium | Outdoor or indoor, plate of 5, one variety, with stalks |
| 25. TOMATOES, Large | Outdoor or indoor, plate of 3, one variety, with stalks |
| 26. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | Not listed above, named |
| 27. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | Not listed above, named |
| 28. MIXED CULINARY HERBS | One vase of mixed herbs |
| 29. CULINARY HERBS | One variety, in a vase |

30. COLLECTION OF ANY SIX VEGETABLES – ONE OF EACH

The collection may be staged on a tray or board in a basket no larger than 45 cm x 45 cm (18" x 18"). Up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance. Judges' discretion allowed. Maximum 20 points. Please choose from this list:

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>
Aubergine	Courgette	Sweet Pepper
Beetroot	Cucumber	Potato
Broccoli – one head	Leek	Pumpkin
Cabbage – one head	Lettuce – cos variety	Squash / Gourd
Carrot	Lettuce – round variety	Swede
Cauliflower – one head	Marrow	Sweetcorn
Celeriac – top rimmed	Onion (medium or large)	Tomato (medium or large)
Celery – one plant	Parsnip	Turnip

31. COLLECTION OF THREE SALAD VEGETABLES

Quantities shown below. This exhibit should occupy a space no more than 40 cm (16") square. For each exhibit, up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance. Maximum 20 points.

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Number</u>
Beetroot	Three with 3" stalk	Sweet Pepper	Two with stalks
Celery	One whole plant	Radish	Three with 3" stalk
Cucumber	Two with stalks	Salad Cabbage	One
Lettuce	One head with some Trimmed root	Spring Onions	Six tied together
Chili Pepper	Two with stalks	Tomatoes	Three medium or large, or five of one cherry variety

NOVICE / YOUNG PERSONS SECTION

For adult members showing for the first time at our Show or young persons under 16 years old. Please note that novices may also enter any other classes in this schedule, but young persons can only enter in this section and in the designated classes of the domestic section.

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| 32. TOMATOES | Plate of three, one named variety, with calyces attached |
| 33. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | One; please take from vegetable section. |
| 34. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | One; please take from vegetable section. |
| 35. VASE OF MIXED HERBS | Grown by plot holder |
| 36. VASE OF MIXED FLOWERS | Annuals and/or perennials |
| 37. ANY FRUIT | Quantities as in Fruit Section |
| 38. ARRANGEMENT | Mixed autumn theme, can include foliage and/or berries, arranged in a vase of bowl |
| 39. VEGETABLE SCULPTURE | Based on vegetable or fruit. (<i>Young Persons only</i>) |

40. COLLECTION OF THREE KINDS OF VEGETABLES – **NOVICES ONLY**

The collection may be staged on a tray or board in a basket no larger than 45 cm x 45 cm (18" x 18"). Up to 10 points will be awarded for overall quality and 10 points for overall presentation and appearance **for each basket**. Judges' discretion allowed. Maximum 20 points. Please choose **one of each vegetable** from this list:

<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>	<u>Vegetable</u>
Aubergine	Courgette	Sweet Pepper – any colour
Beetroot	Cucumber	Potato
Broccoli – one head	Leek	Pumpkin
Cabbage – one head	Lettuce – cos variety	Squash / Gourd
Carrot	Lettuce – round variety	Swede
Cauliflower – one head	Marrow	Sweetcorn
Celeriac – top rimmed	Onion (medium or large)	Tomato (medium or large)
Celery – one plant	Parsnip	Turnip

FLOWER SECTION

Flower Exhibits RULES: Stems used in displays must show flowers only; no seed heads or berries are allowed (except Class 43). Vases can be made from any material, but must be in proportion to the display. There is limited space so vases should not exceed 12 inches in any class. No marks are awarded for the vase. No accessories such as bows and additional foliage are allowed. Foliage growing naturally from the flowering stem, and still attached to that stem, is allowed. Packing material (including Oasis) to keep the stems in place is allowed.

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| 41. ANNUALS | One vase of one kind, not listed below |
| 42. ANNUALS | One vase, mixed |
| 43. AUTUMN COLOUR | Vase of foliage seeds and berries; vase neck not exceeding 6" (15 cm) |
| 44. DAHLIAS | Decorative, Cactus, or Semi-cactus: vase of five blooms, any one variety |
| 45. DAHLIAS | Vase of mixed varieties viewed all round |
| 46. FLOATING FLOWERS | Leaves allowed |
| 47. MIXED GARDEN FLOWERS | Annuals, perennials &/or flowering shrubs; |
| 48. PERENNIALS | Vase of one variety, excluding those previously listed |
| 49. PERENNIALS | One vase, mixed |
| 50. ROSES | One vase, up to 6 blooms, mixed or of one variety |
| 51. ANY OTHER FLOWER | For which there is no separate class, in one vase |

FRUIT SECTION

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| 52. APPLES, Culinary | Three of one variety, with stalks |
| 53. APPLES, Dessert | Three of one variety, with stalks |
| 54. BLACKBERRIES | Ten, with stalks |
| 55. PEARS | Three of one variety, with stalks |

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| 56. PLUMS | Three of one variety, with stalks |
| 57. RASPBERRIES | Ten, with stalks |
| 58. ANY OTHER FRUIT | Not listed above, named, with stalks |
| 59. DISH OF MIXED FRUIT | Not more than 12" (30 cm) in diameter |

DOMESTIC SECTION

Open to everybody, with two classes for young persons. All cooked items must have list of ingredients on card next to entry, please.

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| 60. POT OF JAM: Stone Fruit | e.g. plum, cherry |
| 61. POT OF JAM: Seed Fruit | e.g. raspberry, strawberry |
| 62. POT OF JELLY | Any sort, labelled |
| 63. POT OF MARMALADE | Labelled |
| 64. POT OF CHUTNEY | Labelled |
| 65. JAR OF PICKLES OR PRESERVES | Other than chutney, labelled |
| 66. CAKE: Vegetable | Made using vegetables, e.g. carrot |
| 67. CAKE: Fruit | Made using fruit, e.g. apples |
| 68. SAVOURY PASTRY / QUICHE | Made using vegetables |
| 69. ANY OTHER EXHIBIT | Appropriate to the domestic section |
| 70. YP COOKIES / BISCUITS
<i>(Young Persons only)</i> | Plate of six cookies or biscuits |
| 71. YP CAKE / CAKES
<i>(Young Persons only)</i> | Plate of six small cakes, or one large cakes |

NOVELTY SECTION

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| 72. CHARD | One full plant in a vase |
| 73. FREAK OR UNUSUAL | Vegetable, fruit, or flower |
| 74. RHUBARB | Longest stick, without leaves;
to be measured in a straight line |
| 75. BEAN, RUNNER | Longest runner bean, with stalk |
| 76. CARROT | Longest carrot |
| 77. MARROW | Heaviest; to be judged by weight |
| 78. PARSNIP | Longest parsnip |
| 79. PUMPKIN | To be judged by weight |
| 80. TOMATOES | One truss, outdoor or indoor, judged by weight |

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ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES DESK COPY

NAME _____ PLOT NO _____ ENTRY NO _____

CLASSES:

Vegetable 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
Novice/YP 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 (Note: 39 YP only; 40 Novices only)
Flower 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
Fruit 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
Domestic 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 (Note: 70 & 71 YP only)
Novelty 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

TOTAL NO OF ENTRIES _____

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ENTRY FORM

YOUR COPY

NAME _____ PLOT NO _____ ENTRY NO _____

CLASSES:

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