

Downley Gardening Society

AUTUMN SHOW



FREE ADMISSION

**St James' Church Hall
Downley**

**SATURDAY
6th SEPTEMBER 2025**

Staging: 8.30 to 10.00am

Open to Public: 2.30 pm
Awards Presentations: 3.30 pm

Refreshments on sale

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IN ST JAMES' CHURCH HALL, DOWNLEY

RULES

1. This Show is conducted in accordance with RHS Show Rules.
2. Exhibitors must be members of the Downley Gardening Society.
3. All entries are free.
4. All entry forms must either be delivered to the Show Secretary by 6pm on Thursday 4th September, or delivered in person to St James Church Hall between 6pm and 7pm on Friday 5th September.
5. Staging is 8.30am to 10am Saturday 6th September. Exhibitors should collect their class cards on arrival at the hall from the Show Secretary.
6. Exhibitors may stage one entry in each class.
7. The number of awards in each class is at the judge's discretion.
8. All entries in pot plant, cacti and succulent classes must be the bona fide property of the exhibitors for not less than two months prior to the day of the show.
9. In all cases the judges' decision shall be final.
10. A junior exhibitor is anyone aged 15 years and under on the date of the show unless otherwise stated and can be the child or grandchild of a DGS member.
11. Exhibitors to supply their own vases for cut flowers although there will be some available.
12. Wine and Beer Classes are open to all members of the Downley Wine and Beer Club and Downley Gardening Society members.
13. Wine entries must be shown in clear, glass bottles of 70/75cl capacity. Liqueurs must be exhibited in similar type bottles but of 37.5cl capacity.
Beers must be exhibited in 1 pint or 500ml non-disposable brown beer bottles with no distinguishing marks (bottle manufacturers marks will be accepted).
Barley wine and strong ale must be exhibited in ½ pint, 250ml or 330ml non-disposable brown beer bottles.
Bottle closures: flanged cork stoppers must be used for both wine and liqueur classes.
Bottle closures for beer must be metallic crown caps or flip tops.
Wines and beers must have been made by the exhibitor, by the process of fermentation.
Judging of exhibits will be carried out taking account of colour, clarity, nose and taste.
14. Points on all classes: 1st - 4 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point.
15. The Show will be open to the public at 2:30pm. Presentation of awards will be at 3:30pm.
16. The Society and Committee will take every reasonable care but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

AWARDS

1. WETHERED CUP Winner of class 1
2. DASHWOOD CUP Best exhibit in vegetable classes 2 to 22
3. SECRETARY'S CUP Best exhibit of potatoes
4. TAYLOR CUP Most points in the vegetable section
5. BOB SMITH CUP Best exhibit in fruit section
6. KEN THOMPSON WESTOVER BOWL Best exhibit in the floral art section
7. LADYMAN CUP Best exhibit in the flower section
8. TEDD BOTT TROPHY Best exhibit in the dahlia classes
9. TAYLOR CUP Most points in the flower section
10. BAKER CUP Best exhibit in the hand-made bread class
11. BRISTOW CUP Best exhibit in the domestic section
12. PRESIDENT'S CUP Best exhibit in the wine and beer section
13. DOWNLEY WINE AND BEER CIRCLE CUP Most points in the wine and beer classes
14. PHOTOGRAPHIC CUP Best exhibit in the photographic section
15. HUGH JONES CUP Best exhibit in the handicraft section
16. MARGARET PIDGEON CUP Best exhibit in the junior sections
17. COMBEN WAKELING TROPHY Most points in the show
18. EMERY TROPHY Most points gained by a family in the show
(which must include one junior section entry)

Contact details:

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VEGETABLE SECTION

It would be appreciated if exhibitors could state the names of the types of vegetables exhibited, if known.

CLASS

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| 1. COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES | 5 different kinds. 1 of each |
| 2. POTATOES WHITE | 5 of one variety |
| 3. POTATOES | other than white, 5 of one variety |
| 4. ONIONS | 3 of 8.5cm (3½ inches) or over |
| 5. ONIONS | 3 under 8.5cm (3½ inches) |
| 6. SALAD ONIONS | 3 with foliage and roots attached |
| 7. RUNNER BEANS | 6 |
| 8. DWARF BEANS | 6 |
| 9. CARROTS | 3 with tops trimmed to 7.5cm (3 inches) |
| 10. TOMATOES | 5 with calyces (stem) attached |
| 11. TOMATOES | Beef Steak type, 3 |
| 12. CHERRY TOMATOES | 1 truss |
| 13. BEETROOT | 3 with tops trimmed to 7.5cm (3 inches) |
| 14. COURGETTES | 2 recommended maximum length 15cm (6 inches) |
| 15. CUCUMBER | 1 |
| 16. SQUASH | 1 |
| 17. GARLIC | 1 bulb |
| 18. LEEKS | 3 blanched or intermediate with roots attached |
| 19. SWEET PEPPERS | 3 |
| 20. CHILLI PEPPER | 6 |
| 21. HERBS | 1 bunch, labelled |
| 22. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | to be named |

JUNIOR VEGETABLE SECTION

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| 23. TOMATOES | 5 with calyces (stem) attached |
| 24. RUNNER BEANS | 6 |
| 25. COURGETTES | 3 |
| 26. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE | to be named |

NOVELTY VEGETABLE SECTION

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| 27. THE LONGEST RUNNER BEAN |
| 28. MISSHAPEN VEGETABLE |
| 29. MONSTER VEGETABLE |

FRUIT SECTION

30. APPLES	3 Dessert
31. APPLES	3 Cooking
32. PEARS	3
33. STONE FRUIT	6 of one variety
34. BERRY FRUIT	10 of one variety
35. ANY OTHER FRUIT	to be named

JUNIOR FRUIT SECTION

36. APPLES	3 Dessert
37. APPLES	3 Cooking
38. STONE FRUIT	6 of one variety
39. BERRY FRUIT	10 of one variety
40. ANY OTHER FRUIT	to be named

NOVELTY FRUIT SECTION

- 41. LARGEST PEAR
- 42. LARGEST APPLE

FLORAL ART

An exhibit should be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified below. Backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated. More than one placement may be included unless otherwise stated. In all exhibits, natural plant material should predominate. No oasis or floral foam should be used. An exhibit will be judged on the use of the flowers. Accessories should not dominate the exhibit. Flowers do not have to be from your own garden.

Space guidance: approximately 60cm wide x 60 cm deep x 90 cms high (24 inches wide x 24 inches deep x 36 inches high)

- 43. Seasonal colour
- 44. Wild and wonderful
- 45. Patriotic

JUNIOR FLORAL ART

- 46. A posy

FLOWER SECTION

It would be appreciated if exhibitors could state the names of the types of flowers exhibited, if known.

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| 47. Collection of flowers | 3 vases, 1 variety in each vase |
| 48. Dahlias | 1 specimen bloom (any size) |
| 49. Dahlias | Above 15cms (6 inches) - 3 blooms of 1 variety |
| 50. Dahlias | Below 15cms (6 inches) - 3 blooms of 1 variety |
| 51. Roses (Hybrid Tea) | 1 specimen bloom |
| 52. Roses (Hybrid Tea) | 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties |
| 53. Roses Floribunda | 3 sprays |
| 54. Vase of Sweet Peas | 6 stems, 1 or more colour |
| 55. Annuals | Vase of 5 stems of 1 variety |
| 56. Vase of Mixed Flowers | From your own garden |
| 57. Any other flower | 3 stems (to be named) |
| 58. Pelargonium (Geranium) | Pot grown. Pot not to exceed 20cm (8 inches) diameter |
| 59. Fuchsia | Pot not to exceed 20cm (8 inches) diameter |
| 60. Flowering Pot Plant | Any other, other than classes 58 and 59. Pot not to exceed 20 cms (8 inches) in diameter |
| 61. Foliage Pot Plant | Pot not to exceed 20cm (8 inches) in diameter |
| 62. Cactus or Succulent | Pot not to exceed 20cm (8 inches) in diameter |
| 63. Pot Plant | Pots larger than 20cm (8 inches)
These may have to be displayed outside |

JUNIOR FLOWER SECTION

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| 64. Annuals | A single bloom |
| 65. Vase of mixed flowers | from your own garden |

DOMESTIC SECTION

66. Victoria sponge	Your own recipe
67. Fairy cakes	6
68. Savoury rolls	6 Sausage or vegetable – please state
69. Chocolate brownies	6
70. Jam	1 pot. Any berry fruit
71. Jam	1 pot. Any stone fruit
72. Jelly	1 pot. Any flavour
73. Marmalade	1 pot Any flavour
74. Pickle or chutney	1 pot Any type
75. Bread	Brown or white loaf, made by hand
76. Bread	Brown or white loaf, made in a bread maker
77. Cordial	Any flavour, in a clear bottle

JUNIOR DOMESTIC SECTION

78. Fairy cakes	6
79. Jam tarts	6

WINE AND BEER SECTION

Open to Downley Gardening Society members and Downley Wine and Beer Club members
Please ensure that the class number is printed on the label. Please see rule 13 at the front of this schedule

80. Red wine	1 bottle. Dry or sweet, please state
81. White wine	1 bottle. Dry or sweet, please state
82. Rosé wine	1 bottle. Dry or sweet, please state
83. Autumn Show wine	1 bottle (made to the recipe circulated to members in the October 2024 newsletter)
84. Beer - bitter	1 bottle
85. Beer - stout	1 bottle
86. Liqueur	½ bottle. Please state type

SENIOR HANDICRAFT SECTION

87. Tapestry & weaving	Picture or pattern
88. Knitted or crocheted article	
89. Embroidery	
90. Any other craft – please state	
91. Wooden article	Turned or carved
92. Pottery	Home-made item
93. Painting	Any medium, maximum dimension 45cm (18 inches)
94. Painting	Any medium, maximum dimension 60cm (24 inches)

All articles in this section must be the own work of the exhibitor

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor. All prints to be up to and including 18cms x 12.5cms (7" x 5"). Name to be printed on the reverse of the print. Portrait or landscape orientation. A single photo

- 95. All creatures great and small
- 96. A garden on my travels

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION 15 years and under

Single Photo maximum size 18cms x 12.5cms (7" x 5"):

- 97. My favourite flower

JUNIOR SECTION Age 9 years and under

- 98. A garden in a recyclable container
- 99. A painted pebble

JUNIOR SECTION Age 10-15 years

- 100. A garden in a recyclable container
- 101. A bird, bug or bee made from natural materials

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