

PRESTWOOD GARDENING SOCIETY

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46th ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESTWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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Keith Suddes

TROPHIES

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trophies 1 to 10 are awarded on points
and 11 to 13 are awarded by the judges:**

1	Classes 1 – 22	Crayfourd Cup
2	Runner up	Charles Tindell Memorial Cup
3	Classes 25 – 30	Gairdner Cup
4	Classes 31 – 33	L G Tibbs Cup
5	Classes 34 – 40	Ada Maud Tibbs Clark Cup
6	Classes 41 – 49	Stanley Baldwin Cup
7	Most Points Floral 31 - 49	Lesley Newman Salver
8	Classes 50 – 72	Chairman's Cup (Most Points)
9	Most Points Overall	Bradshaw Cup
10	Runner Up	Bonsey Shield
11	Best in Horticulture	Hildreths Garden Centre Salver
12	Best in Domestic Section	Joyce Wilton Memorial Salver
13	Best In Show	Maurice Kitson Memorial Salver

RULES

- 1 Exhibits to be staged between 08.15 and 9.45 am.
- 2 The Hall to be cleared of all Exhibitors promptly at 9.45 am.
- 3 The Show opens to the Public at 2.00 pm.
- 4 The Entry Fee is 30p per exhibit except for the children's section which is free.
- 5 Entry Forms and Fees to reach the Show Secretary not later than Sunday 31st August 2025
Late entries are not permitted.
- 6 Prizes to be collected from the Show Secretary's table from 2.30 pm onwards. Money not claimed by 4.30 pm will be deemed to be a donation to the Society's funds.
- 7 Exhibits NOT to be removed before 4.00 pm.
- 8 Multiple entries in any class must be of a different variety.
- 9 Vases will be provided for all exhibits except Classes 31, 34, and 40 - 49. No other vases will be allowed. Pot sizes specified are the approximate inside diameter.
- 10 Classes 41 - 49 exhibits must have been the property of the Exhibitor for three months.
- 11 Domestic and craft exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor.
- 12 All items in Craft Classes 66 to 73 must not have been entered before in Prestwood Gardening Society Shows. Please only enter completed works.
- 13 Entries are restricted to Members only with the exception of Domestic, Craft and Children's Classes.
- 14 All Exhibits shall be at the risk of the Exhibitor and the Society shall not be liable for loss, injury or damage from any cause whatsoever.
- 15 Trophies will be presented at the Show at 4.00 pm and are to be held for one year. They are to be returned to the Show Secretary or a Committee Member by Saturday 1st August 2026.
- 16 Points will be awarded as follows: -
Classes 21 and 40 ... 8; 6; 4
Remaining Classes ... 4; 3; 2 (Not Classes 23 & 24)
Only the Exhibitors highest award in each Class will count towards their score.
- 17 Trophies will be awarded to Members only.
- 18 In the event of a tie for a points trophy, the Member with the most 'Firsts' to be the Winner.
- 19 The Judges' decision is final.

VEGETABLE SECTION

CLASS

JUDGE: Bob Bleasdale

- 1 Three Beetroots, any one variety
- 2 Three Carrots, any one variety
- 3 Three Courgettes, any one variety
- 4 Three Onions from sets (untied tops)
- 5 Nine Shallots, over 1" diameter
- 6 Three Garlic, any one variety
- 7 Three Leeks
- 8 Four Potatoes, any one variety
- 9 Two Parsnips
- 10 One Cabbage, with 2" stalk
- 11 One Cauliflower, with 2" stalk
- 12 Six Runner Beans pods
- 13 Six French Beans pods
- 14 Two Sweet Corn cobs
- 15 One Lettuce, any variety, shown as grown
- 16 Eight Cherry Tomatoes
- 17 Six Tomatoes with stalks
- 18 Three Tomatoes, with stalks, judged for texture and flavour; variety to be named
- 19 Two Cucumber, indoor grown
- 20 Any other vegetable, not in Classes 1 - 19 inclusive
- 21 Collection of 5 kinds of Vegetables, the same numbers as in individual Classes
- 22 Collection of 4 kinds of Herbs displayed in a jam jar, near 1lb size. No flowers on the displayed foliage.
- 23 Longest Runner Bean **Prize £1.00**
- 24 Heaviest Marrow **Prize £1.00**

FRUIT SECTION

CLASS

JUDGE: Bob Bleasdale

- 25 Three Apples, cooking, any one variety
- 26 Three Apples, dessert, unpolished, any one variety
- 27 Five stoned Fruit, any one variety
- 28 Three Pears, any one variety
- 29 Plate of soft Fruit, one variety or kind, 10 fruits or 10 strings of currants
- 30 Any other Fruit not in Classes 25 - 29 inclusive

Note: - *Stalks are required except for Peaches, Nectarines and Figs.*

FLORAL SECTION

CLASS

JUDGE: Bob Bleasdale

- 31 Bowl of Roses, arranged for effect
- 32 Rose, one specimen bloom
- 33 Roses, three stems, one variety
- 34 One Clematis flower in a saucer of water
- 35 Gladioli, three spikes, in one vase
- 36 Dahlias, three blooms, Decorative variety, in one vase
- 37 Dahlias, three blooms, Cactus and Semi-cactus variety, in one vase
- 38 Dahlias, three blooms, excluding Classes 36, 37, in one vase
- 39 Three varieties of Perennials in one vase
- 40 Collection of Mixed Flowers, not less than three kinds in one bowl, max. diameter 8". Judged for quality of blooms & effect
- 41 Fuchsia, any variety, in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 42 Geranium, any variety, in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 43 Orchid, any variety, in a pot
- 44 Pot Plant, Flowering in a pot maximum diameter 6"
- 45 Pot Plant, Flowering in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 46 Pot Plant, Foliage in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 47 Pot Plant, Cactus, in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 48 Pot Plant, Succulent, in a pot maximum diameter 8"
- 49 Bonsai Plant, in container maximum size 8"

PLEASE NOTE RULE 9 FOR THIS SECTION

Some Tips for Exhibitors in the Floral Sections

Read the Show Schedule carefully before deciding your entries. The Judge will read the description of each class before judging it. If your entry does not meet the description it will be declared NAS - not according to schedule – and will not be included in the judging.

Judging Flowers and Ornamental Plants

In assessing the merits of most exhibits of flowers and some exhibits of pot plants consideration will be given to condition and uniformity.

Staging flowers and ornamental plants is particularly important. Although no points are awarded for arrangement, attractive presentations catch the eye of the judge. In the case of cut flowers in metal vases (supplied by the PGS) experienced exhibitors use newspaper or 'Oasis' in the vase to stabilise the individual stems.

The RHS Horticultural Show Handbook classifies Dahlias into 13 Groups (**Groups 1-10 are illustrated on the next page**).

Class 36 calls for 3 blooms from the Decorative Group.

Class 37 calls for 3 blooms from the Cactus Group

Class 38 calls for 3 blooms from the remaining 11 Groups.

Class 40 calls for a collection of mixed flowers in one bowl, with a maximum diameter of 8 inches. A bowl is a vessel where the mouth width measurement is at least equal to, but usually greater than its height. A vase has a greater height than the width measurement of its mouth.

Classes 41 – 49 give the exhibitor a wide range of possibilities, but ensure that your flower pot or container is clean and within the maximum size limits.

Conclusion

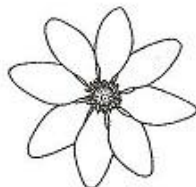
We do not wish to put you off showing – in fact it can be great fun. We welcome new exhibitors and if you want some advice please approach any committee member or the show stewards on the day. We look forward to seeing you at the Show.

DAHLIAS

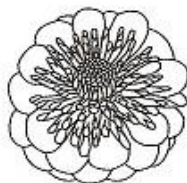
The variety of border hybrids offers a dazzling display of colour and form to every gardener, and no special skills are required to cultivate or propagate them. In colour the flowers range from deep reds, crimsons, purples, hues of mauve, and vibrant pinks to whites, apricots, oranges, bronzes, and brilliant scarlets, in size from the tiny pompons of 52mm (2in) to huge exhibition blooms greater than 254mm (10in) across.

Dahlias are excellent for providing cut flowers and will bloom vigorously throughout summer until the first frosts – provided with the right conditions a single plant may produce up to 100 blooms. Their various flower types (shown below) form the basis of the recognized groups.

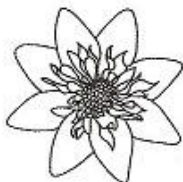
Single – each flower usually has 8–10 broad petals surrounding an open, central disc.



Anemone – fully double flowers each have one or more rings of flattened ray petals surrounding a dense group of shorter, tubular petals, usually longer than disc petals found in single dahlias.



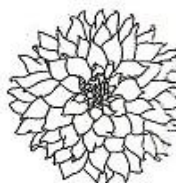
Collerette – single flowers each have broad, outer petals, usually 8–10, and an inner 'collar' of smaller petals surrounding an open, central disc.



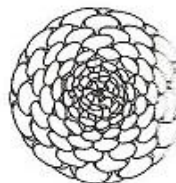
Water-lily – fully double flowers have large, generally sparse ray petals, which are flat or with slightly incurved or recurved margins, giving the flower a flat appearance.



Decorative – fully double flowers have broad, flat petals that incurve slightly at their margins and usually reflex to the stem.



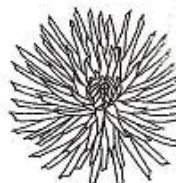
Ball – flattened to spherical, fully double flowers have densely packed, almost tubular petals.



Pompon – flattened to spherical, fully double flowers are no more than 52mm (2in) across – a miniature form of ball flowers.



Cactus – fully double flowers have narrow, pointed petals that can be straight or curl inwards and have recurved edges for more than two-thirds of their length.



Semi-cactus – fully double flowers are similar to cactus flowers but have broader-based petals, the edges of which are generally recurved towards their tips.



Miscellaneous – flowers are in a wide range of unclassified types, including orchid-like (shown right), single and double forms.



CHILDREN'S SECTION ENTRY FORM

NAME	AGE	CLASS

Address _____

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Sunday 31st August 2025 by

**Steve Yates
St John, 44 Honor Road
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Bucks HP16 0NL**

Queries: phone Steve Yates on 01494 866172

ADULT SECTION ENTRY FORM

CLASS	FEE	CLASS	FEE	CLASS	FEE	CLASS	FEE
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DOMESTIC SECTION

JUDGE: Elaine Brown

Prizes: £1.50 £1.00 50p Each class

CLASS OPEN TO ALL POINTS ONLY TO MEMBERS

- 50** Quiche Lorraine using homemade short crust pastry:
max. size 8"
- 51** Tarte Tatin with homemade short crust pastry, max. size 8"
- 52** Six Granary Batch Rolls, own recipe
- 53** One White Loaf, own recipe, bread makers not allowed
- 54** Fruit Loaf

350g/12oz strong white flour	1 x 7g sachet dried yeast
25g/1oz butter	1 medium egg
1 heaped tbsp granulated sugar	1 level teaspoon salt
pinch cinnamon	175ml/6floz tepid water
70g/2½oz dried apricots	35g/1¼oz stoned dates
70g/2½oz large raisins	

Finely chop the dried fruit. Put the flour and salt into a large bowl and rub in the butter. Stir in the yeast, cinnamon, sugar and dried fruit. Add the egg to the water, beat together and then mix into the dry ingredients. Knead for 10mins, then leave to rise, covered in lightly oiled cling film, in a warm place, until doubled in size, for 45mins – 1hr. Knock out the air from the dough and put into a greased and floured 2lb loaf tin. Leave to rise as before until doubled in size. Bake in a preheated oven for around 30mins at 200°C/400°F/Gas 6, then remove from tin and put loaf back in the oven for a final few minutes until it sounds hollow when tapped..

- 55** Four Cherry Scones made with Glace Cherries
- 56** Lemon Swiss Roll, filled with Lemon Curd. 3 egg recipe

DOMESTIC SECTION continued

57 Custard Creams – Plate of ten

For the biscuits

200g/7oz plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
75g/3oz caster sugar
1 tbsp milk

50g/2oz custard powder
125g/4oz unsalted butter
1 medium egg

For the filling

75g/3oz unsalted butter softened 125g/4oz icing sugar
2 tbsp custard powder

Put the flour, baking powder and custard powder into a bowl and add the butter, then rub the butter into the mixture. Add the remaining ingredients and mix until the dough comes together. Wrap the dough in cling film and refrigerate for between 30 mins and a day.

Preheat oven to 160C/320F. Line two baking sheets with parchment. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the chilled dough until 3mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ in) thick. Cut it into rectangles 3cm x 4.5cm and mark with a diamond and then a dot in each corner. Put onto the prepared sheets and bake for 13-15 mins until lightly golden. Allow to cool

To make the filling, put the softened butter into a large bowl and sift over the icing sugar and custard powder. Mix to combine into a fairly thick mixture. Sandwich the biscuits together with the filling with marking showing on the outside.

DOMESTIC SECTION continued

CLASS

58 Carrot Cake

For the cake

175g/6oz soft margarine	225g/8oz caster sugar
225g/8oz self-raising flour	2 eggs
225g/8oz carrots	1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp vanilla essence	½ tsp cinnamon

For the icing

2oz butter softened	4oz icing sugar
4oz cream cheese	1 tsp vanilla essence

Scrape or finely grate the carrots. Grease and line a 20cm/8in cake tin. Place all the cake ingredients in a bowl and beat together until smooth. Spoon into the cake tin and bake in the middle of the oven at for 40-50 mins at 160C/320F. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out to cool.

To make the icing, cream the butter and icing sugar together, then add the cream cheese and vanilla essence and beat until firm. Spread over the top of the cake

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- 59†** One jar home-made Lemon Curd, near 1lb size
 - 60†** One jar home-made Marmalade, near 1lb size
 - 61†** One jar home-made Jam, near 1lb size
 - 62†** One jar home-made Chutney, near 1lb size
 - 63†** One jar home-made Relish, near 1lb size
 - 64** One ramekin of home-made Pate
 - 65** Four Free Range Eggs, uniform in colour, shape and size displayed on a saucer

† Jars, bottles and lids must be plain and free from trademarks.

CRAFT SECTION

Prizes: £1.50 £1.00 50p Each class

CLASS OPEN TO ALL Points only to Members

JUDGE: Helen Nice

- 66*** One Hand Knitted Article
- 67*** One Hand Crocheted Article
- 68*** One Hand Embroidered Article
- 69*** One Cross Stitch Article
- 70*** One Hand Crafted Soft Article.
- 71*** One Hand Crafted Hard Article.
- 72*** One Handmade Thank You Card

* State if own design

JUDGE: Jo Laurie

- 73** Framed painting no larger than 24" square including frame.
(Artist's name to be covered)

PLEASE NOTE RULE 12 FOR SECTIONs 66 - 73

CHILDREN'S SECTION. NO ENTRY FEES

Prizes: £1.50 £1.00 50p Each class

CLASS OPEN TO ALL

JUDGE: Helen Nice

74 Up to 8 Years A Vegetable Dinosaur.

JUDGE: Elaine Brown

75 8-13 Years A plate of four Chocolate Brownies

NOTES

The Prestwood Gardening Society welcomes entries from non-members as well as Members in Classes 50 to 73.

If you are not a Member, why not join?

The Society has talks on various subjects every month in Prestwood Village Hall. They are held on the second Thursday of each month and start at 8.00 pm. In addition to the talks the Society

- arranges Midweek and Weekend visits to gardens
- publishes a regular newsletter
- hosts a splendid Harvest Supper which includes entertainment

Members are also entitled to discounts from a number of suppliers in the area.

You can join the Society at one of the Monthly Meetings, or by contacting the

Membership Secretary, Karen Scott
Email: prestwoodgardeningmembers@gmail.com

Alternatively, you may contact any other member of the committee.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR
PRESTWOOD GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday 10th September - Coach trip to Upton House and Gardens, Warwickshire. Tickets available from Sylvia Sturges.
Email: sylviasturges@gmail.com

Events in Prestwood Village Hall

Thursday 11th September at 8.00 pm – ‘The Gardens of Adwell’ by Colin Roberts.

Thursday 9th October at 8.00 pm – Wildlife talk by Tom Way

Saturday 11th October at 7.15 for 7.30 pm – Harvest Supper with Entertainment.


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