

2026

MARLOW AND DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH 2026
THE LISTON HALL MARLOW
2.30pm



Affiliated to the:

National Vegetable Society Royal Horticultural Society
British Gladiolus Society National Dahlia Society

Admission £1 (Sponsors Free)

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Marlow and District Horticultural Society is grateful to our sponsors, whose generous support helps fund the annual Flower Show.

We are always pleased to welcome new sponsors. Sponsorship costs just £15 per person per year and includes Society membership, free entry to all show classes, and free admission to the Flower Show.

To become a sponsor or for further information, please contact Mrs V. Pounds on 01628 483594.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr B. Moore

Mrs M. Smith

We are looking for new committee members, and for someone to take over running the Flower Show. Please let us know if you may be interested in finding out more information.

SHOW RULES

1. The Shows will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards contained in THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S Horticultural Show Handbook and the National Association of Flower Arrangements Societies of Great Britain, except where under this schedule they obviously do not apply.
2. Unless otherwise stated all exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been in his/her possession for at least two months, unless a shorter period is specified in the schedule.
3. In order to be satisfied that the conditions governing competitive exhibits are fulfilled, the Committee reserves the right to visit by commission, before or after a show, gardens from which plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables have been entered for competition.
4. Not more than one person may enter an exhibit of the same kind from the same garden, nursery or plant house in any one class. This does not apply where plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
5. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and, in the event of such a refusal, it is not to be required to give any reason or explanation.
6. In all cases where cut material is shown, all stems must reach the water in the vase or other receptacle.
7. All exhibits should be correctly named. Errors in naming will not disqualify but the judges should regard correctness and clearness of naming as telling in favour of an exhibit in close competition. If the exhibitor does not know the name of any cultivar the label should bear the words NAME UNKNOWN. Where an unnamed seedling is shown the label should bear the word SEEDLING.
8. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one entry per class.
9. Any prize may be withheld or modified if the exhibits are considered unworthy of the prize offered.
10. On the relative merits of the exhibits the decisions of the judges shall be final but the Committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.
11. Any protest must be made in writing, with a deposit of 50p, to the Show Secretary within one hour of the opening of the show to the public. If upheld the deposit will be returned.
12. After judging has taken place no exhibit or part of an exhibit may be altered or removed until the end of the show, except by the permission of the Show Secretary.
13. All exhibits, personal property etc., shall be at the risk of the exhibitors, and the Society shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Should a Show for any cause not be held, no exhibitor shall have any claim on the Society.
14. Except for flower arrangements vases supplied at the Show must be used. Where bowls are called for these must be supplied by the exhibitor.
15. Dahlias, gladioli and other specialised flowers shall, where applicable, be judged under the classification and rules of the specialist societies concerned.
16. Entry forms accompanied by the appropriate fee must be returned by the time noted on the form.
17. Entrance fees (unless otherwise stated) Championship Classes 40p per class; Open Classes 25p per class; Members Classes 10p per class; Junior classes no fee.
18. Exhibits must occupy the places on the show table indicated by the exhibitors card. When the exhibit is staged the card must be reversed.
19. No exhibitor may move or otherwise interfere with another exhibit.
20. Cups and Trophies are perpetual trophies and must be returned to the Show Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the corresponding show next year. Winners are responsible for safe custody and will be held liable for any damage.
21. NOVICE: In this schedule the definition of Novice is a member who has not won a FIRST PRIZE for that particular flower or class, unless otherwise stated.

JUDGES

General Floral	Mr M. Leon, Bovingdon
Vegetables and Fruit	Mr J. Styles
	Mr A. Carter
Floral Arrangements	Mrs S. Williams, Wargrave
Handicrafts	Mrs R. Daniel, Cookham
Dahlias and Gladioli	Mr M. Chatterton, Maidenhead
Domestic	Ms D. Lowe, Aylesbury
Domestic	Mr L. Tester, Marlow

PRIZE MONEY

(unless otherwise stated)

Open Classes	1st £1.50	2nd £1.00	3rd 50p
Members' Classes	1st £1.00	2nd 75p	3rd 50p
Junior Classes	1st £1.00	2nd 75p	3rd 50p

AWARDS

The Worshipful Company of Gardeners - Diploma for excellence in Horticulture.
The Worshipful Company of Gardeners - Certificate of Merit for Floral Art.
The Worshipful Company of Gardeners - Novice Award for Merit in Horticulture or Floral Art.

Dahlia Society Silver Medal Certificate - Best exhibit in Open Classes.
Dahlia Society Bronze Medal Certificate - Best exhibit in Members' Classes.
The British Gladiolus Society Certificate - Best exhibit of Gladioli.
National Vegetable Society Medal and Certificate - Best single exhibit of Vegetables excluding collections.
The Hughes Challenge plate - This plate is awarded to the best exhibit in Horticulture.

The RHS Banksian Medal

The Medal is awarded to the Competitor obtaining the highest number of points in the whole of the horticultural classes. Points will be awarded in all horticultural classes (Classes 1 to 54) as follows; first place four points, second place three points, third place two points. The competitors who won the Banksian Medal in 2024 and 2025 are not eligible to win this year.

2024 Mrs J. Pearson

2025 Mr. C Oxley

ANNUAL SHOW, SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

LISTON HALL

Staging may take place from 8pm to 9pm on 28TH August and from 8am to 11am on the day of the show, at which time all people other than officials must leave the hall for judging to commence at 11.15 am.

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON DAY OF SHOW

The show will be open to the public from 2.30pm. Raffle drawn at 4.45pm. Presentation of prizes at 5.00pm, after which prize money may be collected from the Show Secretary. Exhibits may then be removed. All prize money not collected on the day will be deemed to be a donation to show funds.

DAHLIAS

OPEN

- Class 1** **South Bucks Championship - Challenge Cup**
1 giant or large bloom in a vase, excluding large pompons.
3 medium blooms in one vase, distinct classification.
5 small or miniature blooms in one vase, distinct classification.
5 pompon blooms in one vase, distinct classification.
1st prize £3 2nd £2 3rd £1
- Class 2** 1 vase of 3 blooms, small or miniature decorative, one or more varieties.
- Class 3** 1 vase of 3 blooms, small or miniature, cactus or semi cactus, one or more varieties.
- Class 4** 1 vase 3 blooms, ball, small or miniature, one or more varieties.

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- Class 5** 1 giant or large bloom, excluding large pompons.
Class 6 1 vase of 3 blooms, distinct classification, one or more varieties.
Class 7 1 vase of 5 pompons, distinct classification, one or more varieties.

GLADIOLI

OPEN

- Class 8** **South Bucks Championship - Wright Cup**
4 vases each to contain one spike non-prim. and/or prim. Not less than two varieties.
1st prize £3 2nd £2 3rd £1
- Class 9** 1 vase of 3 spikes, any variety.
Class 10 1 vase of 3 spikes non-prim, mixed varieties 300, 400 or 500.
Class 11 1 vase of 3 spikes non-prim, one variety 300, 400 or 500.

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- Class 14** 1 spike primulinus variety.
Class 15 1 spike non-primulinus variety.

MEMBERS NOVICES

- Class 16** Annuals: 1 vase, 5 stems, one kind only.
Class 17 Dahlias: 1 vase, 3 blooms.
Class 18 Gladiolus: 1 spike, any type.

GENERAL FLORAL

OPEN

- Class 19** **Dorlen Cup** - Collection of flowers and/or foliage and/or shrubs arranged in one container, front facing. Exhibitors may provide their own containers. Maximum width and depth 30" (76cm), height unrestricted.
1st prize £3 2nd £2 3rd £1
- Class 20** 1 vase of 3 large flowered roses, one or more varieties.
Class 21 1 specimen rose.

ANNUAL SHOW ENTRY FORM

Completed forms, with entry fees, to be lodged with Mrs J. Pearson, 1 The Old Workhouse, Mundaydean Lane, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 3BT. Tel: 01628 485545, not later than **Wednesday August 26TH 2026.**

Additional forms available from the above. **Would cup holders please return polished cups to Mrs J. Pearson at least two weeks before the Annual Show.**

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**Please mark an 'X' against each class you wish to enter.
Donations to prize funds will be most welcome.**

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
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83							

Entrance fees Championship Classes.....40p per class
 Open Classes.....25p per class
 Members' Classes.....10p per class
 Junior Classes.....No fee

Age of exhibitor in Junior Classes.....

I have read the rules and undertake to comply with them.

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

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Address

.....

Postcode: Tel. No.

Email:

If you wish to join the Society, please enclose your annual subscription of £10 together with any entry fees.

On Show day:
 Would exhibitors
 please label the
 entries with
 varieties if known.
 People visiting the
 show love to know
 what is on display.



- Class 22** 1 vase of 3 trusses cluster flowered roses, one or more varieties.
Class 23 1 vase of annuals of one kind only, one or more varieties. Grown from seed this year.
Class 24 1 vase hardy perennials, one kind only. (Shrubs, roses, dahlias, gladioli, and chrysanthemums excluded)

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- Class 25** 1 vase mixed annuals, grown from seed this year.
Class 26 1 vase hardy perennials mixed. (Exclusions as Class 24)
Class 27 1 vase chrysanthemums, 3 sprays, any type or types.
Class 28 1 pot plant - foliage only. Max pot size 9" (23cm) width at rim.
Class 29 1 pot plant in flower (Pelargoniums excluded). Max pot size 9" (23cm) width at rim.
Class 30 1 pelargonium. Max pot size 9" (23cm) width at rim.
Class 31 1 cactus or succulent. Max pot size 9" (23cm) width at rim.

The Booker Garden Centre Cup Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 20 to 31.

VEGETABLES

OPEN

- Class 32 South Bucks Championship - T.O. Wethered Cup**
 A collection of six distinct kinds of vegetables; quantities and kinds to be as stated in classes 34 to 47 below. Cauliflowers (2), Celery (2), and Leeks (2) may be included, as may any other vegetable, in which case for quantity see RHS Handbook. Space allowed 36" x 24" (91.5cm x 61cm). Stand to be supplied by the exhibitor if required.

1st prize £3 2nd £2 3rd £1

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- Members' Challenge Cup**
Class 33 A collection of 3 kinds of vegetables from the following: Potatoes (3), Carrots (3), Tomatoes (3), Runner Beans (3), Onions (3), Space allowed 12" x 24" (30cm x 61cm).

1st prize £1.50 2nd £1 3rd 50p

OPEN

- Class 34** Runner Beans (9).
Class 35 Beans, French, climbing or dwarf (9).
Class 36 Beetroots (3). #
Class 37 Carrots (3).
Class 38 Cucumbers (2).
Class 39 Marrows (2). Not exceeding 15" (38cm).
Class 40 Onions (3). 250g or under.
Class 41 Onions (3). Over 250g.
Class 42 Tomatoes, small fruited and cherry cultivars (10) not to exceed 35mm. #
Class 43 Potatoes, white, kidney, round or oval (5). #
Class 44 Potatoes, coloured, kidney, round or oval (5). #
Class 45 Shallots, not to exceed 30mm diameter (9).
Class 46 Shallots, larger than 30mm diameter (12).
Class 47 Tomatoes medium (5). #
Class 48 4 different kinds of culinary herbs. 1 vase of each. Vases provided.
Class 49 Any other vegetable not included in previous classes.
Class 50 The heaviest tomato (1st prize only).

The Wethered Cup Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 34 to 50.

The Roland Pounds Trophy Awarded for the best exhibit in Classes 45 and 46.

OPEN

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- Class 51** 5 apples, cooking, one variety. #
Class 52 5 apples, dessert, one variety. #
Class 53 Any other fruit, one variety. #
Class 54 Any other fruit, 3 kinds. #

On Show day:

Would exhibitors please label the entries with varieties if known.
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The Rachel Brown Trophy Awarded for the best exhibit in classes 51 to 54.

Plates provided

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor. Natural plant material should be used in all exhibits. Containers to be supplied by the exhibitor.

Definition Novice: A novice this section is an exhibitor who has not won more than THREE FIRST PRIZES in these classes.

Definition Exhibit: Plant material with or without accessories.

OPEN

- Class 55** **Weir Cup.** "Celebration". A petite exhibit. Not to exceed 10" (25cm) width and depth.
Class 56 "Bountiful harvest". An exhibit. Niche 22" (56cm). Opening to 30" (76cm). Depth 24" (61cm). Height 30" (76cm). Staging note: Niche has white background and beige cloth on table.
Class 57 "The rainforest". An exhibit. Niche 22" (56cm). Opening to 30" (76cm). Depth 24" (61cm). Height unrestricted. Staging note: Niche has white background and beige cloth on table.

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- Class 58** "A modern twist". An arrangement. Natural plant material to predominate. Maximum width of exhibit 18" (45cm). Height unrestricted.

MEMBERS NOVICE

- Class 59** "My floral dream". A table centre exhibit to be viewed all around. Maximum diameter 15" (38cm).

The WRVS Bowl Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in Classes 55 to 58.

The Molly Bailey Cup Awarded for the best exhibit in classes 55 to 58.

The society acknowledges with thanks the prize money for Classes 55 to 59 kindly donated by Mr R. N. Plumridge.

JUNIORS - Age under 14 years

- Class 60 Quest Cup**
Make a caterpillar using egg boxes or other materials that can be recycled.
- Class 61 Sherring Cup**
Make a Dragon using fruit and/or vegetables.
- Class 62 Floral Challenge Cup**
Flowers from my garden: A jam jar of flowers. Jam jar provided. To be arranged at the show.
- Class 63 Gavin Cup**
Make a face on a paper plate.
- Class 64 Junior Domestic Cup**
4 gingerbread men.
- Class 83 Challenge Cup**
Make a poster for our flower show.



DOMESTIC

OPEN

- Class 65** 1 jar of blackcurrant jam. *
- Class 66** 1 jar of raspberry jam. *
- Class 67** 1 jar of strawberry jam. *
- Class 68** 1 jar of orange marmalade. *
- Class 69** 1 jar of fruit jelly. *
- Class 70** 1 jar of chutney. *
- Class 71** A plait loaf.
- Class 72** A round of shortbread.
- Class 73** A Victoria sponge cake, 3 eggs etc.
- Class 74** Coconut and almond tart.
- Class 75** 5 fruit scones.
- Class 76** 5 cheese straws.

*Size of jar 12 to 16 oz. (with date on label). No commercial advertising on jar or lid.

Domestic Challenge Cup Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in Classes 65 to 76.

The Judges Cup Awarded for the best exhibit in Classes 65 to 76.

HANDICRAFTS

OPEN

- Class 77** A handmade soft or stuffed toy.
- Class 78** A knitted item.
- Class 79** An item of embroidery, or canvas work (state if own design).
- Class 80** Any drawing, in pencil, biro or pen and ink.
- Class 81** Make an item of jewellery, any medium.
- Class 82** Any other item of craftwork not included in other classes.

Items not to have been exhibited at this show before.

The Craft Cup Awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in Classes 77 to 82.

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