Pet Show

Little Gaddesden VPA

Gaddesden District Village Produce Association

WINTER SHOW

The Village Hall

Little Gaddesden

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2020 @ 2:30PM

PRIZE GIVING AT 3:30PM

ADMISSION £1

FREE ADMISSION FOR UNDER 16s

This booklet is to help exhibitors by making clear exactly what is required of them. The rules below and the guidelines within set the standards by which exhibits will be judged. The entry form is in the centre pages.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries are open. RHS Horticultural Show Handbook rules apply.
2. All exhibits must have been grown, raised or made by the exhibitor.
3. Any exhibitor may submit one entry only in each class (not pets).
4. Entry forms should be submitted no later than:

   8.00pm on WEDNESDAY 5 February 2020
5. **EXHIBITORS MUST STAGE THEIR ENTRIES BEFORE 11.00am on the day of the show, either between 9.00am and 11.00am on that day or between 8.00pm and 9.00pm on Friday evening. After 11.00am exhibitors, except those retained for official duties, must leave the hall.**
6. Exhibitors must provide their own plates and containers.
7. Each exhibit must bear a card provided by the committee. The correct placing of this card is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Junior exhibitors must indicate their ages in years on the reverse of the card.
8. Exhibits in trade containers will be disqualified (e.g. lids or bottles carrying the maker's name)
9. Exhibits must remain in the hall until the prizegiving is finished.
10. The decision of the judges is final as to the relative merit of exhibits and that of the GDVPA Committee shall be final on all other matters connected to the show.
11. Objections may be lodged with any committee member by 3.00pm on the day of the show.
12. Exhibits donated for sale in the show auction are much appreciated. Leave your items behind after the prize giving if you wish them to be auctioned.

For hints and advice on staging a successful entry, please go to page 11

DIVISON A – VEGETABLES

Judge: Ernie Hull

1.	Brussels sprouts	6 buttons
2.	Any cabbage or Savoy, hearted	1 head
3.	Leeks	2
4.	Beetroot	2 roots
5.	Carrots, long tapering	3 roots
6.	Carrots, other than long, tapering	3 roots
7.	Parsnips	2 roots
8.	Potatoes, coloured	3 tubers
9.	Potatoes, white	3 tubers
10.	Potatoes, two named varieties, three of each	6 tubers
11.	Onions, specimen	3 bulbs
12.	Onions, under 3" diameter (gauge available)	3 bulbs
13.	Shallots, any size	6 bulbs
14.	Any other vegetable, one distinct variety	2 specimens
15.	Complete stalk of Brussels sprouts, excluding root	1 stalk
16.	**Tray** of 9 vegetables, three each of three distinct sorts from classes in Division A. Tray size: maximum 50cm x 46cm	

Points and Prizes	1st	3 points £1	2nd	2 points 50p	3rd	1 point 30p
Class 16 only	1st	3 points £2	2nd	2 points £1	3rd	1 point 50p

DIVISION B – MISCELLANEOUS

Judge: Ernie Hull

17.	Cooking apples	dish of 3
18.	Dessert apples	dish of 3
19.	Seeds, named vegetable, one kind	small dish provided
20.	Seeds, named flower, one kind	small dish provided
21.	Eggs – hens'	dish of 3
22.	Eggs – bantams' or ducks'	dish of 3
23.	Longest leek – including root	1 plant
24.	Heaviest root vegetable	1 plant
25.	Pot plant for foliage effect, maximum 30cm pot	
26.	Pot of Hyacinths, maximum 30cm pot	
27.	Pot of bulbs, any variety except Hyacinths, maximum 30cm pot	
28.	Pot plant in flower, maximum 30cm pot	
29.	Potted Cactus or other succulent, maximum 30cam pot	

Notes for Division B:

- Classes 26 and 27 – the bulbs must have been planted by the exhibitor
- Classes 25 and 28 – the pot plant must have been in the ownership and care of the exhibitor for at least three months.

DIVISION C – HOME MADE WINES, SPIRITS and JUICES

Judge: TBC

30. A seasonal gin – sloe, plum, rhubarb, damson or other
31. A home-made flavoured spirit, e.g. sloe or blackberry vodka
32. A home-made wine, e.g. quince wine
33. A home-brewed ale or cider
34. Home grown apple or pear juice (may be pressed externally)

Note for Division C:

- Exhibits should be presented in an unbranded bottle of between 330ml and 750ml

DIVISION D – PRESERVES

Judge: Jo Gush

35.	Marmalade, Seville orange, fresh fruit only	1lb maximum jar
36.	Marmalade, any other kind	1lb maximum jar
37.	Jam, Plum	1lb maximum jar
38.	Jam, any other kind	1lb maximum jar
39.	Lemon Curd	1 jar
40.	Jelly	1 jar
41.	Chutney, any kind	1 jar
42.	Pickled Onions/Shallots	1 jar
43.	Pickles, any other kind	1 jar

Notes for Division D:

- Items must be clearly labelled including a full date on the label
- All entrants must be in a plain jar
- Any type of closure may be used for preserves except Lemon Curd, which should have a wax circle and cellophane top
- Vinegar products should be at least 12 weeks old and ready to eat
- No preserve should be older than 1 year
- The judge will be looking for a jar that is filled to within 3mm of the top, covered with a wax disc and cellophane top, or brand new plain metal top without internal wax disk
- Wax disks are not required if jars are vacuum-sealed
- Jar and lids must be free from any type of branding
- Pickles and chutneys contents should be filled to within 12mm if the top, covered with a brand new white metal top

Points and Prizes for D & E	1st	3 points £1	2nd	2 points 50p	3rd	1 point 30p

DIVISION E – COOKERY

Judge: Jo Gush

44. 3 White bread rolls
45. 1 Granary loaf (max 2lb / 1kg)
46. 3 Millionaire squares (2"/ 5cm squares)
47. 1 Double chocolate loaf cake – see recipe on page 7
48. 3 Scotch pancakes (max 4" / 10 cm)
49. 1 Victoria sponge cake (max 9" / 23cm)
50. 1 Simnel cake (max 9" / 23cm)
51. Mushroom pate (max 4" / 10cm bowl)
52. Salmon mousse (max 4" / 10cm bowl)
53. Savoury flan (max 9" / 23cm)
54. 3 Sausage rolls, shortcrust pastry
55. 3 Savoury scones
56. 5 Cheese straws
57. 1 Jam swiss roll
58. Men's Class – Carrot Cake (9" / 23cm) – recipe below – no trophy points

CARROT CAKE RECIPE – Class 58 – Men Only

Ingredients

- 250g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 400g caster sugar
- 350ml vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 350g grated carrots
- 120g chopped walnuts

Cream Cheese icing

- 225g cream cheese
- 110g margarine, softened
- 450g icing sugar
- 120g chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Method

Preheat the oven to 180 C / gas 4. Grease and line two 23cm round cake tins. In a bowl stir together the flour, cinnamon and sugar. Add the oil and eggs, mix until blended, then stir in the carrots and nuts. Bake for 25 – 30 mins in the preheated oven. A skewer inserted into the cake should come out clean. Cool cakes on wire racks and then turn out. To make icing; cream together the butter and cream cheese, add sugar and cream well. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Use to fill and ice cake layers.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE LOAF CAKE – Class 47

Ingredients

- 175g softened butter
- 175g golden caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 140g self-raising flour
- 85g ground almonds
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 100ml milk
- 4 tbsp cocoa powder
- 50g plain chocolate chips
- A few extra chunks white, plain and milk chocolate for decorating

Method

Heat oven to 160 C/140 C fan/Gas 3. Grease and line a 2lb / 900g loaf tin with a long strip of baking parchment. Beat the butter and sugar with an electric whisk until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, milk and cocoa until smooth. Stir in the chocolate chips, then scrape into the tin. Bake for 45-50mins until golden, risen and a skewer poked in the centre comes out clean.

Cool in the tin, the lift out onto a wire rack over some kitchen paper. Melt the extra chocolate chinks separately in pans over barely simmering water, or in bowls in the microwave, then use a spoon to drizzle each in turn over the cake. Leave to set before slicing.

DIVISION F – FLORAL ART

Judge: Pamela Ferguson

Exhibits will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual – Third Edition 2015. NB Natural plant material should predominate in exhibits. 'Natural plant material' includes flowers, foliage, fungi, fruit, vegetables, berries, seed heads, seaweed and can be fresh or dried.

59. 'St David's Day' – max table space 40cm by 40cm, no height limit. Accessories permitted
60. 'Round the Twist' – max table space 30cm by 30cm, max height 40cm. No accessories permitted
61. 'Pot Pourri' – petite arrangement using dried plant material <u>only</u> – max dimensions 25cm in any direction
62. 'Ocean Depths' – max 40cm by 40cm by 40cm. Accessories permitted

Class 63 is judged by the public. A donation Is made to The Hospice of St Francis

63. An arrangement in a container of your choice using <u>only</u> foliage – may not contain berries, catkins, seed heads, flower buds or bracts. Max 40cm by 40cm, no height limit

<u>Note for Division F:</u>

- Petite (small scale design) – an exhibit not exceeding 25cm in width and depth. Should appear as a petite version of a large-scale design

DIVISION G – CHILDREN

Judges: Hilary Catchpole, Linda Buchanan-Barrow & Phil Richardson

Entries should be young person's own work with adult supervision only where necessary. No kits are to be used in constructing the exhibits. Help may be given with the use of the oven, hob, sharp scissors etc.

Under 6 Years Old

64. Make a colourful paperchain snake
65. Cut or fold a paper plate to make a mouse or snowman
66. Use a handprint to create a robin, sit him on a branch and paint or collage a wintery background

6 to 10 Years Old Inclusive

67. Create and decorate a dream catcher
68. Paint a wax resist picture
69. Bake and ice 4 Valentines biscuits

11 to 16 Years Old Inclusive

70. Build an insect house
71. Make a wintery flower arrangement in a mug
72. Make a cake of your choice and decorate with a sports theme (9" / 23cm)
73. Design and make your own model of a go-cart

Young Person's Photography (16 years and under)

Maximum size 25cm x 20cm in all classes

74. **Reflections –** What does 'to reflect' mean?
75. **Imprint –** what impact do humans leave in the environment
76. **Village in Detail –** A close-up image of something in the village that is recognizably from the civil parish of Little Gaddesden
77. **Pet Portrait –** Capture your pets' personality and show what they mean to you

DIVISION H – PHOTOGRAPHY, ART and HANDICRAFT

Judges: Pamela Ferguson & Phil Richardson

Photography

Maximum size 25cm x 20cm in all classes

78. **Natural Apertures –** Find an aperture to photograph through, the scene is as important as the aperture you use

79. **The Sun** – anything that has a relationship with the word sun

80. **Portrait of the Soul** – use a relevant location and/or items which are synonymous with the sitter, ensuring the picture is about them

81. **Connotation** – this picture must only be a representation of your subject or idea, which must not be visible in the picture

Art and Handicraft

82. A Portrait – max 50cm x 40cm

83. A handmade Easter card

84. A knitted or crocheted scarf – max 6ft / 183cm

85. Decorated flowerpot – max 4" / 10cm

An Exhibition of Work

86. Please enter an item of needlework, tapestry, cross-stitch, patchwork, sugar craft, woodwork or any other art or craft form. You may exhibit work that has been shown before. We would like to give the village an opportunity to see the work of the talented folk we have among us. This class will not be judged.

DIVISION I – PETS

Judge: Georgie Steele R.V.N

Owners aged 5 years to 16 years inclusive

Open to household and garden pets.

87. Dogs
88. Cats
89. Rabbits or Guinea Pigs
90. Any other small pet

Prizes	1st	Rosette Plus £3	2nd	Rosette Plus £2	3rd	Rosette Plus £1

This division will be judged on the following criteria

✓Knowledge of feeding ✓Good temperament

✓Care and grooming ✓Good health and condition

Rules for Division I

a) Entry to the judging must be by the back door of the stage, then to the show by the front door without animals.
b) Exhibitors must arrive by 2:30pm sharp.
c) One pet only per exhibitor. No fancy dress, ribbons or trimmings.
d) Pets must have been in the care of the exhibitor for not less than three months or have been bred by the exhibitor.
e) Only the exhibitor with pet in the judging area.
f) Pets must remain in the stage area and shouldn't be left alone.
g) Exhibitors must be responsible for the cleanliness of their charge and for any damaged caused.
h) The stewards will take every reasonable care to ensure that sick or unsuitable animals are not exhibited; this does not alter the condition that exhibitor and pet enter entirely at their own risk.
i) Please note that under no circumstances can any pet be allowed in the main hall.

TOP TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SHOW

1. **Read the show schedule carefully**
   Check your entry against the wording of the criteria for the class that you would like to enter. For example: "Class 6 – 5 pansies" – the judges would be looking for either uniform sized blooms or five head of different varieties.

2. **Terminology**
   In this schedule, the words "kinds" and "varieties" are used in the following sense:
- Potatoes are KINDS of vegetables
- Arran Pilot and Majestic are VARIETIES of potatoes

3. **Take your time**
   If you are exhibiting in the vegetable division, take your time to present your entry in the best possible way – Is your exhibit clean and fresh? Is your plate the correct size? Do you need a cloth to lay your exhibit on? This will enable the judge to see immediately the quality of the exhibit but it allows the exhibitor to enhance the colour or accentuate the exhibit.

4. **Know your recipe**
   It is often easy to be disqualified if you are not aware of the what the judge will also be looking for. If in doubt, consult the WI guidelines "On With The Show" a reference copy of which can be found at the VPA store.

5. **Attention to detail**
   If you are exhibiting root crops make sure that they are straight and disease free. Potatoes should be firm, fresh and even in size and free from blemishes.

   When entering a cake, check that you have removed any non-stick paper used during the cooking and when entering a jam or jelly, ensure that the seal is content appropriate.

6. **Comments**
   Each judge will leave you a comment that is designed to help you improve your next exhibit or display it to better advantage. We hope you will find their opinions informative.

THE SERVICES YOUR VPA WILL DELIVER IN 2020:

VPA GARDEN STORE

For your garden supplies, wild bird food and advice
Open every Sunday
10.00am to 12 noon
from Sunday 26 January 2020

AGM

Tuesday 21 April 2020

WINTER SHOW

Saturday 6 February 2021
2.30pm at Little Gaddesden Village Hall
Classes for all ages and interests

SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 22 August
2.30pm at Little Gaddesden Village Hall
Show off your horticultural, artistic, craft or baking skills at our annual event

PLANT SALE

Sunday 24 May 2020

HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ

End the farming and horticultural year at a dinner with friends and fellow residents
Saturday 10 October
6.30pm at Little Gaddesden Village Hall

Website: LGVPA.ORG

Membership costs just £5 per household per year

All profits go to village projects and local good causes