



Little Gaddesden VPA

Gaddesden District Village Produce Association

WINTER SHOW

The Village Hall

Little Gaddesden

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2024 @ 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, the guidelines within, set the standards by which exhibits will be judged. The entry forms are separate documents.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries are open. The rules of the RHS and WI generally apply but with a few exceptions to encourage participation and competition.
2. All exhibits must have been grown, raised or made by the exhibitor.
3. Any exhibitor may submit **two entries into each class.**, except Pets.
4. Entry forms should be submitted no later than:
8.00pm on WEDNESDAY 31 January 2024
5. **EXHIBITORS MUST STAGE THEIR ENTRIES BEFORE 11.00am on the day of the show, entering the hall between 8.45am and 10.45am on that day, or by previous arrangement between 7.00pm and 8.00pm on Friday evening. By 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. Stewards will be on hand to give guidance.
8. Exhibits in trade containers will be disqualified (eg lids or bottles carrying the maker's name).
9. Entrants must properly label their exhibits to identify type, date, ingredients as appropriate.
10. Exhibits must remain in the hall until the prizegiving is finished.
11. 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.
12. Any objections may be lodged with a committee member by 3.00pm on the day of the show.
13. The cost of entry to the show is £1.00 per adult, paid at the door, children age 16 or under are free. Doors open at 2:30pm
14. Specific Rules for Division I, Children's Pets, are provided separately, arrival via the back door onto the stage, promptly at 2:30pm.

For hints and advice on staging a successful entry, please go to page 12

DIVISION A – VEGETABLES

Judge: Ernie Hull

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| 1. | Brussels sprouts | 6 buttons |
| 2. | Any cabbage or Savoy, hearted | 1 head |
| 3. | Leeks | 2 stalks |
| 4. | Beetroot | 2 roots |
| 5. | Carrots, long tapering | 3 roots |
| 6. | Carrots, <i>other than long tapering</i> | 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 Brussel 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
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Class 16 only:	1st	3 points £2	2nd	2 points £1	3rd	1 point 50p
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DIVISION B – MISCELLANEOUS

Judge: Ernie Hull

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| 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 30cm 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: Nigel Barden

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: Chris O'Callaghan

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 ready for eating	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	2nd	2 points	3rd	1 point
			£1		50p		30p

DIVISION E – COOKERY

Judge: Chris O'Callaghan

44. 3 Wholemeal bread rolls
45. 1 Cottage loaf (max 2lb / 1kg)
46. 3 Brownie squares (2" / 5cm squares)
47. 1 Creme Caramel (1 portion size)
48. 1 Victoria sponge cake (max 9" / 23cm)
49. 1 Ginger cake (max 9" / 23cm)
50. Vegetable Pate (max 4" / 10cm bowl)
51. Savoury flan (max 9" / 23cm)
52. 3 Sausage rolls, shortcrust pastry
53. 5 Cheese Straws
54. 3 Fruit scones
55. 1 Fruit Meringue Roulade (ie Strawberry, Lemon Curd)
56. Men's Class – Mary Berry's 'very best' "Apple Dessert Cake" –
recipe below – no trophy points

[Remember to provide ingredient details with each entry to aid Judging in regards to any allergens etc]

Apple Dessert Cake – Class 56 – Men Only

Ingredients

- 255g self-raising flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 225g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs
- Half tsp almond extract
- 150g butter, melted
- 250g cooking apples, peeled and cored
- 25g flaked almonds

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Lightly grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin.
2. Measure the flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs, almond extract and melted butter into a bowl. Mix well until blended, then beat for a minute.
3. Spread half of this mixture in the prepared tin. Thickly slice the apples and lay on top of the mixture in the tin, piling mostly towards the centre.
4. Using two dessert spoons, roughly spoon the remaining mixture over the apples. Make sure that the mixture covers the centre, as it will spread out in the oven.
5. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds. Bake in the preheated oven for one hour 15 minutes, or one hour 30 minutes, until golden and coming away from the sides of the tin.

WINTER SHOW TROPHIES 2024

VPA Winter Fruit and Vegetable Trophy	Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Division A – Vegetables <small>(excluding Class 16 Tray of 9 vegetables)</small>
Reg Bond Cup	Awarded for the best individual exhibit in Division A – Vegetables <small>(excluding Class 16 Tray of 9 vegetables)</small>
Kathleen Talbot Rose Bowl	Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Divisions D – Preserves and Division E - Cookery
Nan Parker Cup	Awarded to the winner of Class 48 Victoria Sponge
Duncan Cup	Awarded to the best exhibit Division F - Floral Art
Wilson Cup for Under 6's	Awarded to the best exhibit in Division G - Children, Classes 62, 63 and 64
Young Exhibitors' Cup	Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Division G – Children; [6 to 10 year olds inclusive]
VPA Junior Cup	Awarded to the best exhibit in Division G - Children, Classes 65, 66 and 67; [6 to 10 year olds inclusive]
VPA Senior Cup	Awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in Division G – Children; [11 to 16 year olds inclusive]
CM Cup	Awarded to the best exhibit in Division G - Children, Classes 68, 69 and 70; [11 to 16 year olds inclusive]
Champion Pet Cup	Awarded to the Champion Pet in the Winter Show
Daphne Brooks Cup	Awarded to the best exhibit in Division H - Photography, Art and Handicraft <small>(excluding Class 84 – An Exhibition of Work)</small>
Basil Thorne Cup	Awarded to the winner of Class 56 – Men's Cake

DIVISION F – FLORAL ART

Judge: Judy Wortley

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.

57. **'Royal British Legion'** an exhibit with the RBL colours of blue and gold predominating; accessories may be used; 18" / 46cm maximum in any direction
58. **'From the Market'** an exhibit using mainly Fruit and Vegetables; accessories may be used; 20" / 51cm maximum in any direction
59. **'Country Style'** an arrangement in a mug using only foliage and berries; 12" / 30cm maximum in any direction
60. **'Decorative Miniature'** an arrangement in a container of your choice, not to exceed 4" / 10cm maximum in any direction
61. **'Wonka'** (recent film based on Charlie and the chocolate factory by Roald Dahl) an arrangement to interpret and reflect this story, accessories may be used; 18" / 46cm maximum in any direction

DIVISION G – CHILDREN

Judge: Linda Buchanan-Barrow

Entries should be the 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

62. Draw a picture of 'Your Friend' (Max 12" x 10" / 30cm x 25cm)
Perhaps you could colour in your friend?
63. Make a dinosaur using 'play-doh'. Is he friendly or fierce?
64. Make 5 Peppermint creams. You could make them heart shape for Valentine's Day and decorate them if you wish?

6 to 10 Years Old Inclusive

65. Make a 'Lego' model of a 'Castle' or 'Palace' (no kits)
66. Bake and decorate 3 Valentine Cakes
67. Create a 'Rocket' out of junk material. Look at the rocket Vulcan on its way to the moon.

11 to 16 Years Old Inclusive

68. Bake 3 Scones. Make it look attractive for afternoon tea with jam and butter on the side.
69. Design and create a stage set for a pantomime. Illustrate the backdrop and make some props.
70. Use any medium to create a heart for Valentine's Day.

Judge: Phil Richardson

Young Person's Photography (16 years and under)

Maximum size 25cm x 20cm in all classes

71. My hobbies
72. Favourite place in Little Gaddesden
73. Animal or Insects in the village
74. Favourite person in the village

DIVISION H – PHOTOGRAPHY, ART and HANDICRAFT

Judge: Phil Richardson

Photography

Maximum size 25cm x 20cm in all classes

75. Sunset or Sunrise in Little Gaddesden

76. Architecture or Buildings in Little Gaddesden

77. Translucent: “Look Through”

(not transparent or clear glass; try ice, plastic, sheers or coloured glass)

78. Local Landscapes

Judge: TBA

Art and Handicraft

79. A Portrait – max 50cm x 40cm

80. A handmade Valentine’s Day card

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

82. Decorated flowerpot – max 4” / 10cm

An Exhibition of Work – what would you like to share with us?

83. 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 but we will all enjoy viewing your creativity.

DIVISION I – PETS

Judge: Nicci Hawes

Owners aged 5 years to 16 years inclusive

Open to household and garden pets.

84. Dogs

85. Cats

86. Rabbits or Guinea Pigs

87. Any other small pet

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



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10.00am to 12 noon



WINTER SHOW

Saturday 8 February 2025
2.30pm at Little Gaddesden
Village Hall
Classes for all ages and
interests

AGM

Wednesday 24 April 2024
6.30pm
TFH (Church)



SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 24 August
2.30pm at Little Gaddesden
Village Hall
Show off your horticultural,
artistic, craft or baking skills at
our annual event

PLANT SALE

Sunday 19 May 2024
10am Village hall car park



HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ

End the farming and
horticultural year at a dinner
with friends and
fellow residents
Saturday 28 September
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