OMBERSLEY GARDENING CLUB

47th FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

OMBERSLEY MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2025

Doors open at 2.15pm

Show Timetable

9.00-10.45am	Staging of exhibits in the Memorial Hall.
10.45am	Hall closed for judging. Entries made later than 10.45 will not be accepted.
2.15pm	Show opens. Free public admission. Refreshments available.
3.45pm	Prizegiving followed by raffle.
4.20pm	Items to be auctioned placed on auction table.
4.30pm	Auction of surplus items in aid of Perennial, the UK's only charity dedicated to helping people who are retired from, or currently work with plants, trees, flowers or grass.
5.00pm	Close of show

Entry is open to members and non-members alike.

No more than 2 entries per household in any class.

A fee of 30p per entry is payable when exhibits are entered.

£1 cash prize is given for the entry judged first in all classes in Sections A B C D E G H. The prize may be collected from the Treasurer.

Please do not remove any exhibits until after the prize giving and raffle draw. You may then collect any exhibits not to be auctioned.

Raffle prizes that are not claimed at the show will be available for collection at the next club meeting.

If you have any questions about the show schedule, please contact Andrew Westlake, Show Secretary, on 07941 353193.

SECTION A – FLOWERS – SECRETARY'S TROPHY
Most number of points in the flower section

Padding is allowed in order to show the flowers to their best advantage. Pot plants should be in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 4 months prior to the show.

Class

1 Sweet peas - annual (5 stems)

2 Sweet peas – perennial (5 stems)

3 Dahlias, any one variety (3 stems)

4 Dahlias, any variety – can be mixed (max 5 stems)

5 Rose (1 stem)

6 Rose, floribunda (1 stem)

7 Lily (1 stem)

8 Hydrangea head (1)

9 Flowering plant, indoor or outdoor (in pot max 8"/20cms diameter) (not already classed)

10 Foliage plant, indoor or outdoor (in pot max 8"/20cms diameter)

11 Cactus or Succulent (in pot max 8"/20cms diameter)

12 Collection of different species of flowers in a single colour (5 stems)

13 Fuchsia (in pot 8"/20cms) (1 plant)

14 Fuchsia heads - displayed in any medium (max 6 heads)

15 Pelargonium/Geranium (in pot max 8"/20cms) (1 plant)

16 Pelargonium/Geranium – cut bloom in vase/container (1 stem)

17 Begonia, flowering (in pot max 8"/20cms) (1 plant)

18 Gladiolus (1 stem)

19 Collection of 3 different shrubs, flowering or non-flowering (3 stems)

20 Any other flowers not already classed (3 stems)

21 Pansy or Viola (leaves optional) (1 stem)

SECTION B – VEGETABLES – JACK BENTON SHIELD

Most number of points in the vegetable section

Exhibits in Section B to be shown on paper plates as appropriate. All one variety unless specified otherwise.

Class

22 Potatoes, white (3)

23 Potatoes, coloured (3)

24 Beetroot, leaves trimmed to 3" (3)

25 Carrots, leaves trimmed to 3" (3)

26 Shallots, tops tied (3)

27 Onions, **not skinned** (3)

28 Cabbage, with stalk, no roots (1)

29 Runner beans, with stalks (5 pods)

30 Longest runner bean (1)

31 French beans, dwarf, with stalks (5 pods)

32 French beans, climbing, with stalks (5 pods)

33 Lettuce, with stalk (1)

34 Cucumber (1)

35 Marrow (15"/38cm max length) (1)

36 Courgettes (6"/15cm max length) (3)

37 Any other vegetable (1)

38 Peas, with stalks (max 5 pods)

39 Sweet peppers or chillies, one variety (3 fruits)

40 Parsley, fresh (6 stalks)

41 Six varieties of herbs in a container

42 A basket or trug of mixed vegetables

43 Tomatoes, with stalks (5)

44 Tomatoes, cherry type (1 truss not necessarily all ripe)

SECTION C – FRUIT – R GRIFFITHS TROPHY

Most number of points in the fruit section

Exhibits in Section C to be shown on paper plates

Class

45 Soft fruit of same variety, with stalks (5)

46 Plate of redcurrants or blackcurrants on stalks (5 stalks)

47 Plums, with stalks (5)

48 Any other variety of fruit not already classed (5)

49 Collection of 3 different types of fruits (max 9 fruits)

SECTION D – FLORAL ART – COMMITTEE TROPHY

Most number of points in the floral art section

Flowers and foliage need not be home grown in Section D

Class

50 A petite arrangement – maximum size 3" x 3" (7.5cm x 7.5cm)

51 Arrangement inspired by a song title – accessories allowed

52 Arrangement – In an unusual container

53 Arrangement with a water theme – accessories allowed

NB. No floral foam to be used unless it is biodegradable foam

SECTION E – PRESERVES & CAKES – W HESKETH TROPHY

Most number of points in the preserves and cakes section

Class

54 Jar of honey – homemade (own hives)

55 Jar of jam – stoned fruit

56 Jar of jam – soft fruit

57 Jar of marmalade

58 Jar of lemon curd

59 Jar of fruit jelly

60 Jar of pickles, any variety

61 Jar of chutney, any variety

NB As appropriate:

Number on jar, not lid.

Number on plate, not cling film

62 A plate of fruit biscuits (4 biscuits)

63 Fruit upside-down cake - own recipe

64 Caramel/Millionaire shortbread (4 pieces) – set recipe see page 9

65 Decorated fairy cakes (4) Taste & decoration will be judged

66 Victoria Sandwich (own recipe) to include raspberry jam & caster sugar; no cream or buttercream

67 Treacle tart, own recipe

68 Sausage rolls (5)

69 Carrot Cake (own recipe)

70 Any home-made alcoholic drink, wine, cider or beer excluding fruit spirits

72 Any home-made drink – non alcoholic

73 Fruit spirits (eg fruit plus gin or vodka)

SECTION F – FOR CHILDREN UP TO and INCLUDING YEAR 6 - TREASURER'S CUP
Most number of points in the children's section

Every exhibit must carry the child's age in years and months, no names

74 A decorated container with a plant growing in it

75 Arrangement of weeds in a welly

76 Face on a plate made from fruit and/or vegetables

77 Decorated fairy cakes (3)

SECTION G – ARTS & CRAFTS – GARDENING CLUB TROPHY
Most number of points in the Arts & Crafts section

All arts and crafts should have been painted or made within the last 5 years and not exhibited previously.

Class

78 A watercolour painting

79 A homemade soft toy

80 A knitted or crocheted item, hand or machine

81 A Christmas tree decoration – any medium

82 An item made from wood and/or metal components

83 Any type of needlework – own design

83a Any type of needlework using a kit or commercial pattern

84 Something new from something old

SECTION H – PHOTOGRAPHY – GARDENING CLUB SHIELD

Most number of points in the photography section

Coloured photograph, unframed, not exceeding 9” x 7” (23 x 18cm) including any mount, if used. To be taken by the exhibitor personally within the last 5 years and not exhibited previously.

Class

85 Weather

86 A bridge

87 Flora

88 Mechanical

Set Recipe - Millionaires' Shortbread

This recipe will make about 24 bars. Only 4 bars need to be exhibited.

For the shortbread
250g plain flour
75g caster sugar
175g softened butter

For the caramel
100g butter
100g light muscovado sugar
2 x 397g tins of condensed milk

For the topping
200g milk chocolate

1. Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.
2. Butter a tin 33 x 23cm.
3. In a bowl rub butter, flour and caster sugar until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
4. Knead the mixture to form a dough. Press the dough into the tin. Prick with a fork and bake for about 20 minutes until firm to the touch and lightly browned.
5. Leave the shortbread to cool in the tin.
6. Make the caramel. In a pan heat gently the butter, sugar and condensed milk until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Take care not to burn the mixture. Reduce the heat and simmer very gently for 5 minutes or until the mixture has thickened. Keep stirring! Poor the caramel over the shortbread and leave to cool.
7. Break the chocolate into pieces and put them in a heatproof bowl over a pan of lightly simmering water or in a microwave. Stir occasionally, making sure the chocolate doesn't burn. Poor over the cold caramel and leave to set. Cut into bars.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Trophies and award cards. Points (3, 2 and 1 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be awarded and totalled for the Trophies for each section.

The **Secretary's Trophy** will be awarded for the most points in the Flower section (A).

The **Jack Benton Shield** will be awarded for the most points in the Vegetable section (B).

The **R Griffiths Trophy** will be awarded for the most points in the Fruit section (C).

The **RHS Banksian Medal** will be awarded for the most points in Sections A, B, and C. (A person who has won the Banksian Medal in the last 2 years is not eligible to win this award.)

The **Committee Trophy** will be awarded for the most points in the Floral Art section (D).

The **W Hesketh Trophy** will be awarded for the most points in the Preserves and Cakes section (E).

The **Treasurer's Cup** will be awarded for the most points in the School Children section (F).

The **Gardening Club Trophy** will be awarded for the most points in the Arts and Crafts section (G).

The **Gardening Club Shield** will be awarded for the most points in the Photography section (H).

The **Peter Stuart-Smith Trophy** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Rose class.

The **Norman May Trophy** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Sweet Pea class.

PTO

The **Bernard R.G. Dadds Trophy** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Flowers, Vegetables and Friut sections (A, B and C).

The **Ian Armstrong Cup** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Vegetable section (B).

The **Barbara Allington Trophy** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Floral Art section (D).

The **Barbara Pallister Trophy** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Preserves and Cakes section (E).

The **Tredecingentenary Cup** will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Arts and Crafts section (G).

The **Arthur Billitt Shield** will be awarded for the most points in the Flowers and Vegetables sections (A & B).

The **David Ellis Cup** will be awarded for the second highest number of points in the show.

The **Eliza M Bradley Challenge Bowl** will be awarded for the most points in the entire show.

Trophies will be retained for one year and must be returned no later than the June meeting to the Show Secretary (07941 353193) who will also answer any queries.

The recipients of trophies will be held responsible for their safekeeping and engraving whilst in their possession.

HINTS & TIPS

1. Always stage vegetables, fruit, etc as naturally as possible, trimming any unnecessary leaf etc, but do not scrub or polish the surface.

2. Take care the final exhibit looks attractive, if necessary bedding items on sand, leaves, etc, to set them off.

3. The description 'Perennial' includes shrubs, bulbs, corms and tubers, ie a plant that lives for more than 2 years.

4. All exhibits must have their numbers clearly displayed.

5. Judges' decisions are final.

6. Only Stewards may move exhibits prior to, and during, judging.

7. All exhibits must be home-grown/home-made except for classes 50-53 inclusive.

8. Pot plants should be in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 4 months prior to the show.

9. No more than 2 entries in any one class may be entered per household.

10. All cookery items in classes 62-69 inclusive should be covered with cling film and on a paper or plastic plate.

10. The committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.