

**297<sup>TH</sup> SHOW**  
**SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026**

Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11 6PB, 3:00 – 5:00pm

- ENTRIES** (page 17) can be emailed to [shows@hortsoc.co.uk](mailto:shows@hortsoc.co.uk) or delivered in person on Tuesday 9 June at Fellowship House, Willifield Way, NW11 6YD between 7:00-8:00pm.
- STAGING OF EXHIBITS** Between 9:00 – 11:00am on the date of the show. Exhibits can be removed between 5:00 – 5:30pm. Entrants, please refer to Guidance for Exhibitors (page 7) and General Rules and Regulations (page 8).
- POTATO COMPETITION** Weighing of the potatoes in grow bags will be at the HortSoc stand at the RA Summer Show, Central Square, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- TEAS** Will be available at the Free Church Hall.
- RAFFLE** Will be drawn at 4:45pm. Donations will be made to the Society's nominated charities.

**Horticulture Judge:** Jilly Griffin  
**Cookery & Preserving Judge:** Adrienne King  
**Photography Judge:** Ian Marsh

**SECTION 1 – CUT FLOWERS**

- CLASS 1 3 Roses in Bloom: 1 or more varieties, shown in separate vases
- CLASS 2 Rose in Bloom: any variety, in a vase
- CLASS 3 Vase of Mixed Roses: 1 or more varieties, at least 5 stems in a vase
- CLASS 4 The Sweetest Smelling Rose: 1 bloom (TO BE JUDGED BY PUBLIC VOTE)
- CLASS 5 Sweet Peas: 6 stems, any variety, in a vase
- CLASS 6 Delphiniums: a vase of 1 spike
- CLASS 7 Vase of Perennials or Biennials: one kind, at least 5 stems (excluding shrubs, bulbs and corms) type
- CLASS 8 Vase of Annuals: 1 kind, not named above, at least 5 stems
- CLASS 9 Vase of Mixed Garden Flowers: any kind, at least 6 varieties, not named above, to be viewed from all sides
- CLASS 10 3 Vases of Flowers: a different kind in each vase
- CLASS 11 Vase of Mixed Foliage: any kind, at least 5 varieties, to be viewed from all sides
- CLASS 12 A Posy (max diameter 15cms/6") to be shown in a rose holder
- CLASS 13 A Tiny Posy in a Tiny Container of your choice
- CLASS 14 A Bowl of Floating Flowerheads (no foliage), (own bowl may be used, max. 25cm/10" diameter)

## **SECTION 2 – POT PLANTS**

- CLASS 15 Foliage Plant: in a pot
- CLASS 16 Flowering Plant: in a pot
- CLASS 17 Cactus: in a pot or pan
- CLASS 18 Succulent: one or more plants, in a pot

## **SECTION 3 – FRUIT**

- CLASS 19 Red or White Currants: about 100g/4oz of one variety
- CLASS 20 Blackcurrants: about 100g/4oz of one variety
- CLASS 21 Raspberries: 10 of one variety
- CLASS 22 Gooseberries: 10 of one variety
- CLASS 23 Strawberries: 10 of one variety

## **SECTION 4 – VEGETABLES**

- CLASS 24 Broad Beans: 6 pods of one variety
- CLASS 25 Peas: 6 pods of one variety
- CLASS 26 Cabbages: 2 of one variety
- CLASS 27 Lettuces: 2 of one variety
- CLASS 28 Rhubarb: 3 sticks with 7.5cm/3” of trimmed leaf
- CLASS 29 Carrots: 3 of one variety
- CLASS 30 Onions: 3 of one variety
- CLASS 31 Potatoes: 3 of one variety
- CLASS 32 Collection of 3 kinds of vegetables
- CLASS 33 Collection of 3 kinds of vegetables ordinarily used uncooked for salads
- CLASS 34 Any Vegetable: 1 variety, not named above
- CLASS 35 Herbs: 5 different cut Herbs to be shown separately in single rose holders

## **SECTION 5 – COOKERY**

- CLASS 36 5 cheese and chive scones
- CLASS 37 Traditional soda bread
- CLASS 38 5 melting moment biscuits
- CLASS 39 Homity pie with shortcrust pastry
- CLASS 40 Madeira Cake (See recipe page 11)

## **SECTION 6 – PRESERVING**

- CLASS 41 Jar of Marmalade
- CLASS 42 Jar of Jam
- CLASS 43 Jar of Lemon Curd
- CLASS 44 Jar of Sweet Jelly
- CLASS 45 Jar of Chutney/Relish
- CLASS 46 Jar of Fermented Vegetables

**SECTION 7 – PHOTOGRAPHY** (*Photographs to be no larger than A4*) – one entry per person per class

CLASS 47 Blossoms

CLASS 48 Sheds

**SECTION 8 – JUNIOR CLASSES** (Children under 16 yrs)

CLASS 49 A vegetable or vegetables you have grown

CLASS 50 3 biscuits with edible flower decoration

CLASS 51 A tiny posy of flowers in the tiniest vase you can find

CLASS 52 Best-designed cress egg head

CLASS 53 Photography: *A Favourite Place*

CLASS 54 Collage of a robin using plant and non-plant material (A4 template available upon request)



**CAKE RECIPE**

**MADEIRA CAKE**

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4  
18cm (7") round cake tin, greased and base lined

**Ingredients**

150g (5oz) softened butter or margarine  
150g (5oz) caster sugar  
3 free-range eggs, beaten  
225g (8oz) self-raising flour  
1 unwaxed lemon, finely grated zest only

**Method**

For the cake, grease an 18cm/7in deep round cake tin and line the base with baking parchment.

Cream butter (or margarine) with the sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually add the beaten egg, with a little of the flour after each addition. Fold in the remaining flour carefully with the lemon zest.

Transfer the mixture to the prepared tin and level the surface and bake for around 1 hour until golden. Cool on wire rack.

Sprinkle with a little caster sugar to finish.

## Grow Potatoes in a Bag Competition Open to all ages!

### HOW TO TAKE PART

1. The competition is open to all ages. Seed potatoes and growbags will be supplied by the HortSoc and can be collected from:
  - Kids' Garden, St Judes-on-the-Hill on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
  - Marjorie Harris at **48 Erskine Hill**, NW11 6HG or Yvonne Oliver at **4 Asmunds Hill**, NW11 6ET on the following days and times. Please phone Marjorie on 0208455 6507 if you wish to arrange a different collection time.
    - Wednesday 11th Feb, 10:00am - 1:00pm and 5:00 – 7:00pm and
    - Thursday 5:00 – 7:00pm

*NB: only the potatoes and growbags supplied may be entered.*

2. Entries from more than one member of each family are permitted, but only one entry per person.
3. Seed potatoes should be planted around 28 March. Any soil or compost may be used as the growing medium. There are no restrictions on adding extra nutrients to the soil.
4. Complete bags will need to be brought for weighing at the HortSoc stand at the RA Summer Show, Central Square, on Sunday 7 June\*.
5. Leaves (haulms) may be cut off, but bags must be brought to the weigh-in complete as growing.
6. There will be prizes for juniors and adults for the Heaviest Crop, Heaviest Single Potato and Oddest Shape Potato.
7. The judges' decision will be final.

\* The HortSoc Show will be in the Free Church Hall on the following Saturday.

### GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

Growing your own potatoes isn't as complicated as you might think, particularly if you grow them in potato bags. It's the perfect method for growing spuds in small gardens, patios, or even on balconies. Nothing beats that freshly dug, earthy taste of your own home-grown potatoes!

Your first task will be to 'chit' the potatoes when you receive them. This means placing them somewhere warm and sunny for them to sprout. Plant your potatoes in the growing bag on or around 28 March (see rule 3). First early potatoes should be ready to harvest in about 10 weeks from the planting date.