# **Englefield Flower Show**

## **Hints for Competitors**

## Exhibits

All plant exhibits must be cultivated by the exhibitor and, except where otherwise stated in the schedule, they must have been grown on land in the exhibitor's occupancy.

All exhibits in the Household Classes must have been made by the exhibitor.

No exhibitor can make more than one entry in any one class and no two persons from the same household may compete in any one flower or vegetable production class.

### **Entries and Entry Fees**

Entry fees – 50p per entry per entrant. No entry fees for children's classes.

All entries should be made on the official entry form and should reach the Secretary no later than Monday 8th July. Late entries will be charged at the rate of £1.00 each. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entries.

Entries are for individuals and NOT families or groups/ teams. Please clearly state entrant name on form.

### **Times for Staging**

Exhibits should be brought to the Secretary's Tent on the school field between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on the day of the show.

No exhibit may be removed until the prize distribution has been completed. Any exhibit not claimed by 5.30 pm will be disposed of at the Committee's discretion.

## Staging your exhibits

Vegetables and fruit should be displayed on a white paper plate unless otherwise stated.

Onions should be tied or whipped using uncoloured raffia with the roots trimmed. They can be placed on small rings (cardboard tubes about 1inch tall).

Handicrafts must be exhibitors' own work and completed in the past year.

Embroidery class: this includes cross stitch (silk embroidery) but excludes tapestry and ribbon embroidery - these are to be entered into soft craft.

Knitting and crochet have a separate class and cannot be entered into soft craft.

## Cooking

All items should be displayed on a plan unpattern plate unless otherwise stated; bread is an exception and can be displayed on a board.

All items should be covered in cling film.

Scones should be cut with the appropriate cutter - plain and savoury scones should be cut with a plain cutter and have an egg or milk glaze; sweet or fruit scones should use a fluted cutter and should have no glaze.

Jam and marmalade should be in a plan 1lb jar and have a plain label, wax circle and cellophane top secured with a rubber band.

Chutney should be in a jar with an acid-proof lid.

Pastry should be handmade unless otherwise stated

No packet mixes or kits should be used

Frozen or tinned fruits may be used for recipes unless stated otherwise.

#### Vases

Vases will be provided for classes 1-10 and only these will be used

Floral Art classes - exhibitors must provide their own containers.

## Labelling of Exhibits - Kinds and Varieties

In the schedule the words 'kinds' and 'varieties' are used in the following sense. Potatoes and Onions are kinds and Great Scot, and Eclipse are varieties of potatoes.

If possible, exhibits of vegetables and flowers should bear a label with the name of the variety.

#### **Exhibit Cards**

Every exhibit must bear a card obtainable from the Secretary's Tent and all cards MUST be in place by 11.00 am. Exhibitors are responsible for placing their cards and checking the correctness of the particulars.

## **Rules for Judging Plants**

Wherever applicable the Show will be governed by RHS rules for judging, the rules of the National Rose Society, the National Chrysanthemum Society, and the National Dahlia Society.

#### **Prize Awards**

Points in Challenge Cup competitions shall be awarded as follows:

1st Prize = 4 points.

2nd Prize = 3 points.

3rd Prize = 2 points.

Highly Commended = 1 point.

Prizes may be withheld in any class if there are less than five exhibits or where in the opinion of the judge the exhibits are of insufficient merit.

The judges' decisions will be final as to relative merits of the exhibits and the Committee's decision will be final on any matter concerned with the Show.

Any appeal must be delivered in writing to the Chairman by 4.00 pm on the day of the Show and must be accompanied by a deposit of 50p which will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld. Appeals can only be accepted from a person exhibiting in the same class.

## **Cups and Prizes**

Cups will be presented at 4.15 pm. Other prizes must be collected from the Treasurer in the Treasurer's Tent between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm.

# Please note that dogs are NOT allowed on the show site as it is a school playing field.