

RON ACTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 12th September 2026

Iron Acton Parish Hall



Entries: 9am-11am (Staging until 11:30am)

Judging: 11:30am onwards

Show open to the public (tea and home-made cakes available): 2:00pm

Auction and Presentation of cups: 3:00pm onwards

Non-perishable items may be entered on Friday 11th September from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Exhibits and Prize cards should not be removed before 3:00pm

Please use red dots provided to indicate items not to be auctioned

Welcome to the Iron Acton Horticultural Show Schedule. Whether you grow it or make it, bake it or create it, this is your chance to show it! The Horticultural Show is organised into seven sections and 90 different classes; there is something for all ages and abilities!

Any questions, please contact a member of the Horticultural Show Committee:

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GENERAL SECTION

The judges will be looking for vegetables and fruit that are firm and as similar in size and length as possible, ideally with few blemishes. Root vegetables should be cleaned. Onions should have their roots washed and tops trimmed and tied. Tomatoes should have calyces attached. Blooms of the same variety should be as similar in size and shape as possible. All collections should be a mixture of examples from that class.

0. A collection of vegetables grown on an allotment

1. A collection of vegetables presented in a shoe box
2. A collection of garden produce which may include vegetables and / or fruit and / or flowers
3. A collection of fruits
4. A collection of edible gourds, squash and pumpkins
5. Four potatoes (any one variety)
6. Three carrots (long, tops trimmed to 3 inches)
7. Three carrots (short)
8. Funniest vegetable
9. Three onions from seed (trimmed)
10. Three onions from sets (trimmed)
11. Six shallots
12. Six runner beans
13. Six French beans
14. The longest runner bean
15. Two peppers (sweet or chilli)
16. Two of any vegetable not listed in the schedule
17. A vegetable animal
18. Three courgettes

19. Two cucumbers
20. Six cherry tomatoes on the vine
21. Six tomatoes
22. Three parsnips
23. Three beetroots
24. Four apples (dessert)
25. Four apples (culinary)
26. Four pears
27. Four plums
28. Bowl of floating flower heads (bowl no more than 20cm)
29. Bunch of three or more roses
30. One specimen rose (named)
31. Three dahlias (same variety)
32. Six homegrown annuals (any one variety)
33. Tied bunch of herbs out of water
34. Vase of home-grown foliage
35. Potted home-grown house Plant (flowering, min 2 years old)
36. A home-grown cottage garden collection
37. Potted home-grown house Plant (foliage, min 2 years old))
38. Six fuchsia heads (any one variety)

HEMCRAFT SECTION

Jars should be plain glass with no brand markings and have labels that indicate contents and date made. Jars should be sealed with either a twist top lid or waxed disc with clear film top – not both. Alternatively, Kilner style jars may be used with a waxed disc. No mob caps. Gluten free and Free From cakes and bakes may be entered in any of the classes please label accordingly.

- 39. One jar of chutney (at least two months old)
- 40. One jar of jam
- 41. One jar of fruit jelly
- 42. One jar of marmalade (citrus)
- 43. One bottle or jar of ketchup
- 44. Six cheese straws
- 45. A quiche
- 46. A child's Birthday cake

- 47. A gluten-Free citrus cake
- 48. Six cheese scones
- 49. Any vegetable-based cake
- 50. A loaf of bread
- 51. Six flapjacks
- 52. A "MEN ONLY" Victoria Sandwich (recipe attached)
- 53. A bottle of beer, wine, cider or spirit
- 54. Six bread rolls (one variety)

FLORAL ART

Non-foam/oasis-based arrangements are favored and may receive higher marks during judging.

- 55. "Autumn Wreath" can be a hanging wreath or a centerpiece to incorporate fresh or dried materials.
- 56. "Tussie Mussie" with scented flowers and herbs maximum size 20cm x 20cm

- 57. A foam free arrangement in a vintage or modern casserole, souffle or terrine style dish max size 35cm by 35cm)
- 58. "Lucky Charm" an arrangement inspired by or incorporating a lucky charm maximum size 35cmx35 no height restriction

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

Entries should be unframed and simply mounted on card. Colour must not be edited other than slight adjustments to brightness and contrast. Images must not be digitally manipulated or enhanced. Maximum size 7" by 5".

- 59. 'Trees'
- 60. 'Reflection'
- 61. "The Great Outdoors"

- 62. Nigel Davis Memorial Cup (ages 16 and under)
'Sunrise or Sunset'

CHILDREN'S SECTION

The entries are judged on creativity and age-appropriate ability – parental involvement should be kept to a minimum.

Pre School

- 63. 3 Chocolate rice crispy cakes
- 64. A collage using any resources
- 65. Painting of a butterfly (made by painting one side and folding the painting in half)

Ages 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old

- 66. Paint a picture of your house
- 67. A greeting card
- 68. Eggbox animal, insect or flower
- 69. A creature made from one or more fir cones

Ages 8, 9, 10 and 11 years old

- 70. Pinch pot made from airdrying clay, imprinted and un-painted
- 71. Pebble picture on card (max size A4)
- 72. Mandala made from natural materials (presented on paper, card or Cellophane)
- 73. Bird made from paper or card hung on a string decorated how you like

Ages 12 to 16 years old

- 74. Create your own dust jacket for a hardback book
- 75. Make a kite
- 76. 3 shortbread biscuits

ARTS AND CRAFT SECTION

Craft entries are judged on the variety and required skills of techniques, standards of workmanship, freshness and suitability of materials.

Art entries are judged on perspective, balance and composition, tonal value, use of materials and eye appeal (focal point).

- 77. A landscape
- 79. A portrait
- 80. A pencil sketch
- 81. A patchwork item
- 82. A handwritten Invitation
- 83. A knitted item

- 84. A hand embroidered item
- 85. A tapestry item
- 86. A wooden item
- 87. A bookmark
- 88. A ceramic
- 89. A crocheted toy or decoration

NOVELTY CLASS

- 90. An upcycled item

POINTS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES

Points awarded per class

Classes	First	Second	Third
1-4	8 points	6 points	4 points
5-90	3 points	2 points	1 point

Prize money

Classes	First	Second	Third
All	70p	50p	30p

TROPHIES

Allotment Trophy – awarded to the best collection of vegetables grown on an allotment.

Golden Jubilee Cup – awarded to the most entries in all sections by any one family.

Amateur Gardening Red Ribbon – awarded to the best exhibit in the General Section.

Hall Committee Rose Bowl and The Gordon Powell Cup – awarded to the competitors with the highest and second highest number of points in the General Section.

St. James the Less Cup – awarded to the resident of Iron Acton Parish gaining the highest number of points in the General Section.

Acton Aid Cup – awarded to the competitor gaining the highest number of points in the Home-craft Section.

Flower Arranging Rose Bowl – awarded as First Prize in the Flower Arranging Section.

Photography Cup – awarded to the highest number of points in the adult photography section.

Nigel Davies Memorial Cup – awarded as First Prize in the Children's Photography Section.

Pre-school Cup – awarded to the most points in the pre-school section.

Junior Cup - awarded to the most points in the 4, 5, 6 and 7 years old section.

Parker Shield – awarded to the most points in the 8, 9, 10 and 11 years old section.

Rudman Cup – awarded to the most points in the 12 – 16 years old section.

The Dave Taylor Challenge Trophy- awarded to a Junior with the most points gained in their age group and other classes.

Class 52- MEN ONLY, Victoria Sandwich (4 eggs) with raspberry jam and buttercream

Ingredients:

Sponge: 4 medium eggs weighed in shells (probably 9oz/260g), weight of eggs in butter/margarine, weight of eggs in caster sugar, weight of eggs in self raising flour, raspberry jam.

Buttercream

10oz/300g icing sugar, 5oz/150g unsalted or salted butter.

Method:

Sponge: set oven to 160c (fan) 180c; grease and baseline bottom of 2 20cm/8in sandwich tins; cream butter/margarine and sugar; beat eggs then gradually add to the creamed sugar and butter, beating well each time; sieve flour and fold into mixture; divide equally in two tins; bake for 25 mins in the middle of the oven; ready when golden and shrunk away from side of the tin, springs back when touched; when cold fill with raspberry jam and buttercream; add a light dusting of caster sugar to the top

Buttercream: beat the sifted icing sugar and unsalted or salted butter together

Entry Form

(Each person entering any exhibits must fill in a separate form)

Individual Name: _____

Family/ Team Name: _____

(For entry into the jubilee cup)

Tel No: _____

Email _____

Parish Resident	
Exhibitor Number	
Comp Card	

Entry fees for all classes: 20p

Class	Class	Class	Class

I enclose the sum of £..... to cover the above entries and I agree to abide by the rules as shown in this year's schedule.

Signed.....

Please bring this completed form to the parish hall on the morning of the show. Non-perishable items may be entered on Friday 11th September between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the correct exhibitor slip is placed with the correct exhibit. If the exhibit is not to be auctioned, please make sure it has a red dot stuck to the exhibitor slip.

By providing your email address, you consent to The Horticultural Show retaining your details for the purpose of sending annual entry forms and related show communications. Your information will be stored securely and will not be shared with third parties.

Rules

1. You may enter up to 3 entries per class.
2. All entries must have been made or grown by the exhibitor.
3. Judges reserve the right to inspect the garden or allotment of any exhibitor
4. Complaints must be made to a member of the committee by 2:45pm on the day of the show.