

Horticulture

The green-fingered brigade!

The Frome & District Agricultural Society is affiliated to:

The National Vegetable Society

The National Dahlia Society

The National Chrysanthemum Society

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Horticultural Display Exhibits

Exhibitors will be able to stage their exhibits from 12pm on Thursday 10th September until 2.45pm on Friday 11th September. Judging commences at 3pm on Friday 11th September. Lighting and water will be provided. All exhibits and displays must be kept intact and NO plants removed until after 5pm. Arrangements will be made for the parking of vehicles near the marquee during set up and removal times, which must be not less than 3m (10ft) from the marquee walls.

Ring: Horticultural Display Exhibits

Judges

Mr Ray Carver (Judge)

Mr Ian Clemens (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	Open to Associations, Groups, Clubs and Garden Societies	THE SLIPP CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the best display. Exhibits will also be judged with a view to awarding GOLD, SILVER GILT, SILVER & BRONZE MEDAL CARDS. A RESERVE CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded for the Reserve Best Display.
2	A Planted Flower Pot - 35cm	Kindly sponsored by the Horticulture Committee. Rules: Space allowed: 3ft x 3ft.

Fruit & Vegetables

A MEDAL & CARD from the National Vegetable Society will be awarded for the Most Meritorious Vegetable Exhibit in the Show - Classes 10-34.

THE DF HALLET & SONS CUP will be awarded to the best exhibit in class 38.

THE JW SINGER & SON TROPHY will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the vegetable classes.

All entries will be judged according to the rules and standards contained in the Royal Horticultural Society's Handbook which will be available in the Horticultural Marquee, unless otherwise stated. All cultivars should be named on plain cards provided by the Society.

Ring: Fruit & Vegetables

Judges

Mr Ray Carver (Judge)

Mr Ian Clemens (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
3	5 Culinary Apples	
4	5 Dessert Apples	
5	5 Pears	
6	Dish of any other fruit	Dish not to exceed 25cm
7	Collection of salad vegetables	4 kinds (uncooked) in a container not exceeding 46 x 30cm
8	A selection of vegetables for a meal	Presented in a basket not to exceed 60cm wide
9	A collection of fresh herbs	In a container to be named, space allowed 18-45cms
10	3 onions - dressed	Each to be over 250g
11	5 onions - dressed	Each to be under 250g
12	9 large shallots	
13	9 shallots for pickling	to pass through 30mm diameter ring
14	5 potatoes - white	
15	5 potatoes - coloured	
16	9 runner beans	
17	6 pods of French beans	
18	6 pods of peas	
19	5 tomatoes	with Calyx
20	9 cherry tomatoes	with Calyx not to exceed 35mm in diameter
21	2 cucumbers	
22	2 table marrows	not to exceed 35cm
23	3 courgettes	Not to exceed 15cm
24	3 globe beetroot	tops trimmed to 7.5cm approx.
25	3 other than long carrots	tops trimmed to 7.5cm approx.
26	2 lettuce	
27	3 sweetcorn cobs	
28	2 cauliflowers	
29	2 cabbages	
30	3 long beetroot	tops trimmed to 7.5cm approx.

31	3 long carrots	tops trimmed to 7.5cm approx.
32	3 parsnips	tops trimmed to 7.5cm approx.
33	2 heads of celery	
34	3 leeks	
35	A collection of vegetables	5 kinds, one of each taken from classes 10-34 only. A garden voucher will be awarded to the winner of this class. Table space allowed 60cm wide.
36	Mini collection of vegetables	3 distinct kinds, 2 specimens of each kind selected from classes 10-34 only. Table space allowed 60cm wide.
37	Any other vegetables	3 of one kind. Table space allowed 60cm wide.
38	Collection of root vegetables	3 kinds, 3 specimens of each kind, selected from: Long Carrots, Parsnips, Long Beetroot, Potatoes. Table space allowed 60cm wide.
39	A collection of vegetables	5 distinct kinds, number of specimens and kinds to be shown as specified in Classes 10-34 only. Table space allowed 1m frontage. Backboards permitted.
40	Novelty Class	Collection to include one specimen of each: Heaviest Marrow, Largest Pumpkin, Heaviest Potato, Longest Runner Bean, Misshaped Veg or Fruit.
41	A Special Collection	<p>Space allowed 6ft x 3 ft.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A posy of flowers in a jam jar 2. 3 tomatoes, 1 cucumber 3. 1 courgette 4. 1 gladioli 5. 5 apples or pears 6. A geranium 7. A pot of jam 8. A pot of chutney 9. A photo of the 2025 show 10. A small basket of vegetables 11. A homemade bottle of wine 12. A pressed flower picture

Floral Art Section

The BAILEY CUP will be awarded for the Best Floral Art Exhibit in the Show.

A PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded for the Best Pedestal Exhibit.

The KIRSTY CUP will be awarded to the winner of class 43.

The J W SINGER & SONS LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Exhibitor gaining the most points in this section.

A PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded to the exhibit with the best use of Garden Plant Material in any of the Floral Art classes, kindly donated by the late Mrs C. B. B. Sumsion.

A PERPETUAL TROPHY donated by the late Lena Ring will be given to the exhibitor who wins class 51.

Rules:

A definition of an exhibit as taken from the NAFAS competition manual 4th edition 2023. An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, in all its forms, with or without accessories. Disqualification will take place for the following reason: Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in the show schedule, e.g. the measurements or components. If inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems are not in water or water retaining material unless they fall in the exception category. Air plants, cacti, fruits fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss succulents and vegetables. NAFAS is encouraging the use of alternative to floral foam, but it can still be used. No artificial plant material may be used except where stated. A white background and back table covering approx 91.5cms high and a similar table covering will be supplied. Unless otherwise stated, all exhibits will be allowed 76cms table width, approx 63.5cms table depth and height optional. Exhibitors may use their own self-supporting background. All exhibits must be arranged in the marquee with the exception of class 44, 45, 50 and 51. Please be aware of the environment when using floral foam if an alternative can be used. When thinking about the environment. There are many things to consider when flower arranging without the use of foam. Alternatives i.e agra wool, pin holders, pebbles, wire and netting, test tubes, moss, potatoes, play sand and tubing of any sort.

Ring: Floral Art Section

Judges

Mr Michael Bowyer (Judge)

Mrs Pippa Lovering (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
42	The Edwardian Era	A pedestal exhibit. A pedestal to be provided by the exhibitor. Space allowed 122cm wide 92cm deep. Height optional. Your choice of natural plant materials and flowers.
43	A 21st Birthday	An exhibit for the centre of the table. Flowers and foliage of your choice. Open to exhibitors who have never won a 1st prize at Frome Show.
44	Traffic Lights	A petite exhibit. Not exceeding 25cm width and depth. Height 37cm. To be viewed all round, but judged from the front.
45	The Christening	A miniature exhibit. Not exceeding 10cms in width and depth. Height 15cms. To be viewed all round, but judged from the front.
46	The Victorian Era	An exhibit to include dried plant material.
47	The Elizabethan Era	An exhibit.
48	The 60's and Flower Power	An exhibit.
49	The 1940's from World War 2 to Hollywood	An exhibit.
50	Design A Hat From Any Decade	Made from natural plant materials.
51	A Pressed Flower Picture	Size of frame 23cm x 13cm maximum.
52	The Summer Solstice (Celebrating a Pagan Festival)	A table exhibit. A table will be provided approx. 6ftx2ft.
53	A Constance Spry Era	An exhibit.
54	The 2000's (It's Technology)	An exhibit.
55	World Cup Fever (To Represent the FIFA World Cup: Country to be named)	An exhibit. Men only class.

Flowers & Pot Plants

THE MR & MRS JACK PERRY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in this section, excluding classes 68 & 70.

THE FDAS PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded for the best individual pot or vase in this section.

THE JOE & VERA WOLYN PERPETUAL FUCHSIA TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of class 70.

THE FROME SHOW PERPETUAL AWARD will be awarded to the best flowering Begonia in class 67.

THE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP, kindly donated by Mr G Jeans, will be awarded for the best exhibit in class 58.

THE IVOR CURNICK MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CUP will be awarded for the best exhibit in class 68.

Ring: Flowers & Pot Plants

Judges

Mr Clive Hazzard (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
56	A specimen rose	
57	3 roses in any container	
58	Gladioli	1 vase, 3 spikes
59	Gladioli	1 specimen spike
60	Asters	1 vase of 5
61	A vase of perennials	5 stems, 5 different cultivars.
62	A vase with three different foliages	
63	A collection of 5 ornamental grasses	1 of each
64	Foliage pot plant	Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
65	Flowering pot plant	Excluding Begonia and Fuchsia. Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
66	1 Geranium or Pelargonium	Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
67	Flowering begonia	Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
68	Flowering Begonia Championship	3 pots. Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
69	Flowering fuchsia	Any cultivar. Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm.
70	Flowering Fuchsia Championship	3 pots. Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm. Any from, Bush, Half Standard or Full Standard.
71	One fern	Pot diameter not to exceed 23cm
72	An Orchid Plant	
73	Master Gardener	A vase of garden flowers, two types of fruit & two types of vegetables.
74	A clematis	One specimen bloom, in a container
75	Cactus or succulent plants	In a pot.
76	6 heads of fuchias	Displayed on a board provided by the Society.
77	6 heads of pansies	Displayed on a board provided by the Society.
78	3 Dried Hydrangea Heads	
79	A Vase of Dried Flowers	

Dahlia Section

Rules:

ALL entries will be judged according to the National Dahlia Society's rules. ALL cultivars must be named on cards provided by the Society. A maximum of two exhibits, per exhibitor, allowed in each class.

THE MENDIP MOTEL CUP will be awarded for the Most Points.

THE JOHN SCOTT PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded to the Best Novice Exhibit in class 92.

THE OLYMPIC SHIELD will be awarded to the winner of class 80.

THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL will be awarded for the Best Exhibit.

THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY BRONZE MEDAL will be awarded for the 2nd Best Exhibit.

Ring: Dahlia Section

Judges

Mr Ian Clemens (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
80	ANY 3 DIFFERENT VASES FROM THE FOLLOWING:	1 BLOOM, giant or large, in 1 vase 3 BLOOMS, medium decorative in 1 vase 3 BLOOMS, medium cactus or semi-cactus in 1 vase 5 BLOOMS, small decorative in 1 vase 5 BLOOMS, small ball in one vase 5 BLOOMS, small cactus or semi-cactus in 1 vase 5 BLOOMS, miniature decorative in 1 vase 5 BLOOMS, miniature ball in 1 vase 5 BLOOMS, miniature cactus or semi-cactus in 1 vase 10 BLOOMS, pompom, in 1 vase, may be of two different cultivars
81	3 Blooms - Large decorative or cactus or semi cactus, in 1 vase	
82	3 Blooms - Medium decorative or cactus or semi-cactus, in 1 vase	
83	3 Blooms - Small decorative, in 1 vase	
84	3 Blooms - Small cactus or semi-cactus in 1 vase	
85	3 Blooms - Small ball in 1 vase	
86	3 Blooms - Miniature ball, in 1 vase	
87	3 Blooms - Miniature decorative, in 1 vase	
88	3 Blooms - Miniature cactus, in 1 vase	
89	5 Blooms - Pompom, in 1 vase	
90	3 Blooms - Any other cultivar in 1 vase (not from any of the above classes)	
91	1 Bloom - From classes above, in 1 vase	
92	Novice Class	Any two different vases from the above classes.

Chrysanthemum

ALL cultivars must be named on plain cards provided by the Society.

THE REDLAND ROADSTONE CUP will be awarded for the Best Exhibit in this section.

Ring: Chrysanthemums

Judges

Mr Ian Clemens (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
93	1 Vase - Large flowering, 3 blooms. Intermediate	
94	1 Vase - Large flowering, 3 blooms. Reflexed. 1 cultivar	
95	1 Vase - Large and/or medium flowering. 3 blooms. Incurved	
96	1 Vase - Medium flowering, 3 blooms. Reflexed	
97	1 Vase - Medium flowering, 3 blooms. Intermediate	
98	1 Vase - Spray Chrysanthemums, 3 stems. Any cultivar	

Children's Section

THE EVELY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP and a £10 voucher will be awarded for the Best Exhibit.

THE FROME SELWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded in the children's section.

Rules:

AGE BUT NOT NAME, to be stated on each exhibit. Entries must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.

Ring: Children's Section

Judges

Mrs E Hayward (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
99	A decorated wooden spoon	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) With a flower design.
100	Design a dinosaur	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) On A4 card. A collage using any materials excluding nuts.
101	A Lorry	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Made from fruit and vegetables. Cocktail sticks may be used, space allowed 30cm.
102	Design a miniature farm garden	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) In a standard seed tray approx 37.6 x 22.3cm.
103	A posy of flowers and grasses in a vase	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Neck 8cm maximum.
104	A Secret Garden On A Plate	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
105	The Largest Sunflower Head	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) To be displayed flat.
106	A Paper Flower On A Plate	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
107	Something I have grown	6 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
108	Design a pressed flower card	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
109	A collage design of a musical instrument	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Any design, space allowed 40cm.
110	An imaginary animal	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Made from fruit, vegetables and foliage. Cocktail sticks may be used, space allowed 30cm.
111	A posy of flowers and grasses in a vase	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Neck 8cm maximum.
112	A decorated croc	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Using fruit and flowers.
113	Design A Rocket To The Moon	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Using Recycled Items.
114	Design a Shield of Dried Plant Material	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
115	Something I have grown	10 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
116	A Scarecrow on a Wooden Spoon	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
117	A collection of herbs in a teapot	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)

118	Design a House or Farm Sign	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) Any Materials.
119	Design a miniature farm garden	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) In a standard seed tray approx 37.6 x 22.3cm.
120	Seed Art	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) A collage using seeds and dried plant material on A4 card.
121	Design a Front Cover for the 2027 Frome Show	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
122	A Flower Decoration in a Croc	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
123	Something I have grown	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED)
124	Junior Master Gardener	15 YEARS AND UNDER (AGE MUST BE STATED) A basket of your favourite fruit and vegetables. To be named.

Novelty

Ring: Novelty

Judges

All Judges (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
125	A family project - Design a life sized Bug or Insect	GROUP PROJECT Why not get a group together and design a life sized Bug or Insect to decorate the Horticultural Marquee.
126	The Bug House Hotel	GROUP PROJECT Design a bug house from wood, pipes, cans or any material of your choice. Space allowed 76cm in width, height unlimited.
127	An Animal made from Fruit and Vegetables	Adult Class Only.
128	Design a Footballer Scarecrow	