Homecrafts & Cider

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STAGING OF EXHIBITS
Horticulture and Floral Art - all exhibits must be staged between 2.30pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026. No entries will be allowed to stage on show day.

All other exhibits can be staged between 2.30pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 26th August or between 7.00am and 8.30am on show day, Thursday 27th August. Any exhibits left overnight are at the exhibitor's risk.

All exhibitors need to enter via the Yellow entrance along the West Bay Road and will have 20 minutes to stage their exhibit before being asked to park in the Public car park.

EXHIBITOR NUMBERS
On arrival at your marquee please report to a steward to collect your exhibitor numbers. You will be issued with two sets of numbers. One must accompany your exhibit and the other should be retained as proof of ownership. Exhibits in the Home Produce and Handicrafts section must have the class label securely fastened to the exhibit. All Art and Photography exhibits must have the label attached at the front with Sellotape.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS
Exhibits must not be removed until 5pm and after the prizegiving presentations have taken place. From 6pm onwards admission to the Homecraft, Floral Art and Horticulture tents will be confined to exhibitors or their authorized representatives on production of the Exhibitors half of class labels affixed to exhibits, and will be allowed only for the purpose of collecting exhibits.

PRIZE MONEY
Winners will be presented with a prize money and this can be collected from the relevant marquee, you must present your winning class label in order to receive your card. Prize money is available to collect on the day or from our show office in Bridport up until 30th September 2026.

Exhibits of Home Produce must have been made by exhibitor since 1st September 2025 except in Wine Classes 529 to 536 inclusive.

Prize Money available from the Handicraft marquee on show day.

Classes 500 to 536 Points to be awarded as follows: 4 points for 1st prize, 2 points for 2nd prize; 1 point for 3rd prize.

All classes in the Home Produce Section are for amateurs only. Exhibitors with experience in the trade concerned are not eligible except for the cider classes.
27/08/2026 09:00

Preserves

Exhibits in Classes 500 - 507 (except 505) must be exhibited in plain jam jars with new plain lids (no wax discs) and labelled with date it was made, except classes 505 and 508. (No brand names on jars allowed and honey jars are not allowed) ** Please label jars that contain chilli **
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Judges

Mrs Nicki Ralph (Judge)
Ms Paula Wyon-Brown (Judge)
Mrs Monique Pasche (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
500	Jar of Strawberry Jam	Jar of Strawberry Jam
501	Jar of Raspberry Jam	Jar of Raspberry Jam
502	Jar of any other Fruit Jam (e.g. Quince, Medlar)	Jar of any other Fruit Jam (e.g. Quince, Medlar)
503	Jar of Blackcurrant Jam	Jar of Blackcurrant Jam
504	Jar of Marmalade	Jar of Marmalade
505	Bottle of Savoury Sauce, (e.g. Tomato, Beetroot)	Bottle of Savoury Sauce, (e.g. Tomato, Beetroot)
506	Jar of Chutney	Jar of Chutney
507	Jar of Jelly	Jar of Jelly
508	Jar of Fruit Curd	Jar of Fruit Curd, (Wax disc and cellophane cover only)

Cookery

All entries in this section MUST be exhibited on a white paper plate and in a clear plastic bag unless otherwise stated and except class 510 which must be displayed appropriately.
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Judges

Mrs Nicki Ralph (Judge)
Ms Paula Wyon-Brown (Judge)
Mrs Monique Pasche (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
509	Raspberry Bakewell Cake	Raspberry Bakewell Cake Ingredients: 140g ground almond 140g butter, softened 140g golden caster sugar 140g self-raising sugar 2 eggs 1 tsp vanilla extract 250g fresh raspberries 2 tbsp flaked almond Icing sugar, to serve Method: Heat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4 and base-line and grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin. Mix the ground almonds, butter, sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract in a food processor until well combined. Place half the mix into the cake tin. Scatter the raspberries, then spread the remaining cake mixture on top and roughly smooth. Scatter with flaked almonds and bake for 50 minutes until golden. Cool, remove from the tin and dust with icing-sugar to serve.
510	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea, a selection of 12 homemade mini sweet bakes, 4 varieties, displayed appropriately, on a tiered stand.
511	Lemon Yoghurt Cake	Lemon Yoghurt Cake Ingredients: 300g caster sugar 55g butter, softened 3 large eggs, separated 225g Greek yoghurt Finely grated zest of 1 lemon 175g self-raising flour For the icing: 115g icing sugar, sifted 1 ½ tablespoons fresh lemon juice Method: Preheat the oven to 180°C/Fan 160°C /Gas 4. Grease a 20cm (8in) deep round cake tin and line the base with non-sticking baking paper. Beat together the sugar, butter and egg yolks in a bowl. Add the yogurt and lemon zest and beat until smooth. Genty fold in the flour. Whisk the egg whites to a soft peak, then carefully fold into the cake mixture. Turn into the prepared tin and bake in the preheated oven for 1-1 ¼ hours, or until the cake is well risen and firm to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes then turn out peel off the baking paper and finish cooling on a wire rack. For the icing, mix together the sifted icing sugar and the lemon juice and pour over the cold cake. Smooth over with a palette knife and leave to set.
512	Three Fruit Tartlets	Three Fruit Tartlets
513	A Round of Shortbread	A Round of Shortbread
514	Chocolate Swiss Roll	Chocolate Swiss Roll
515	Five Cheese Straws	Five Cheese Straws
516	Eight Chocolate Truffles, minimum three flavours	Eight Chocolate Truffles, minimum three flavours
517	A Quiche, freestanding (please state variety)	A Quiche, freestanding (please state variety)
518	MEN ONLY CLASS - A Battenburg Cake	MEN ONLY CLASS - A Battenburg Cake

Bread

All entries in this section MUST be exhibited on a white paper plate and in a clear plastic bag unless otherwise stated.
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Judges

Mr Angelo Fichera (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
519	A Focaccia	A Focaccia
520	A Tear and Share Bread	A Tear and Share Bread
521	A Wholemeal Loaf	A Wholemeal Loaf
522	A White Loaf	A White Loaf
523	Five Dorset Wiggs	Five Dorset Wiggs
524	Any Other Loaf (sweet, savoury, sourdough)	Any Other Loaf (sweet, savoury, sourdough)

Cake Decorating

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Judges

Mrs Dennie Rose (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
525	A Celebration Cake	A Celebration Cake, cake coating in competitors choice. Artificial decorations allowed. Dummies permitted. To fit within a 14" (35cm) square.
526	A Naked Cake, to be judged on decoration only	A Naked Cake, to be judged on decoration only. To fit within a 14" (35cm) square.
527	Marzipan or Sugarcraft Modelling, competitors choice	Marzipan or Sugarcraft Modelling, competitors choice, no artificial decoration allowed. To fit within a 10” (32cm) square.
528	Floral Sugarcraft, an arrangement or spray of wired sugar flowers	Floral Sugarcraft, an arrangement or spray of wired sugar flowers. Artificial decoration allowed. To fit within a 14 (35cm) square.

Wine, Spirits and Cordials

Entries to be shown in plain clear bottles, each to be labelled with a plain white label bearing the type of beverage and date. Bottles to hold not less than half a pint. Bottles must be full to be acceptable for judging and closed with an easily removable cork (flanged or plastic topped). NO PLASTIC STOPPERS TO BE USED. No more than 3 entries per class.

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Judges

Mr Mark Banham (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
529	One bottle Fruit Wine.	One bottle Fruit Wine.
530	One bottle Flower Wine.	One bottle Flower Wine.
531	One bottle Vegetable Wine.	One bottle Vegetable Wine.
532	One bottle any other Wine.	One bottle any other Wine.
533	One bottle of Cordial	One bottle of Cordial
534	One bottle of pressed apple juice	One bottle of pressed apple juice
535	One bottle of Fruit Gin, Any Size	One bottle of Fruit Gin, Any Size
536	One bottle of any other liqueur	One bottle of any other liqueur

Handicrafts

Exhibits of Handicraft must not have been entered in the Melplash Show before and must not be framed or mounted except in Classes 548, 549 and 550 which may be exhibited in a frame. All pictures MUST have rings or strings for hanging. The size in centimetres MUST BE given on entry forms so that the appropriate space can be allocated for exhibitors.

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Judges

Mrs Jane Murray (Judge)
Mrs Marmie Vergo (Judge)
Mrs Rachael Harding (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
537	Crafting Together - A Group or Individual Exhibit	An exhibit depicting 'Top of the Pops'. To be staged on a table measuring 122cms x 61cms (Approx. 4ft x 2ft). Any number of items may be displayed, but six items of varied skills will be judged for points; these to be numbered 1 to 6 and listed on a card. Marks will also be awarded for Presentation. Scoring up to 10 points for each item numbered 1 to 6, up to 15 points for Presentation and up to 10 points for variety / range of skills. Maximum points 85. PLEASE NOTE: NO SIDE OR BACK BOARDS AND THE EXHIBIT WILL BE VIEWED AND JUDGED FROM THREE SIDES. 2027 exhibit theme will be: Gardeners Delight
538	A Handknitted Garment or Accessory for a baby, child or an adult.	A Handknitted Garment or Accessory for a baby, child or an adult.
539	A Crocheted Garment or Accessory for a baby, child or an adult.	A Crocheted Garment or Accessory for a baby, child or an adult.
540	A Stuffed Toy	A Stuffed Toy
541	A Machine Sewn item	A Machine Sewn item
542	A Cushion	A Cushion
543	A handwritten Limerick (5 lines) beginning 'There was a Show President called Peter'.	A handwritten Limerick (5 lines) beginning 'There was a Show President called Peter'. To be judged on content and presentation.
544	A length of Bunting	A length of Bunting
545	An item made from pom-poms	An item made from pom-poms
546	An item of Needle Felting	An item of Needle Felting
547	Four Dorset Buttons	Four Dorset Buttons
548	Any item made by you for which there is no specific category.	Any item made by you for which there is no specific category. Please state space required on the entry form.
549	An embroidered picture.	An embroidered picture.
550	Article of cross stitch.	Article of cross stitch.
551	An item of patchwork.	An item of patchwork.

Photography

Each print or enlargement must be mounted on card, maximum size 18cms x 18cms. except class 557. Photographs are excluded from Rule 5 and therefore need not have been taken since 1st September 2025 but any photograph having once won a prize at a Melplash Show cannot be entered in any subsequent Melplash Show.

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Judges

Mr Peter Millson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
552	Colour print - Bridges	Colour print - Bridges
553	Colour print - Street Scene	Colour print - Street Scene
554	Colour print - Splash!	Colour print - Splash!
555	Colour print - View from above	Colour print - View from above
556	Digital Photography, open, showing manipulation.	Digital Photography, open, showing manipulation.
557	Black and White print	Black and White print, mounted, not framed, not to exceed 45cms x 45cms.
558	Instant Photograph, a photograph taken using an instant camera	Instant photography, a photograph taken using an instant camera. Your favourite photograph, there is no theme. Mini, square and wide size prints accepted. Open to all ages. This class is sponsored by Footeprints, Stationery, Printing and Photo Shop in Bridport who will award an extra prize of a voucher for film from Footeprints for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed entries.

Children's Craft Classes

Prize money kindly donated by Mrs Eileen Bryan

Points to be awarded as follows: 1st Prize 4 points: 2nd Prize 2 points: 3rd Prize 1 point.

A Rosette will be awarded and retained by the winner of each class.
PLEASE STATE AGE ON EACH EXHIBIT
All entries must be the unaided work of the exhibitors.
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Judges

Miss Vanessa Jessopp (Judge)
Mrs Claire Bowditch (Judge)
Ms Claire Legg (Judge)
Mrs Tory Bowditch (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
559	Playdoh model of a Pet - to be displayed on a paper plate	Playdoh model of a Pet - to be displayed on a paper plate, (class open to children aged under 7 on day of show)
560	A Hand or Footprint picture	A Hand or Footprint picture, (class open to children aged under 7 on day of show)
561	Superheroes, two decorated wooden spoons using any materials	Superheroes, two decorated wooden spoons using any materials, (class open to children aged under 7 on day of show)
562	Three Decorated Cupcakes, judged on decoration only	Three Decorated Cupcakes, judged on decoration only, (class open to children aged under 7 on day of show)
563	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it!	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it! (class open to children aged under 7 on day of show)
564	Three Gingerbread Characters	Three Gingerbread Characters, (class open to children aged 7-10 years on day of show)
565	A Model Lighthouse, made from mainly recycled materials	A Model Lighthouse, made from mainly recycled materials, (class open to children aged 7-10 years on day of show)
566	A Collage, made from anything in the hedgerow	A Collage, made from anything in the hedgerow, (class open to children aged 7-10 years on day of show)
567	An original Lego or Meccano model (not made from a kit), to fit within 30cm square	An original Lego or Meccano model (not made from a kit), to fit within 30cm square, (class open to children aged 7-10 years on day of show)
568	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it!	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it! (class open to children aged 7-10 years on day of show)
569	A Model made from wooden items such as lolly sticks, wooden cutlery etc.	A Model made from wooden items such as lolly sticks, wooden cutlery etc. (class open to children aged 11-15 years on day of show)
570	Any photograph taken by you, mounted on card, not framed,	Any photograph taken by you, mounted on card, not framed, (class open to children aged 11-15 years on day of show)
571	Three Sausage Rolls	Three Sausage Rolls, (class open to children aged 11-15 years on day of show)
572	A Game	A Game, (class open to children aged 11-15 years on day of show)
573	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it!	Anything you like. You've made it, so let's see it! (class open to children aged 11-15 years on day of show)

Children's Horticulture classes

Points to be awarded as follows: 1st Prize 4 points: 2nd Prize 2 points: 3rd Prize 1 point.

A Rosette will be awarded and retained by the winner of each class.
PLEASE STATE AGE ON EACH EXHIBIT
All entries must be the unaided work of the exhibitors.
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Judges

Mrs Tory Bowditch (Judge)
Mrs Claire Bowditch (Judge)
Ms Claire Legg (Judge)
Miss Vanessa Jessopp (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
574	A Miniature Farm in a Seed Tray	A Miniature Farm in a Seed Tray, (class for children aged 10 years and under on day of show)
575	Cress grown in any something beginning with M	Cress grown in something beginning with M, (class for children aged 10 years and under on day of show)
576	A pair of decorated hard boiled eggs	A pair of decorated hard boiled eggs, (class for children aged 10 years and under on day of show)
577	Your favourite vehicle made from vegetable and / or fruit, nuts, foliage, feathers	Your favourite vehicle made from vegetable and / or fruit, nuts, foliage, feathers (matchsticks allowed), to fit within 30cm square. Please label, (class for children aged 10 years and under on day of show)
578	A Miniature Farm in a Seed Tray	A Miniature Farm in a Seed Tray, (class for children aged 11-15 years on the day of the show)
579	A Selection of Edible Plants, grown in beach buckets	A Selection of Edible Plants, grown in beach buckets, (class for children aged 11-15 years on the day of the show)
580	Any item made from Wood, Metal or Clay	Any item made from Wood, Metal or Clay, please state size on entry form, (class for children aged 11-15 years on the day of the show)
581	A Robot made from vegetable and / or fruit, nuts, foliage, feathers	A Robot made from vegetable and / or fruit, nuts, foliage, feathers, (class for children aged 11-15 years on the day of the show)
582	A Flowerpot Person	A Flowerpot Person, Open to children aged 15 years and under on day of show

Art

Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall (including the frame)
Size in cms. MUST BE given on entry form
Please ensure that all signatures are covered.
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Judges

Mr Charles Hallsworth (Judge)
Mrs Kathy Hallsworth (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
583	An original drawing in charcoal, pencil (includes colour), ink and wash or soft pastel	An original drawing in charcoal, pencil (includes colour), ink and wash or soft pastel, Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall
584	A Watercolour	A Watercolour. Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall
585	An Abstract, in any medium	An Abstract, in any medium
586	A Original in acrylic or oil not covered by any other class	A Original in acrylic or oil not covered by any other class. Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall
587	A Portrait in any medium	A Portrait in any medium. Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall
588	A Landscape or Seascape in any medium	A Landscape or Seascape in any medium, Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall
589	Open to children aged 16 years and under. A painting or drawing in any medium.	Open to children aged 16 years and under. A painting or drawing in any medium. Exhibits not to exceed 60cms x 45cms overall No entry fee.

Woodcraft

Woodcraft exhibits must be the exhibitor's own work, made since 1st September 2025.
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Judges

Mr Mark Codling (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
590	An article of your choice (Adult)	An article of your choice (Adult)
591	An article of your choice - Under 18	An article of your choice - Under 18 (state age on exhibit)
592	Hand carved article	Hand carved article
593	Turned article	Turned article
594	An article made from a stick or sticks	An article made from a stick or sticks
595	A Carved Spoon	A Carved Spoon
596	An article made by a rural craftsman / woman or business.	An article made by a rural craftsman / woman or business. This class is open to those who obtain their living or the greater part of it from their craft, not to be a hobby.

Cider

Cider to be shown in plain clear 75cl bottles. Bottles must be full to be acceptable for judging and closed with a screw top or easily removed cork.
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Judges

Mr Ross Mangles (Judge)
Mr James Crowden (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
597	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Dry - up to a specific gravity of 1005	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Dry - up to a specific gravity of 1005
598	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Medium (SG 1005 to SG1012)	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Medium (SG 1005 to SG1012)
599	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Sweet (SG 1012 and above)	One bottle Still Farmhouse Cider - Sweet (SG 1012 and above)