

**STEEPLE ASTON
& MIDDLE ASTON
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

presents their 133rd
annual show

Monday 25th August 2025

**in the Steeple Aston Village Hall
and the Marquee – Fir Lane**

Gate opens at 2pm

Admission £2.50 per person over 16 years. No charge for under 16 years
Free entry for those entering 10 or more exhibits



Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society

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***The object of the Society is to encourage and improve
the cultivation of fruit, flowers and vegetables in the district.***

Society Regulations for Exhibitors

1 All produce for exhibition must be the property of the exhibitor and entered in the owner's name and (except in the case of Floral Art) must have been in his/her possession at least two months previous to the date of the show.

2 Entry forms together with entry fees (Adult's classes 30p per exhibit entered and children's classes 10p per exhibit) must be delivered by 7pm on the Wednesday previous to the show to Victoria Clifton, Bluebell Cottage, Middle Aston OX25 5PZ or Rebecca Lewin, Lansdowne House, Heyford Road, Steeple Aston OX25 4SH or a double entry fee will be charged. The entry fee includes payment for membership of the Society for one year.

. Late entries close at 7pm on the Friday before the show and entry forms must be delivered to Victoria Clifton, Bluebell Cottage, Middle Aston OX25 5PZ.

PLEASE NOTE! – LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 7PM ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE SHOW

3 Exhibits marked * in the schedule require a plate or dish which must be provided by the exhibitor.

4 Exhibits must be staged between 8am and 10.30am on the day of the show or the exhibit will not be judged. The marquee and hall will be cleared at 10.30am for judging. Exhibits may not be removed until after the presentation of the prizes.

5 Preceding the prize-giving at approx. 4.45pm there will be an auction of produce. Any produce for auction may be placed on the auction table by 4.30pm.

Please note! Prize money will be available for collection from the treasurer from 3.30pm until 5pm inside or close to the marquee. Any monies not collected by 5pm on the day will be donated to the Society. A signature will be required and under-16s must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

6 Any exhibitor attempting to gain prizes dishonestly or wilfully violating any of the Rules and Regulations of the Society shall forfeit all claims to all prizes. Any complaint must be made to the show secretary before 3pm on the day of the show.

7 The judges shall withhold any prize or points if the exhibits are not deemed of sufficient merit and in all cases their decision shall be final.

8 The Committee will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss and exhibits are accepted only on this condition.

9 In the event of doubt or dispute arising as to the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

10 Exhibitors are requested not to exhibit items in Divisions 6, 7 and 9 that have previously been shown at a Steeple Aston Horticultural Society Show.

11 Please note: exhibitors may only enter one entry in each class in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10. Exhibitors can enter more than one entry in each class in Divisions 5, 6, 7 and 9, but only one entry per exhibitor can be placed.

12 Division 2 Class 27: collection of any vegetables (5 distinct kinds). N.B. Collections must be of distinct kinds, e.g. it is not permissible to enter both globe and flat onions together, or runner and dwarf beans together. The exhibition value of any kind of vegetable is governed by the difficulty of producing a perfect exhibit. The maximum points attainable for each type of vegetable are as follows:

Peas (5 pods)	20	Potatoes	20	Shallots, large	18
Sweetcorn	18	Celery, trench	20	Tomatoes	18
Cherry tomatoes	12	Dwarf beans	15	Lettuce	15
Marrows	15	Parsnips	20	Onions, large	20
Runner beans	18	Beet, globe	15	Cabbage	15
Carrots, long	20	Stump rooted	18	Cauliflowers	20
Cucumbers, frame	18	Leeks	20		

Values of other vegetables can be obtained from the show secretary or RHS publication *The Horticultural Show Handbook*.

13 Note any unusual features of your exhibit on your form – if in doubt, check with Victoria Clifton (07817 025948).

14 For our privacy policy see:
<https://www.steepleaston.org.uk/clubs-societies/gardening/#horticultural>

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

To be held by the winner and returned to the secretary 14 days before the show.

Hayter Cup § **Holder:** Gill Rawnsley
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 1.

Robson Cup § **Holder:** Richard Preston
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 2.

The Beehive Cup **Holder:** Mary White & Stan Nelson
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 3.

The Wadham Challenge Cup **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 4.

The Scott Cup **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 5.

The Gladys Stevens Memorial Cup § **Holder:** Janet Coley
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 6.

The Photography Cup **Holder:** Jon Gascoyne
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 7.

Coronation Bowl § **Holder:** Victoria Clifton
Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 8.

Walker Cup for Show Champion **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Exhibitor with the highest number of points in show. Divisions 1 to 8 inclusive.

Fothergills Cup **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded for the best overall flower exhibit in the show, growing or cut.

The Lee Cup **Holder:** Gill Rawnsley
Awarded to the winner of class 12.

The Rousham Cup **Holder:** Richard Preston
Awarded to the winner of class 27.

Doug Walton Tankard **Holder:** Stan Nelson
Awarded to the winner of class 28.

The Lilley Cup **Holder:** Alex Pasteur
Awarded for the best exhibit of roses.

The George Alder Memorial Cup **Holder:** Daphne Preston
Awarded for the best exhibit of dahlias in show.

The Rose Lilley Memorial Trophy **Holder:** Judith Petterson
Awarded for the best Foliage arrangement.
Winner also receives 'Certificate of Merit in Floral Art'.

The Jean Stone Trophy **Holder:** Jon Gascoyne
Awarded for the best photograph in the show.

CHILDREN'S CUPS

Awarded to the winner of the highest number of points in Division 8.

Senior Holder: Jenny Marsden
Junior Holder: Charlotte Purtell
Under 8s: Isobel Coysh
Under 5s: Max Austin

Junior Photography Cup

for the competitor gaining most points in classes 131 to 133: Ben Wade-Martins

OTHER AWARDS

Rosettes will be presented for: the best single exhibit of vegetables in any division; best single exhibit of handicraft in division 6; the most points for preserves classes 98-103 and for most points from baking classes 104-112.

§ Special plaques will be awarded to exhibitors winning these cups three years running.

Points in all classes are: 3 for first place; 2 for second place; 1 for third place.

PRIZE MONEY: £2, £1, 50p unless otherwise stated.

Special classes for 2025

Class 84 **Handknitted/crochet/felted red poppy** – maximum 18cm in any direction. The be donated to the WI to display as part of their cascade from the church tower for remembrance.

Class 87 **Design a logo for Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society. Adult Class** (Winning entry will be selected by the committee following the show.) Maximum A5. The be easily reproducible.

Class 130 **Design a logo for Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society. Children's Class** – up to and 15 years inclusive. (Winning entry will be selected by the committee following the show.) Maximum A5. The be easily reproducible.

People's choice award for class 87 (Adults) and class 130 (Children) to be decided by visitors on the day. Special prizes of £10, £5, £2.50. No points awarded toward the photography trophy.

Class 140 **SPECIAL PHOTO CLASS** – a photo of 'Steeple Aston' to be used for the front cover of Steeple Aston's Village Hall 2026 calendar. Maximum 7 x 5 inches. JPEG image required following selection. All other rules as per division 7. See Steeple Aston Website or July SAL for more details.

DIVISION 1 for the Hayter Cup

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

Open only to residents of Steeple Aston, Middle Aston, North Aston and Rousham

VEGETABLES

- 1 4 Tomatoes*
- 2 5 Pods of runner beans
- 3 3 Onions
- 4 3 Carrots, long or short, tops cut to 8cm
- 5 3 Varieties of salad vegetables, any quantity
(see class 30 for definition of a salad vegetable)
- 6 4 Potatoes (coloured)*
- 7 4 Potatoes (white – pure white, no coloured eyes allowed)*
- 8 3 Beetroot with tops left on
- 9 3 Courgettes (not more than 6 inches long)
- 10 5 Cherry tomatoes*
- 11 5 Dwarf beans or French beans*
- 12 Collection of vegetables in a basket or trug. 4 varieties of vegetables,
2 of each. **Special prizes of £10, £5, £2.50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.**
Winner to receive **THE LEE CUP.**
- 13 Best vegetable not specified in any other class in Division 1

FLOWERS

- 14 3 Dahlias, any variety
- 15 3 Stems of annuals
- 16 Container of cut, mixed garden flowers
- 17 3 stems of roses (any varieties)
- 18 Mixed planter – to be judged on quality, condition, variety of plants, colour and overall impression. Plants must be planted / not a flower arrangement.
Maximum size of container 45cm in any direction.

Division 2 and all subsequent divisions are open to all

DIVISION 2 for the Robson Cup

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

VEGETABLES

- 19 5 Tomatoes*
- 20 5 Pods of runner beans
- 21 1 Cabbage culinary (leaving minimum 5cm stem)
- 22 3 Carrots, a long pointed cultivar; tops cut to 8cm
- 23 3 Carrots, other than long pointed cultivar; tops cut to 8cm
- 24 4 Potatoes (coloured)*
- 25 4 Potatoes (white – pure white, no coloured eyes allowed)*
- 26 3 Beetroot with tops left on

- 27 Collection of any vegetables (5 distinct kinds), quantities exhibited as in respective classes (in Division 2) unless not specified.
Special Prizes: 1st – £10, 2nd – £5, 3rd – £2.50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
Winner to receive **THE ROUSHAM TROPHY.**
See rules in 'Society Regulations for Exhibitors' at the front of this brochure.
- 28 4 Onions to weigh over 250gms (for **DOUG WALTON TANKARD**).
- 29 4 Onions to weigh under 250gms
- 30 Collection of 3 salad vegetables (any quantity). *Definition of salad vegetables – a vegetable used in either a raw or cooked state and served in salads as a cold dish – i.e. tomato, cucumber, lettuce, potato, sweetcorn, carrot, etc.*
- 31 One cucumber – any variety
- 32 5 Pods of dwarf beans or French beans*
- 33 A Lettuce, any variety
- 34 5 Cherry tomatoes*
- 35 Pair of table marrows (not to exceed 15 inches or 38cms in length)
- 36 3 Courgettes (not more than 6 inches)
- 37 2 Peppers*
- 38 2 Sweetcorn
- 39 5 Spring onions
- 40 2 Leeks
- 41 2 Parsnips (tops cut to 8cms)
- 42 6 Shallots pickling* (not to exceed 3cm in diameter)
- 43 6 Shallots large* (more than 3cm in diameter)
- 44 2 Sticks celery
- 45 The best vegetable not specified in any class
- 46 Collection of culinary herbs

DIVISION 3

for The Beehive Cup for fruit

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

All fruit to be presented with its stalk

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| 47 4 Apples, culinary* | 48 4 Apples, dessert* |
| 49 3 Pears, culinary or dessert* | 50 5 Plums, any variety* |
| 51 Dish of blackberries* (stalks on) | 52 Dish of fresh fruit, any other variety* |
| 53 Bowl of mixed home-grown fruit to be judged on quality and presentation* | |

DIVISION 4

for The Wadham Challenge Trophy

Only one entry per exhibitor per class

FLOWERS

- 54 3 Dahlias cactus
- 55 3 Dahlias decorative or ball
- 56 5 Pom-Pom Dahlias
- 57 3 stems of annuals, one variety
- 58 Vase of mixed grasses
- 59 3 Vases of garden flowers (distinct kinds)
- 60 3 Gladioli spikes
- 61 Single Gladioli spike

- 62 Container of cut mixed garden flowers (to be judged on quality and variety)
- 63 3 single bloom roses
- 64 One single bloom rose, not wired
- 65 Vase of roses (to be judged on their scent)
- 66 A Spray of Floribunda Roses
- 67 5 stems of perennials, one variety excluding dahlias and chrysanthemums
- 68 3 Stems Spray Chrysanthemums
- 69 5 Stems of Sweet peas
- 70 Pelargonium (pot plant)
- 71 Pot plant flowering (excluding Pelargoniums)
- 72 Pot plant foliage
- 73 Pot plant succulents or cactus
- 74 5 Fuchsia flower heads displayed in oasis
- 75 3 Clematis blooms, floating on water

DIVISION 5

Scott Cup awarded for the most points gained in the division

Rosette to be awarded to best exhibit in division

More than one entry per class allowed

*Exhibits marked † to be staged in niche (42x42x59cm). **NEW SIZE***

No plant material to touch the niche. No accessories allowed except where stated.

- 76 Informal arrangement from my garden
- 77 'By the sea' arrangement, accessories allowed †
- 78 'Remembrance', accessories allowed †
- 79 A foliage arrangement for the **ROSE LILLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY** †
- 80 An arrangement in a champagne glass, accessories allowed
- 81 A flower arrangement using five (5) blooms and any foliage †
- 82 A buttonhole

DIVISION 6

**for the GLADYS STEVENS MEMORIAL CUP (for Handicraft)
awarded to the person with most points in division**

More than one entry per exhibitor per class allowed.

A rosette will be presented for the best single exhibit in Division 6

- 83 Handknitted / crochet animal
- 84 Handknitted / crochet / felted red poppy – maximum 18cm in any direction. To be donated to the WI to display as cascade from church tower for remembrance.
- 85 A wedding day card
- 86 A decorated photo frame – maximum 8x10 inches / 20x25cm
- 87 Design a logo for Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society. See page 5 for more details. **Special prizes of £10, £5, £2.50. No points awarded.**
- 88 A painting or drawing
- 89 A piece of embroidery or tapestry
- 90 Any other handicraft. If large, please make a note on the entry form.
- 91 Complete the following limerick (on no larger than A5 please!):
"There once was a careless young man..."
(with 8 syllables in the 1st, 2nd and 5th lines and 5 syllables in the 3rd and 4th lines)

DIVISION 7

**for the Jean Stone trophy (best photograph in show)
and the Photography Cup (most points in division 7)**

A maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor per class is allowed

- 92 'Trees' – panel of four photographs
- 93 'Reflections' (photographic print)
- 94 'Harmony' (photographic print)
- 95 'Red' (photographic print)
- 96 'Pondlife' (photographic print)
- 97 'Sculpture' (photographic print)

Photographs may be in black-and-white or colour. Straight from camera. Print size should not exceed 7 x 5 inches. No mounts please, except for the panel of four.

***** SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASS – SEE DIVISION 10 *****

DIVISION 8 for the CORONATION BOWL

Trophy awarded for most points in division

Not more than one entry per exhibitor per class

**Rosettes to be awarded to the person gaining most points in
classes 98 – 103 and classes 104 – 112 inclusive**

**All entries in classes 104 to 111 inclusive and class 115 to be covered in
'Clingfilm' or a clear cover**

- 98 Lemon curd
- 99 Strawberry jam
- 100 Other jam
- 101 Marmalade
- 102 Pot of jelly
- 103 Pot of chutney
- 104 Plaited loaf
- 105 A savoury flan (stating main ingredients)
- 106 5 savoury straws (Cheese straw style – state flavour)
- 107 3 Cinnamon buns
- 108 French apple tart
- 109 Victoria sandwich
- 110 3 Biscotti
- 111 5 pieces of fudge
- 112 Carrot cake – Set recipe. Available from vmcstedman@btinternet.com or <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/carrot-cake>
- 113 Homemade cordial in a clear glass bottle with glass.
- 114 Homemade flavoured gin in a clear glass bottle with glass. (Add flavouring to shop-purchased gin.)

SPECIAL CLASS

- 115 A Dundee cake – **Special prizes £10, £5, £2.50**

DIVISION 9

Children can **ONLY** enter classes for their age bracket. Age on the day of the show.

Age must be declared on entry form.

All cooked items to be covered in 'Clingfilm' or a clear cover.

More than one entry per exhibitor per class is allowed.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES – Prizes £2, £1, 50p

Under 5 (Rosette/s to be awarded to overall winner/s in under 5s)

116 A collage using natural materials, not larger than A4

117 A painting or drawing not larger than A4

118 3 decorated fairy cakes, to be judged on decoration only.

(The cakes will not be tasted) Cakes can be shop purchased.

Age 5 to 7 inclusive

119 A Lego creature. (No kits allowed)

120 A collage using natural materials, no larger than A4

121 Pizza face. Judged on appearance and taste. Displayed on a plate*

122 Painting or drawing. No larger than A4

JUNIOR Age 8 to 11 inclusive

123 A Lego train (no kits). No longer than 45cm

124 A collage using natural materials, no larger than A4

125 A Marble cake. Judged on taste and appearance. Displayed on a plate

126 A painting or drawing not larger than A4

SENIOR Age 12 to 15 inclusive

127 Bug hotel. No larger than 30cm in any direction.

128 A painting or drawing not larger than A4

129 A quiche to be displayed on a plate*

OPEN TO ALL AGES – to 15 years inclusive

130 Design a logo for Steeple Aston & Middle Aston Horticultural Society. (To be judged by the committee following the show.) Maximum A5. To be easily reproducible. **People's choice award – to be decided by visitors on the day.**

Special prizes of £10, £5, £2.50. No points awarded.

The Junior Photography Cup – open to all under 16

131 'Birds' (photographic print)

132 'View through a window' (Macro photographic photo)

133 'Green' (photographic print)

Maximum size 7 x 5 inches and unmounted

DIVISION 10

* First prize only and no points awarded for classes 134 – 140

134 Largest sunflower head*

135 The heaviest pumpkin*

136 The heaviest potato*

137 The heaviest marrow*

138 The most misshapen vegetable*

139 The longest runner bean*

140 SPECIAL PHOTO CLASS – a photo of Steeple Aston to be used for the front cover of 2026 calendar. See page 5 for more details. See Steeple Aston website & SAL July for more information.

Annual Show 25th August 2025 Entry Form

Please circle each class you wish to enter and enter the number of entries in each class in the grey strip below the class number.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98
99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126
127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140

Total number of entries:

Enter ten classes or more and get free admittance to the show

I wish to enter the classes circled above and confirm that I have read and understand the rules governing the show (see pages 2 and 3). I undertake to comply with them.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Age if under 16 ____ Signature of parent/guardian if under 16 _____

Completed entry form and entry fees should be delivered to Victoria Clifton or Rebecca Lewin (addresses on page 2). Adult classes 30p per exhibit; children's classes 10p per exhibit.

Entry forms to arrive no later than 7pm on Wednesday 20th August 2025 (see page 2).

SHOW ATTRACTIONS

A fun dog show

Classes

2.30pm – Prettiest Bitch

2.45pm – Most Handsome Dog

3.00pm – Musical sit (Think musical chairs)

3.15pm – Waggiest tail

3.30pm – Child and dog Best friends

3.45pm – Dog of the day (best of previous 5 classes) for Dog of the day rosette

Open to all dogs. This is a fun dog show and is not held under Kennel Club rules.

Entry is for amateurs only. No puppies under 6 months of age. No bitches in season.

Please keep the venue clean by using bins provided in the exercise area.

Entries will be taken on the day from 2pm. £2 per class in aid of Dogs for Good.

Rosettes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

For further information please contact Claire Coysh (07799 065482)



**Children's Entertainment,
Bouncy Castle, Handicraft and produce stalls
Bottle stall, Prize draw, Teas, Ice-creams, Games and side shows
AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**An auction of produce donated by exhibitors will be held at 4.45pm
followed by the presentation of the trophies.**

Prize money to be collected from the treasurer's desk after 3.30pm
