

South Marston Flower & Produce Show Schedule

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025

South Marston Village Hall

South Marston Gardening Club looks forward to entries from anyone who lives in South Marston or the Surrounding area for the 2025 Flower and Produce Show. We also welcome entries from any of the children at South Marston Church of England School.

Registration Friday 15 August
6pm to 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Timings for Saturday 16 August are:

10am to 12 noon - Staging of Exhibits

1pm to 4pm - Judging takes place (Hall to be cleared except for Stewards)

5pm - Doors open to the public - Free admission

Refreshments available

5:15pm - Giving of Prize Money

5:30pm - Presentation of Show Winners

5:45pm Donations for Produce (the Committee will be grateful for any exhibit left for sale)

We want to encourage more people to the "spirit" of Showing so we've included some tips on the Show Schedule. If you still need help or advice, please speak to any of the Show Stewards during registration.

Why don't you give it a go.....you may surprise yourself!

In addition to the Children's classes, they are invited to enter any of the other classes on the Show Schedule.

Show hosted by South Marston Gardening Club

We wish to thank The F&E Harris Trust for their support and donation.

SECTION "A" CLASSES 1 to 26 - VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

1. 3 x Potatoes (white or coloured)
2. 5 x French Beans
3. 5 x Pods of Peas
4. 5 x Runner Beans
5. 5 x Broad Beans
6. 3 x Onions – under ½ lb / 227gms in weight
7. 3 x Onions – over ½ lb / 227gms in weight
8. 3 x Beetroot
9. 1 x Courgette
10. 3 x Carrots
11. 1 x Cabbage
12. 1 x Sweetcorn cob
13. 6 x Pickling Shallots (under 1.2" / 30mm in diameter)
14. 6 x Large Shallots (over 1.2" / 30mm in diameter)
15. 1 x Cucumber
16. 3 x Tomatoes
17. Truss of Tomatoes
18. Collection of any 5 Vegetables (one of each of any 5 different kinds in a seed tray not exceeding 18" x 12" / 45.5cms x 30.5cms)
19. Collection of Fresh Herbs
20. Longest Runner Bean
21. Heaviest Onion
22. Heaviest Potato
23. Heaviest Marrow
24. Any other Vegetable not on schedule
25. Ugly or Misshapen Vegetable (Please give your vegetable a "name")
26. 5 x Bowl of Homegrown Fruit (5 of same kind)

Tips: Class 1 - 3 x Potatoes. Choose 3 equally match size and shape with shallow eyes. Clean gently with a soft sponge.

Class 4 - 5 x Runner Beans. Choose fresh beans of the same size and colour, ensuring that each one has a small piece of stalk still attached.

Classes 6 & 7 – 3 x Onions. Tie heads (stalks) with string or raffia and do not over peel outer skin (unless doing so well in advance).

Class 8 - 3 x Beetroots. Should be uniform in shape (as possible), avoid misshapen or any that are marked with pest damage.

Class 9 - 1 x Courgette. Should be young and tender with a good colour and not exceeding 20cms.

Class 10 - 3 x Carrots. Firm and smooth with a good shape. Leave 75mm foliage on. Avoid split carrots, green coloured crowns and any evidence of pests or disease.

Class 16 - 3 x Tomatoes. Choose fruit of the same size and colour, firm but avoid overripe and underripe fruit. Leave the stalk (calyx) attached.

SECTION "B" CLASSES 27 to 45 – FLOWERS AND PLANTS

27. 1 x Single Rose
28. 3 x Roses
29. 5 x Asters (single or double)
30. 3 x Ball or Pompon Dahlias
31. 3 x Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias
32. 3 x Dahlias – any other type
33. 1 x Specimen Dahlia
34. 5 x Pansies or 5 Violas (one species – not mixed)
35. 5 x Stalks of Sweet Peas (annuals not everlasting perennials)
36. 1 x Specimen spike of Gladiolus
37. 3 x Hydrangea Heads
38. 5 x Stems of Antirrhinums (Snap Dragons)
39. Vase of Sunflowers
40. A Largest Sunflower Head
41. A Vase of Mixed Garden Flowers
42. 3 x Vases of Flowers (a different variety in each vase – no extra foliage)
43. Flowering Pot Plant (Geranium, Orchid etc.)
44. Flowering Pot Fuchsia
45. Foliage Pot Plant (Succulent, Cactus etc.)

Tip: Remove any faded or damaged flower heads and leaves. Gladiolus (38) should have a straight spike, erect tip and do not remove any flowers!

Note: We have vases in various sizes if required.

SECTION "B1" CLASSES 46 to 48 – FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

46. Arrangement in a Basket
47. Buttonhole or Corsage
48. Arrangement in a Teacup

Note: Shop bought flowers are permitted in section B3 for Floral Arrangements.

Tips: Remove any faded or damaged flower heads or foliage. Soak flowers and foliage in water ahead of arranging to ensure they look fresh and last longer.

SECTION "C" CLASSES 49 to 50 – PHOTOGRAPHS

49. Photograph "Autumn"
50. Photograph "Playful Pets"

Note: Photography paper must be used

Note: Maximum photograph size 7" x 5"

Hint: Use a border to mount your photograph as this gives impact

Hint: You can get photographs printed in any of the large supermarkets

SECTION "D" CLASSES 51 to 64 – CAKES, BAKES AND PRESERVES

51. Jar Soft Fruit Jam*
52. Jar Stone Fruit Jam*
53. Jar Jelly*
54. Jar Marmalade*
55. Curd (any fruit) *
56. Chutney/Piccalilli/Salsa/Relish*
57. 6 Sausage Rolls
58. 6 Cheese Scones
59. 6 Fruit Scones
60. Bread Pudding or Bread and Butter Pudding
61. Victoria Sandwich (Ingredients, size and shape of tin see below)~
62. Fruit Cake (Ingredients, size and shape of tin see below)~
63. Decorated cake
64. Shortbread

***Note:** When using recycled jars please use a wax disc and cellophane top if the lid bears commercial identification. It is ok to use lids if they are plain.

Tip: The cakes, bakes and preserves will be judged on appearance and taste.

Please clingfilm all cooking entries.

~INGREDIENTS FOR CLASSES 61 & 62

Victoria Sandwich

6oz / 170gms Self Raising Flour
6oz / 170gms Caster Sugar
6oz / 170gms Butter or Margarine
3 Eggs
Jam

Fruit Cake

8oz / 227gms Self Raising Flour
7oz / 198gms Fruit
4oz / 113gms Sugar
4oz / 113gms Butter or Margarine
2 Eggs
1/8th pint / 142mls Milk

*Cakes to be made in 7 - 8" / 17.5cms – 20cms size round tins using the above ingredients **only**.
Judges will use their discretion to disqualify cakes made using any other ingredients or size of tin.*

SECTION "E" CLASS 65 – HOMEBREW & CORDIALS

65. Homemade Wine, Lager, Beer, Cider, Liqueur, Syrups, Juices etc.

SECTION "F" CLASSES 66 to 72 – CRAFTS

66. Metal, Wood, Glass or Ceramic Item
67. Knitting or Crochet item
68. Cross Stich or Embroidery Item
69. Artwork (Acrylic, Charcoal, Watercolour etc.)
70. Material item (Fabric, Felt, Fur etc.)
71. Papercraft item (Decoupage, Stamping, Stencilling, Quilling etc.)
72. Small Upcycled Item

Note: Please hide identification on artwork etc.

CHILDREN'S SECTION "G" – AGE 0 to 16 YEARS

Choose one of the following: Decorated stone, Flowers in a jam jar or a Piece of Artwork

RULES OF COMPETITION

All exhibits are the responsibility of the owner. The Gardening Club accepts no responsibility for damage to any exhibit during the Show and The Committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit if necessary.

1. Unlimited entries in each class.
2. Entry Fees 30p each entry for all classes 1 - 72.
3. Class prizes will be awarded – 1st 50p, 2nd 20p and 3rd 10p.
4. Children's classes are 20p to enter or classes 1-72 30p each.
5. Children's class prizes will be awarded – 1st £2, 2nd £1, and 3rd 50p.
6. The exhibitor must have grown all the Vegetables, Flowers (except Floral Arrangements in B1) and Fruits, taken the Photographs, made the Cakes, Bakes, Preserves, Homebrew, Cordials and created the Crafts.
7. All pot plants in section B must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 6 months.
8. All classes are open to everyone.
9. One entry form per person. Please photocopy the entry form for two or more people.
- 10. Entry Forms to be handed in at the Village Hall between 6pm and 7:30pm of the Friday before the show** (or previously to the Gardening Club Chair).
11. Exhibits must be staged between 10am and 12 noon on the day of the show.
12. No exhibits to be removed until 5:45pm.
13. All prizes awarded at the judge's discretion.
14. A **Challenge Cup** donated by the Men's Fellowship will be awarded to the winner of the largest value prize money in "Section A"
15. The **South Marston Gardening Club Rose Bowl** will be awarded to the winner of the largest value prize money in "Section B" (winners in previous two years excluded).
16. The **Bill Smith Trophy** to be awarded for the Best Dahlia in Show in "Section B".
17. The **Flower Arrangers Cup** will be awarded to the winner of the largest value prize money in "Section B1".
18. The **Photography Cup** will be awarded to the exhibitor submitting the best entry in "Section C".
19. The **Cookery Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of the largest value prize money in "Section D".
20. The **Craft Trophy** will be awarded to the best craft item exhibited in "Section F".
21. A **Best in Show Cup** will be awarded to the exhibitor submitting the best overall exhibit in the Show.
22. A **Cup** will be awarded to the child submitting the overall best entry from the Children's section.
23. A **Shield** will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd exhibits out of the children's classes. These shields to be retained.
24. All Cups and Trophies (except the children's shields) are awarded for one year only and must be returned in good condition to the Gardening Club Chair, Michael New (beginning of August at the very latest of the following year).

More about South Marston Gardening Club

We are a small friendly group that consists of members from within the Village and surrounding area. We come together to share our passion for all things horticultural.

As a rule, we meet every first Monday (occasionally 2nd Monday if a Bank Holiday falls) of the month (from March to December) in South Marston Village Hall from 7:30p.m to 9:30p.m. with refreshments and an optional raffle.

Our Annual Programme of activities include talks by experts on various aspects of gardening, plant sale, quizzes, workshops and social events. We also organise and host the Annual Flower and Produce Show.

If you would like to share your ideas and experience about gardening with like-minded people, please come and join us. You are very welcome, whether you want to learn, just a beginner or are already green-fingered. You have the choice to enjoy the benefits of full membership which is just £15 a year or join us as a visitor for talks that particularly interest you and pay £5 on the door. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you.

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Children's Entry Form 2025

Child's Name.....Child's Age.....(20p to enter)
(30p for classes 1 – 72)

Child's Name (2nd child).....Child's Age.....(20p to enter)
(30p for classes 1 – 72)

Child's Name (3rd child).....Child's Age.....(20p to enter)
(30p for classes 1 – 72)

Address:

ENTRY FORM 2025 – One per person (To be retained by the Gardening Club)

Please photocopy this page if more copies are required.

Exhibitor No..... Total No. of Exhibits.....Total Fees Paid (30p per exhibit)

Name.....

Address.....

Email address: Mobile:

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Total Winnings Fees Paid Out

Please circle each exhibit you are entering below.

Section “A” 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 (Vegetables and Fruit)

Section “B” 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

43 44 45 (Flowers and Plants)

Section “B1” 46 47 48 (Floral Arrangements)

Section “C” 49 50 (Photographs)

Section “D” 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64
(Cakes, Bakes and Preserves)

Section “E” 65 (Homebrew & Cordials)

Section “F” 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 (Crafts)

