

EAST READING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

President: Mr Jeff Gardner

SCHEDULE

for the

50TH SUMMER SHOW

to be held at

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL
CHURCH ROAD, EARLEY**

on

SATURDAY JULY 19TH 2025

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AT 4:00 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES FOR THE SHOW SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO

**9 WYCHWOOD CLOSE, EARLEY, RG6 5RB  
TELEPHONE (0118) 986 7303**

# **ERHS SUMMER SHOW 2025**

## **SECTION A: FLOWER CLASSES**

The **JOHN BRIDGES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 1 - 16.

The **DAVID ANDREW TROPHY** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 1 and 2.

The **WILLIAM PARSONS MEMORIAL CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 3 – 7.

- 1 Vase of sweet peas (Spencer type) – colour variation allowed – 7 stems – sweet pea foliage only.
- 2 Vase of sweet peas – any type (colour variations allowed) – 9 stems - sweet pea foliage only.
- 3 Vase of large flowered (HT) roses – mixed varieties – 3 blooms.
- 4 3 stems of miniature or patio roses – one or mixed varieties.
- 5 One specimen bloom of large flowered (HT) rose.
- 6 Vase of 3 large flowered (HT) roses – one bud, one exhibition bloom and one full-blown bloom – one variety..
- 7 Vase of any other roses except large flowered (HT) – mixed varieties – 3 stems.
- 8 Vase of pinks – 7 stems – not disbudded.
- 9 Vase of pansies or violas with foliage – 7 blooms – single or mixed colours allowed.
- 10 Vase of any other annual flowers (hardy or half hardy) not more than two kinds – colour variation allowed (excluding classes 1 & 2.)
- 11 Vase of any other perennial flowers – not more than two kinds – colour variation allowed.
- 12 Vase of mixed flowering shrubs – minimum 3 kinds (excluding roses.)
- 13 A single stem of bloom (shrubs permitted) – excluding roses.
- 14 Container of cactus and/or succulent plant(s). Number of plants not to exceed 6, in a container up to 9” diameter or length.
- 15 One flowering plant in a pot, not to exceed 9” diameter.
- 16 One foliage plant in a pot, not to exceed 9” diameter.

*Notes: All pot and container dimensions are internal.*

## **SECTION B: VEGETABLE CLASSES**

The **BULMERSHE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 17 - 26.

- 17 Carrots – one variety – 5.
- 18 Broad beans – one variety – 6 pods.
- 19 Peas – one variety – 9 pods (not mangetout.)
- 20 Potatoes – one variety – 5 – round or kidney. Any colour.
- 21 Lettuce, with roots – one variety – 2.
- 22 Herbs – 3 kinds – to be displayed in 3 separate vases (2.5” diameter.)
- 23 Rhubarb – 3 sticks with not more than 3” of leaf blade left attached.
- 24 Courgettes – 3 of any single variety – no longer than 6”.
- 25 Any other vegetable – one variety – number optional.
- 26 Collection of one each of 3 types of vegetable, but not more than 2 types from classes 17 - 21.

### **SECTION C: FRUIT CLASSES**

The **C. J. HARMAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 27 – 32.

- 27 Blackcurrants – 15 bunches displayed individually.
- 28 Gooseberries – dish of 20.
- 29 Raspberries with stalks – dish of 20.
- 30 Strawberries – dish of 10.
- 31 Dish of any other fruit – number optional.
- 32 Collection of mixed fruits, to consist of 3 separate fruit varieties; number optional.

*Note: Each entry in classes 27 - 32 must consist of one cultivar (variety) only. Decoration with leaves, of the fruit shown, is permitted.*

### **SECTION D: FLORAL ART CLASSES**

The **MAURICE ILES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 33 – 37.

*Note: Only natural plant material is to be used in all classes.*

- 33 A petite exhibit. Max 9” width & depth.
- 34 A vertical exhibit using 3 blooms, plus foliage. Max 12” wide by 18” high.
- 35 “Your garden in Summer”. Max 24” in any direction.
- 36 A Trug (basket or box) of flowers, fruit and vegetables for Sunday lunch.
- 37 Men only. An exhibit in a hollowed-out vegetable.

*Note: Judging in these classes will be based on creativity, originality and visual attractiveness and will not be based on N.A.F.A.S. rules.*

### **SECTION E: COOKERY CLASSES**

The **MISS NAOMI BOURTON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 38 – 46.

- 38 One jar of lemon curd.
- 39 One jar of chutney.
- 40 One jar of marmalade.
- 41 6 cheese scones.
- 42 6 bread rolls (50/50 white/wholemeal).
- 43 6 Ginger biscuits.
- 44 4 vegetarian tarts (max 4” diameter).
- 45 Carrot cake (own recipe).
- 46 Marmalade cake (own recipe).

## **SECTION F: HOMECRAFT CLASSES**

The **MOCKBEGGAR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL** will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 47 – 56. All entries must be made by the exhibitor and not previously shown at any show organised by the society.

All photographs must be mounted on white background with a 1” border surrounding the photograph.

- 47 Photograph “Along the riverbank”.
- 48 Photograph “A local church tower”.
- 49 Photograph “Reading brickwork”.
- 50 Photograph “Working on your garden or allotment”.
- 51 A handmade “Get well” card.
- 52 A fabric tote bag.
- 53 An item of handmade jewellery.
- 54 A picture of a flower (any medium except photograph).
- 55 A doorstep.
- 56 A soft toy - knitted or sewn.

**The CYRIL GARDNER PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the Husband-and-Wife team obtaining the highest number of points in all sections of the Show.**

## **PRIZES and ENTRY FEES**

| <b>Award</b> | <b>Classes</b>      | <b>Entry fee</b> | <b>Prize *</b> | <b>Points value</b> |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1st          | Classes 1-32, 38-56 | 20 p             | £1             | 4                   |
| 2nd          |                     |                  | 75p            | 3                   |
| 3rd          |                     |                  | 50p            | 2                   |
| 1st          | Classes 33-37       | 40 p             | £2             | 4                   |
| 2nd          |                     |                  | £1.50          | 3                   |
| 3rd          |                     |                  | £1             | 2                   |

**\*Note that prizes may be changed subject to sponsorship.**

In the event of a tie in points for a trophy, the exhibitor gaining the most first prizes will be adjudged the winner. If there is still a tie, the most second, then third and commendations will be taken into consideration.

## RULES

- 1 **Entry** in all classes is confined to members of the East Reading Horticultural Society and their immediate families. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee shown above.  
**Entries:** Entries on the form on page 7 (a photocopy is acceptable) or on plain paper, giving full details, should be received by the Show Secretary (address on front page) or any Committee member, not later than 10 p.m. on the Wednesday before the show.  
**Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Show Secretary, but the entry fee charged will be doubled for such entries.**
- 2 **Staging:** The hall will be open from 11 a.m. for staging, which must be completed by 1 p.m. A Show Entry Card must be obtained from the Show Secretary for each entry and placed with the exhibit after staging so as to clearly show the entry class.
- 3 No exhibit shall be removed until after the trophies have been presented.
- 4 **Exhibits:** All floral, fruit and vegetable exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor and all home cookery entries must be the work of the exhibitor. If two or more persons enter separately in the same class with produce from the same garden and/or allotment, they will be regarded as duplicate entries (see below). Floral arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor although the use of purchased plant material is permitted.
- 5 No exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize in any one class.  
**Duplicate entries are permitted, but cards will be marked to indicate that the entries are duplicates.**
- 6 Exhibitors are requested to name the variety shown, if possible, to enhance the general interest in the show.
- 7 **Notice of objection** to any exhibit or exhibitor, must be made in writing to the Show Secretary together with a deposit of £1 by 3:30 p.m. on the day of the show. The deposit will be returned if the objection is sustained by the Committee.
- 8 The Committee reserve the right to settle any matter in dispute in such a manner as it may decide. The Committee shall not be held liable for any loss or damage that may be caused to any exhibit or equipment.
- 9 Judging will commence at 1:15 p.m. The decision of the judges will be final. Where applicable, judging will be in accordance with the RHS Handbook. Only stewards appointed by the committee shall be allowed in the exhibits area whilst judging is taking place.
- 10 The judges may award additional prizes should the entries merit them or may withhold prizes where they consider the exhibits do not merit awards.

- 11 All Trophies must be returned** to the Show Secretary in good condition **no later than 4 weeks before the show.**
- 12** No artificial flowers or foliage to be used.
- 13 Vases** will be supplied for classes 1-13 and 22. **Paper plates** will be supplied for classes 27-32 and 41-46.

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**SUMMER 2025 Entry Form** Photocopies accepted or entries can be on plain paper.  
(Please use one line for each entrant from the same address)

I/ We wish to enter the following classes in the ERHS Spring Show: (*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*)

Name.....

Classes.....,

Name.....

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Name.....

Classes .....,

Name.....

Classes .....,

Address.....

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Telephone (in case of queries) .....

Email (in case of queries) .....

Total sum enclosed (see entry fees on page 4)                      £.....

**TO: 9 WYCHWOOD CLOSE BEFORE 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

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