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FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

**Iain Fenn (Chairman) 01892 864908
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Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

We warmly welcome entries to our show whether from beginners or old hands. The show celebrates the skills and achievements of all our village community, young or old.

We are particularly keen to introduce the younger generations to gardening, baking and craft. We have specific children's categories and children can enter any class. There are even cash prizes for the children.

Set out in this schedule are the details of how to enter, and the many classes available. Why not try a few.

Even if you do not intend to enter, please join us on 6th September to admire the fruits of your neighbours' labours and enjoy some good company and some tea and cake.

Alan Ford

This year's show is dedicated to our good friend Alan Ford, former chairman and driving force behind the Speldhurst Flower Show for many years who recently passed away. A keen gardener and participant in many flower shows, Alan consistently won cups, first prizes and accolades for his beautiful blooms and near perfect vegetables becoming a Speldhurst Flower Show institution. Alan was always happy to selflessly share tips on gardening and the best way to show exhibits. As Flower Show chairman he willingly embraced new ideas to ensure the Flower Show remained a vibrant village event. Alan's good humoured support of his fellow Speldhurst gardeners and the Flower Show will be keenly missed by his many friends in the village.

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

DIVISION ONE

VEGETABLES

- 1) Potatoes, 5 of one variety
- 2) Runner beans, 7
- 3) Tomatoes, one dish of 5
- 4) Cherry tomatoes, one dish of 5 (dish provided)
- 5) Carrots, 3
- 6) Shallots, 10 (dish provided)
- 7) Best Emoji Pumpkin
- 8) Courgettes, 3, length 10-15cm
- 9) Beetroot, 3
- 10) Onions from sets, 5
- 11) Onions from seed, 3
- 12) French bean, 7
- 13) Cucumbers, 1
- 14) Peppers, 2
- 15) Chilli peppers, 5
- 16) Any other variety of vegetable not in schedule (one kind only)
- 17) Collection of 4 distinct kinds of vegetables arranged in a provided tray.

For numbers of vegetables allowed see classes 1-16. All vegetables are scored out of 20, with, in addition, a maximum of 10 points awarded for presentation.

- 18) Collection of 2 vases of distinct outdoor flowers plus 2 kinds of vegetables. For numbers of vegetables allowed see individual classes.

FRUIT

- 19) Cooking apples, 3
- 20) Eating apples, 3
- 21) Any other variety of fruit not in schedule (one kind only)

FLOWERS, HERBS AND PLANTS

- 22) A vase of herbs, minimum 3 varieties (in own container)
- 23) Dahlias, cactus, one vase of 3 blooms, one or more varieties
- 24) Dahlias, decorative or ball, one vase of 3 blooms, one or more varieties
- 25) Dahlias, pom-pom, one vase of 5 blooms (55mm), one or more varieties
- 26) Dahlia, 1 specimen bloom, any variety
- 27) Chrysanthemums, any variety, one vase of 3 blooms
- 28) Chrysanthemums, spray, not disbudded, 3 stems
- 29) Garden flowers, 3 distinct varieties in separate vases
- 30) One vase of annuals, any variety
- 31) Roses, hybrid tea or modern rose, one vase of 3 blooms
- 32) Roses, floribunda (multi blooms on one stem), one vase of 3 stems
- 33) Roses, one specimen, hybrid tea or modern rose
- 34) One pot plant, flowering or foliage
- 35) Six fuchsia blooms displayed on board provided
- 36) A single hydrangea head in own glass bottle
- 37) A cacti or succulent

DIVISION TWO Domestic ART AND CRAFT

- 38) A floral table arrangement to your own design max. base 30cm x 35cm (12" x 14")
- 39) "Wild Things" a floral arrangement incorporating wild flowers
- 40) A piece of knitting or crochet work
- 41) A sewn garment
- 42) A painting or drawing or collage
- 43) Any other handicraft soft material
- 44) Any other handicraft hard material (wood, pottery etc)

BAKING AND PRESERVING

- 45) One pot of fruit jam
- 46) One pot of jelly
- 47) One pot of chutney
- 48) One pot of kimchi
- 49) 6 chocolate brownies
- 50) 6 cheese scones
- 51) A victoria sponge cake (no cream)
- 52) A marble cake (see recipe included) (adult)
- 53) A loaf cake with veg main ingredient (e.g. carrot)
- 54) A wholemeal based loaf in breadmaker
- 55) White loaf by hand
- 56) 6 blueberry muffins
- 57) Fruit tart
- 58) 6 free-range eggs

DIVISION THREE (Beverages)

- 59) Wine red or white
- 60) Cordial any kind
- 61) Home-made liqueur e.g. sloe gin
- 62) Home-made beer or cider

DIVISION FOUR (Photographs)

- 63) A colour print of sunrise or sunset
- 64) A colour or black and white print of a sculptural or distinctive plant
- 65) A colour print of "on the beach"

PHOTOGRAPHS NOT TO EXCEED 25CM. MOUNTED WITH NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE REVERSE

DIVISION FIVE

(School year groups at 31 August 2024)

Illustrated handwriting: It's Spring by John Foster

Classes: **66** Yr. 1 **67** Yr. 2

Illustrated handwriting: Unfolding Bud by Naoshi Koriyama

Classes: **68** Yr. 3 **69** Yr. 4 **70** Yr. 5 **71** Yr. 6

Artwork: It's Spring by John Foster

Classes: **72** Yr. 1 **73** Yr. 2

Artwork: Unfolding Bud by Naoshi Koriyama

Classes: **74** Yr. 3 **75** Yr. 4 **76** Yr. 5 **77** Yr. 6

DIVISION SIX
Children 15 years & under at 6th September 2024

ART AND CRAFT

- 78) A handprint picture (age 5 & under)
- 79) A decorated cupcake (age 5 & under)
- 80) A selection of flowers in a mug (age 5 & under)
- 81) A model made from recycled materials (ages 6, 7 & 8)
- 82) 3 jam tarts (ages 6, 7 & 8)
- 83) Pot of decorated slime (ages 6, 7 & 8)
- 84) A model from clay or plasticine (ages 9, 10 & 11)
- 85) 3 flapjacks (ages 9, 10 & 11)
- 86) A colour photograph 'An Animal' (ages 9, 10 & 11)
- 87) A marble cake, recipe included (age 15 & under)
- 88) 6 Speldhurst slices, recipe included (age 15 & under)
- 89) A Lego model not to exceed 35cm x 35cm (age 15 & under)
- 90) A single plant grown by a child (age 15 & under)
- 91) A vegetable model (age 15 & under)

DIVISION SEVEN
Uniformed groups

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|-----|----------|-----------------|
| 92) | Rainbows | Vase of Flowers |
| 93) | Beavers | Cardboard Cat |
| 94) | Cubs | Painted Flowers |
| 95) | Brownies | Bookmark |
| 96) | Guides | Candles |

SPELDHURST SLICES

CLASS NO. 88

INGREDIENTS

200g (7oz) dark chocolate

75g (3oz) unsalted butter

397g (14oz) can condensed milk

100g (4oz) dried chopped apricots

225g (8oz) reduced fat digestive biscuits broken into pieces

100g (4oz) raisins

METHOD

Break chocolate into squares, put in dish with butter. Microwave on full power for 3 minutes, stirring halfway through, until melted. Or melt chocolate and butter in bowl over simmering water. Stir condensed milk, fruit and broken biscuits into mixture. Line 18cm x 28cm (7" x 11") shallow cake tin with foil, allowing the sides to overhang. Spoon mixture into tin, press down well and level out surface. Put to set in fridge, preferably overnight, then cut into slices. Keeps best in the fridge but does not freeze.



MARBLE CAKE

CLASSES NO. 52, 87

INGREDIENTS

225g (8oz) butter, softened
225g (8oz) caster sugar
225g (8oz) self-raising flour, sifted
2 level teaspoons baking powder
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
2 level tablespoons cocoa, sifted
1 tablespoon of milk

METHOD

Grease and line with baking parchment a roasting tin 20 x 25.5 cm (8" x 10"). Preheat oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4. Beat the butter, sugar, flour, baking powder and eggs together until pale and creamy. Place half the mixture in another mixing bowl. Beat the vanilla extract into one bowl, and the cocoa and milk into the other. Randomly dollop alternate spoonfuls of the plain and chocolate sponge mixtures into the prepared tin. To marble the cake drag the handle of a wooden spoon through the mixture making a swirly pattern. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 25 -30 minutes until cake feels springy in the centre and is starting to pull away from the sides.



Guidance notes for Exhibitors on judging

The flower, fruit and vegetable exhibits will be judged by reference to the following criteria:

Number of specimens: the schedule specifies the number of items that have to be shown. Check you have enough.

Variety: vegetables should be specimens of the same variety unless otherwise specified.

Uniformity: this means try and get them all the same size, colour, shape and appearance.

Condition: marks will be deducted for blemishes, insect attacks, disease etc.

Freshness: Flowers and vegetables should be as fresh as you can manage.

Presentation: in general, leave the stalk on (apples, raspberries etc) and display onions with their tops tied. Sand trays are supplied to display cherry tomatoes. Vegetables should be cleaned and washed.

Some practical tips

Members of the FS Committee are always available on the day, but here are some extra pointers to help you before the event:

- **Read** the schedule to see what you might enter and check the rules in plenty of time.
- Make sure you know the **right number** of specimens to exhibit.
- **Take extra.** You never know how they will look once displayed so bring more than you need if you have them.
- **Plan ahead.** Don't forget that some flowers, particularly roses will open over the day so pick them just before the show and make sure the blooms are not very full or they will drop their petals.
- Get to the flower show in plenty of **time** to make your exhibit look good. The doors will open at 8am and close for the staging of your exhibits at 10:30am.
- You can take your exhibits home or leave them for the **charity auction**. Proceeds go to the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.
- **Don't worry.** It's all about taking part and having fun.

If you have any questions before the day, please contact Iain Fenn (01892 864908) or Paul Freddi (07434 604018).

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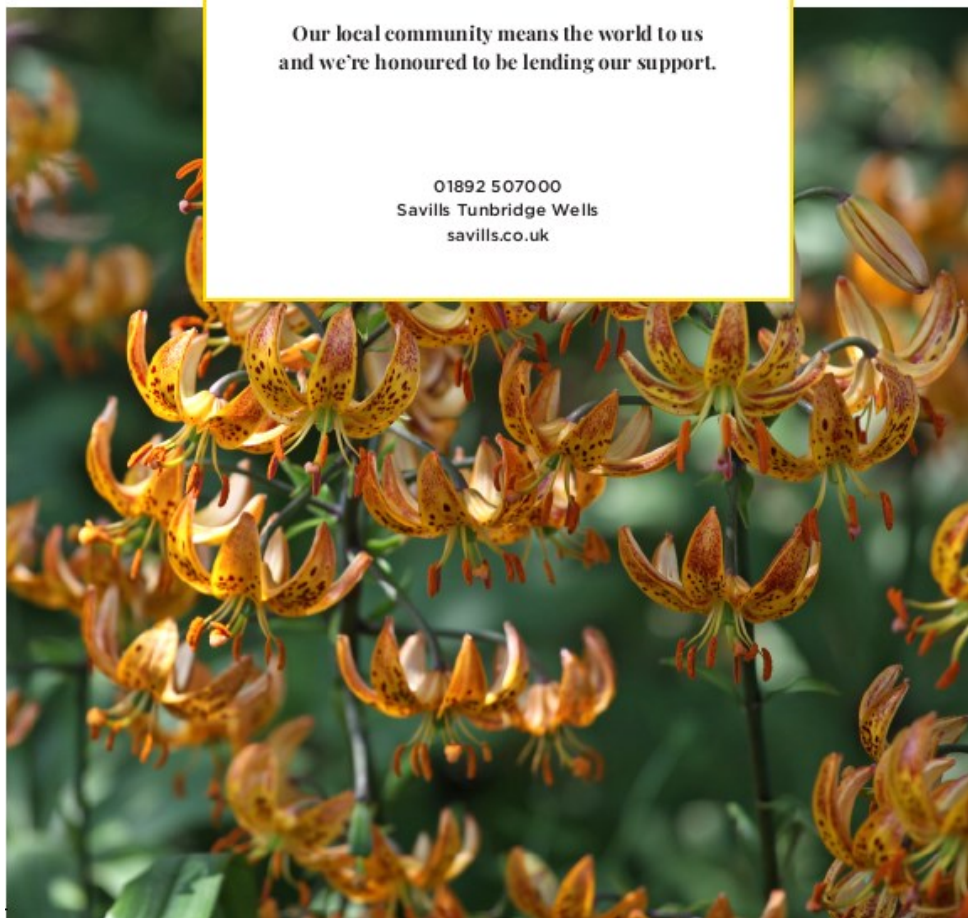
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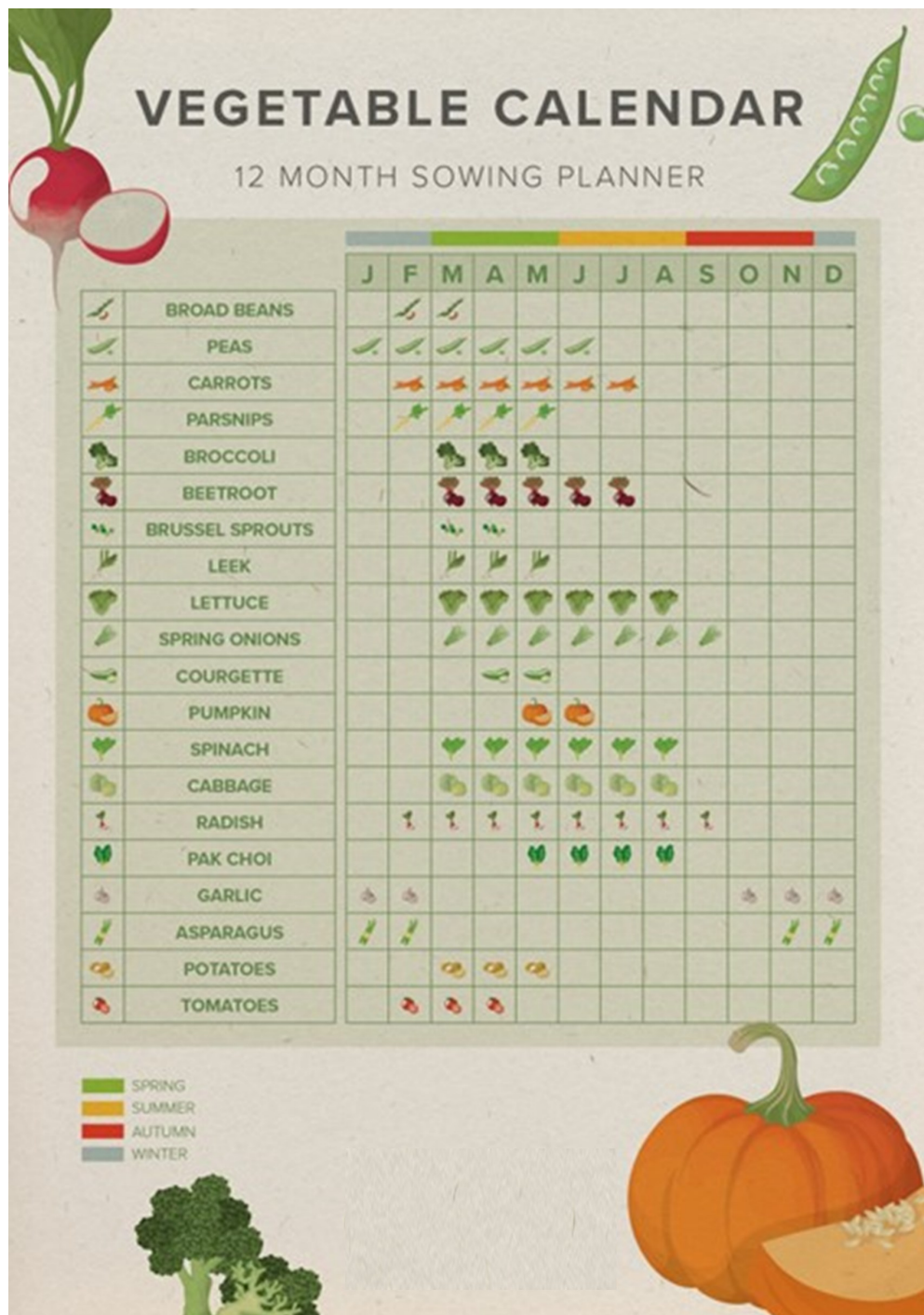
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Martin Baker Challenge Cup for the best Exhibit in Class 17

Harman Jubilee Challenge Cup for the best Exhibit in Class 18

George Jewhurst Cup for the best Exhibit in Classes 1-9, 12-16, and 19-21

Worcester Challenge Cup for the best Exhibit in Classes 10 and 11

Bradley's Challenge Trophy for Classes 23-33

Erskine Challenge Cup for the best Pot Plant

Christine Peat Rose Bowl for the best Floral Exhibit in Classes 38 and 39

Lawrence Vase for the best Exhibit in Classes 40-44

Michael Sharp Cup for the best Exhibit in Classes 45-57

Children's Cups for the most points

Anne Powell Cup for the best Pot Plant in Division Six

Roland Winter Shield for the best Exhibit in Classes 92, 95 and 96

Jeffrey Challenge Cup for the best Children's Painting in the Show

Langton Green Horticultural Society Richard Rieu Cup for the best exhibit in Class 35

Gordon Mitchell Trophy for the most amusing entry (at the Committee's discretion)

Pantiles Camera Centre Cup for the best photograph in Division Four

Knight's Shield - Chairman's award for 'special effort'

Mailer Cups for the best Illustrated Handwriting, under 8 Years and under 12 Years

Speldhurst Scout Group Centenary Cups for the best Exhibits in Classes 93 and 94

John Motts Tankard for the Exhibitor obtaining most points in Division Three



SHOW RULES

- (1) The Show will be held on Saturday 6th September 2025. An entry form with instructions is provided with this schedule and is available online from www.speldhurst.org and, if possible, should be submitted not later than Wednesday 3rd September. The entry fee is 20p per class entered for adults (no fee for children).
- (2) The Village Hall will open from 8.00am. Staging must be completed by 10.30am to enable judging to commence at 11.00am. The Show will open to the public at 2.30pm. Prize giving will be at 4.00pm followed by the auction and raffle after which exhibits may be removed.
- (3) No Exhibitor may stage more than one exhibit in any one class except wines. Children may enter adult classes.
- (4) All garden produce and flowers exhibited for competition must have been grown in the Exhibitor's own garden or allotment and have been in his or her possession for two months prior to the Show with the exception of Class nos. 38 and 39.
- (5) The show is a celebration of all things growing and creative. The judges may take into account "green" choices in certain categories.
- (6) The decision of the Judges will be final and they may at their absolute discretion withhold or modify any prize.
- (7) All cups and trophies are challenge trophies and must be returned to Iain Fenn fourteen days before the next Show or when requested.
- (8) Flower arrangements must be done on the tables provided, not on the display tables. Vases will be supplied for the exhibits in Class nos. 23-33.
- (9) Prizes to be collected from the Committee between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Any unclaimed prize money will be donated to Show funds.
- (10) Prize money for children: 50p 30p 20p
- (11) The flower show committee cannot be held responsible for any lost or damaged exhibits.

If you wish to claim your exhibit(s) at the close of the show please mark your entry form with an 'X' at the appropriate place. All other exhibits will be auctioned at the end of the show.