

DORSET SPRING SHOW

3 & 4 MAY 2025

COMPETITIONS SCHEDULE

CLOSING DATE: 22 APRIL 2025



BIRCH LANE SHOWGROUND, PUDDLETOWN, DT2 7LN

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Show Location: Birch Lane Showground, Puddletown, DT2 7LN

Entry Fee for all classes (unless otherwise stated): £1 inc VAT

Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

AWARDS:

The Dorchester Agricultural Society PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Best Exhibit in Show

The PRIDE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL awarded for the best exhibit in classes 1 – 25

The PICKARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE PLATE awarded for the Best Exhibit in the CHILDRENS CLASSES

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NOTES TO ENTRANTS

STAGING OF EXHIBIT: Entries drop off is permitted between 16:00 and 18:00 on Friday 2nd May, and between 7:00 and 9:15 on Saturday 3rd May. Exhibits must be staged by 9:15 on Saturday 3rd May 2025. Judging will commence promptly at 9:30.

Vehicles for the dropping off of exhibits must park in the Public Car Parks and exhibits carried to the marquee. The marquee is based just inside the main Show Visitors Entrance. Please follow signs for Gate B (Friday) and Public Parking (Saturday).

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS: You can collect your entries from 16:00 on Sunday 4th May 2025. All entries that have not been collected by 18:00 on Sunday 4th May 2025 will be disposed of.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET: One complimentary Dorset Spring Show Ticket will be e-mailed to adult exhibitors who make entries to the value of £10 or more across Dorset Spring Show competitions.

All entries must have been grown or made by the exhibitor. These exhibits must not have been displayed or judged at any previous event (including Dorset County Show).

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Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
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Classes judged under the Royal Horticultural Society rules

FLOWERS

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 1 **DAFFODILS, 1 VASE OF 3 BLOOMS**, any varieties
- 2 **TULIPS, 1 VASE OF 3 BLOOMS**, 1 cultivar
- 3 **POLYANTHUS, 1 VASE OF 5 STEMS**
- 4 **PRIMROSES, 1 VASE OF 5 STEMS**
- 5 **GRAPE HYACINTHS (muscari), 1 VASE OF 5 STEMS**
- 6 **GARDEN SHRUB, 1 STEM**
- 7 **CONTAINER OF MIXED OUTDOOR FLOWERS** excluding shrubs
- 8 **WISTERIA, 3 STEMS**, one variety
- 9 **PERENNIAL, 1 STEM**, any variety
- 10 **ALLIUMS, 1 STEM**, any variety

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POT PLANT

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 11 1 POT FLOWERING TULIPS, pot not larger than 8"
- 12 1 BOWL OR POT GRAPE HYACINTHS (*muscaria*), pot not larger than 8"
- 13 1 BULB AMARYLLIS in bowl or pot
- 14 1 POLYANTHUS in pot
- 15 1 PRIMROSE in pot
- 16 1 BOWL OR POT OF BULBS OR CORMS not listed elsewhere in schedule
- 17 1 HOUSEPLANT IN BLOOM
- 18 1 HOUSEPLANT GROWN FOR FOLIAGE
- 19 1 BOWL OR POT OF FRITILLANA
- 20 ALPINE PLANT

PROPAGATION

To be presented in a suitably sized pot

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 21 1 PELARGONIUM CUTTING
- 22 1 CHRYSANTHEMUM CUTTING
- 23 1 SWEET PEA PLANT
- 24 1 TRAY OF VEGETABLE OR FLOWER SEEDLINGS, pricked out. Max. tray size 15"x9"
- 25 1 TOMATO PLANT

CACTI & SUCCULENTS

Plants should be labelled, but this is not obligatory. Pot measurements refer to internal diameters.

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 26 **CACTUS, ONE PLANT**, no pot restriction
- 27 **CACTUS, THREE PLANTS** (maximum pot size 5 ins/12.5cm)
- 28 **SUCCULENT (OTHER THAN CACTI), ONE PLANT**, no pot restriction

VEGETABLES

All Vegetables will be judged under **National Vegetable Society** rules

Judge: Mr N Hewish

- 29 **3 STICKS OF RHUBARB**
- 30 **SPRING ONIONS, 3 stalks**
- 31 **3 KINDS OF CULINARY HERBS, 3 stems of each in water, 3 containers, to be named**
- 32 **6 CHITTED POTATOES**, to be displayed in an egg carton
- 33 **2 LEEKS**

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GARDEN FURNITURE & ORNAMENTS

Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £12, 2nd - £5, 3rd - £2

Judge: TBC

- 34 **GARDEN FURNITURE**, eg, bench, table, archway, planter. To be made out of wood or metal
- 35 **GARDEN ORNAMENT**, eg, bird table, decoration. To be made out of wood or metal
- 36 **SOMETHING FOR THE GARDEN MADE OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIAL**

COLLEGE CLASSES

Classes specifically for Students from any College / Tertiary Education

Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

Judge: Mr R Pitcher

- 37 **TRAY OF SEEDLINGS**
- 38 **TOMATO PLANT**

MECRAFTS

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Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

HANDICRAFT

Judge: Mrs M Vergo

- 39 **HAND KNITTED ITEM, using 4 ply or double knit wool, any design**
- 40 **HAND CROCHET ITEM, using 4 ply or double knit wool, any design**
- 41 **AN ANIMAL CREATED BY YOU, any material**
- 42 **A SPRING WREATH FOR YOUR DOOR, any material or medium**
- 43 **DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT, adult's wellington, spring theme, any material or medium**
- 44 **ANY ITEM made by you, for which there is no specific category**

ART

Judge: Mrs S Bowerman

- 45 **WATERCOLOUR, any design**
- 46 **OIL OR ACRYLIC, any design**

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographic mounts are not allowed. The edges of the photograph must be visible. No photographs to be exhibited in frames or behind glass. Nothing is to be written on the photograph or mount. Photographs to be any size but with a **25.5 cm x 30.5 cm maximum size**. All photographs will be attached to display boards using Velcro tabs by our Stewards.

Judge: Mr M Macnaughton

- 47 WILDLIFE
- 48 SPRING
- 49 OPEN COLOUR
- 50 OPEN MONOCHROME
- 51 DORSET LANDSCAPE
- 52 THE FUNNIEST SELFIE
- 53 ON THE FARM

DECORATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

Judge: Mrs N Ralph

- 54 **SPRING BASKET**, an arrangement or exhibit of natural plant material and flowers. Space Allowed: 76cm width x 69cm depth x unlimited height

COOKERY

Judge: Mrs N Ralph

Unless otherwise stated, entries to be displayed on a white paper plate in a clear plastic bag.

- 55 **FIVE SAUSAGE ROLLS**, own recipe

56 FIVE SHORTBREAD FINGERS

57 FIVE SWEET SCONES

58 A CAKE MADE USING AT LEAST ONE VEGETABLE, to be displayed on a board, no covering required

59 VICTORIA SPONGE CAKE

60 A LOAF OF BREAD, not made in a bread maker

61 A BRAZIL & APRICOT LOAF

Cooking time: 1 hour Oven: 180C (350F)

Ingredients

200g (8oz) self-raising flour	¼ tsp salt
½ tsp nutmeg	100 g (4oz) butter
100 g (4oz) roughly chopped dried apricots.	50 g (2oz) chopped brazil nuts.
75 g (3oz) soft brown sugar	2 medium eggs – lightly beaten.
4 x tablespoons milk	

Method

1. Well grease a 400g (1lb) loaf tin.
2. Sieve the flour, salt and nutmeg into a bowl.
3. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
4. Add the apricots, nuts and sugar.
5. Make a well in the centre, pour in the eggs and milk and mix to a soft dropping consistency adding a little extra milk if necessary.
6. Turn into prepared tin and level off.
7. Bake for about an hour until a skewer inserted into the centre of the loaf comes out clean.
8. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out and cool on a wire rack.

62 MARMALADE CAKE

Cooking time: 40-45 minutes Oven: 180C (350F)

Ingredients

Cake:

225g (7.9oz) self-raising flour
175g soft margarine
175g caster sugar
3 large eggs
3 tablespoons orange marmalade
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons milk
Orange zest from 1 orange

Glaze:

2 tablespoons warmed, orange marmalade
2 tablespoons orange juice
50g sifted icing sugar

Method

Grease and line a 20cm (8 inch) cake tin – Preheat oven to 180C – 160 fan/350F/Gas mark 4

1. Cream the margarine and sugar until fluffy.
2. Add the eggs and marmalade: Beat in the eggs one at a time, followed by the orange marmalade and orange zest.
3. Fold in the dry ingredients: Sift the self-raising flour and baking powder into the mixture, folding it in gently with a spatula until fully combined. Add the milk to loosen the batter.
4. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
5. Allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
6. In a small bowl, combine the warmed marmalade, orange juice and icing sugar. Stir until smooth and well combined.
7. While the cake is still warm, use a pastry brush to spread the glaze evenly over the top of the cake. Allow the cake to cool completely before serving.

63 A JAR OF JAM, any flavour

64 A JAR OF MARMALADE, any flavour

In classes 63 & 64, jars must be covered with a lock on (twist top), a rigid plastic cover (neither of these should have a wax disc). Labels must be plain white, please state date made. Trade names must not appear on jars or covers.

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JUNIOR CLASSES

CLASSES FOR 16 YEARS AND UNDER

For children aged 16 years and under on 22/04/25

Classes will be split into age groups if the number of entries is sufficient. Please state child's age on the entry form.

Entry Fee for all classes: £1 inc VAT
Prize Money: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

Judge: TBC

- 65 **VASE OF CUT SPRING GARDEN FLOWERS**
- 66 **A FLOWER FROM MY GARDEN**
- 67 **A SEEDLING**, eg tomato plant
- 68 **AN ANIMAL**, made from vegetable and plant material
- 69 **A PICTURE**, made from natural materials, such as leaves. A4 size.
- 70 **BEST CROP OF CRESS**, to be grown on paper in a saucer

JUNIOR HOMECRAFT

Judge: Mrs S Bowerman

- 71 **HALF A DOZEN DECORATED EGGS**, these may be hard boiled or blown. Any material to be used for decoration. To be displayed in an egg box.
- 72 **PHOTOGRAPHY – WILDLIFE, PETS OR ANIMALS**
- 73 **PHOTOGRAPHY – OUTDOOR FUN**
- 74 **ART – A PICTURE**, any medium
- 75 **DESIGN A 'HOMECRAFT SCHEDULE' COVER FOR THE DORSET COUNTY SHOW**, A5 size, to be created

via paint, pencil or computer. *Please note, the design maybe used within the schedule of the Show, not on the front cover.*

- 76 **AN ANIMAL MASK**, any material or medium
- 77 **DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT**, child's wellington, any material or medium
- 78 **A FAIRY DOOR**, any material or medium, does not have to be a wooden base
- 79 **TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS**, displayed in a jam jar
- 80 **DECORATED PAPER PLATE**, farm animal themed, any material
- 81 **A CLAY MODEL**, any type of clay
- 82 **FIVE DECORATED FAIRY CAKES**, to be judged on decoration only

COMPETITION RULES

1. Entries - All entries must be on an official entry form and signed by exhibitor. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of making entries.
2. Closing Dates - No entries will be accepted after the relevant closing date.
3. Refunds - No refunds can be made for any entry after the relevant closing date.
4. Safety - Exhibitors are reminded to comply with all safety regulations relating to themselves, their exhibits, and the public.
5. Accidents - The Society will not be responsible for any loss, illness, damage, or accident that may occur to any article exhibited at the Show or an individual. It is a condition of entry that the exhibitor shall hold the Society blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from any such accident, loss, or illness. All accidents must be reported to the Show Secretary.
6. Prizes - As printed in the schedule except where the Judge or Section Chairman reserves the right to change for whatever reason. The Judge need not award a first prize.
7. Prize Money - This can be collected on Show Day or sent out after the Show by cheque.
8. Judging - No public will be allowed in the Marquee while judging is in progress. The Judge's decision is final.
9. Objections - An exhibitor making an objection shall do so in writing to the Show Secretary before 3.00 p.m. on the day of the Show and shall deposit the sum of £5. The objector must be an exhibitor in the same class. The Appeals Committee will decide the outcome by 4.00 p.m. that day and in the event of an objection being held invalid the said sum of £5 shall be forfeited to the Society.
10. Flower, Pot Plant and Propagation classes will be run under the Royal Horticultural Society rulings. Vegetable classes will be run under National Vegetable Society rulings.
11. The Show organisers reserve the right to combine or amalgamate classes at its discretion.

For clarification of the rules to the various competitions, prior to the Show, please contact the Show Office.

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ENTRY FORM

Entries Close: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Class No	Exhibitor's Name	Age on 22/4/25 (if under 16yrs)	No. of Entries	Entry Fees
				£1 per entry
Cheques payable to: Dorchester Agricultural Society			Total	

I understand that information from entry forms will be stored on the computer and that information about results may also be published and/or provided to the Press for publication. I understand that the making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

I certify that the particulars above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to conform to, and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society

Signed _____ Print Name _____



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