

The Village Show 2026

Sat 8th August in the Village Hall

Organised by

Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

Open to the Public at 2.30pm

Prize giving at 4pm

Rules for Showing.

1. The decision of the judges will be final, as will that of the Committee on any complaint or protest.
2. The Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
3. Exhibitors are limited to TWO entries in any one class, except for the collection classes where entries are limited to ONE per exhibitor.
4. All grown exhibits must have been the exclusive property of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
5. Complainants must deposit £1 with Show Secretary; this will be refunded if the complaint is upheld.
6. Entries must be made on the entry form accompanying this schedule.
7. Staging of exhibits to be completed between 7am - 10am. Entries must not be removed before the end of prize giving.
8. Only judges and officials are allowed to remain in the hall during judging.
9. The Novice Cup applies to entrants of Sections A, B, C, D, E and F only.
10. Apart from the children's classes, all sections of the schedule are open to all age groups. All points count towards cups.
11. Handicrafts must have been made by the exhibitor and not shown at the Cheriton Bishop Village Show previously.
12. In the vegetable section all collections must be displayed within the perimeter of the cloth supplied, approx. 46cms x 61cms. (18''x24'')
13. The Banksian medal is awarded to encourage 'plantsmanship'. It will be presented to the person gaining the highest points total in sections A and B of the Summer Show.
14. No late entries will be accepted.

SHOW ELIGIBILITY: Open to anyone who lives within 5 miles of the parish church of Cheriton Bishop or who is a member or family member of Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club.

Awards to be made at the show; listed below are the 2025 winners.

BANKSIAN MEDAL	Most points in sections A and B (excluding Joker's Cup points). Cannot be won by same exhibitor more than once in three years. (R.H.S. rule).	Stephen Reed
CHALLENGE CUP	Most points in the Senior Section	Stephen Reed
FLOWER CUP	Most points in Section A	Lorraine Vaughan
VEGETABLE CUP	Most points in Section B	Stephen Reed
WILF RICE FRUIT BOWL	Most points in Section C	Stephen Reed
LADIES CUP	Most points in Sections D	Kath Eley
CHECKERS CUP	Best Exhibit in Section D	Kath Eley
FLORAL ART CUP	Most points in Section E	Sarah O'Neill
PETT CUP	Most points in Section E and F	Sarah O'Neill
HANDICRAFT TROPHY	Most points in Section F	Stephen Reed
NOVICE CUP	Novice with most points in all sections	Lorraine Vaughan
JOKER'S CUP	Most points totalled from Joker's Cup classes	Sarah O'Neill
PRE-SCHOOL MUG	Most points in Section Y (under 5 years)	Oliver O'Neill
CHARLOTTE CUP	Most points in Section Y (5 to 7 years)	Oriel Jefferies
JUNIOR CUP	Most points in Section Y (8 to 11 years)	Not awarded
SENIOR CUP	Most points in Section Y (12 to 14 years)	Evie Jeffery
SWEET PEA CUP	Most points in classes A3, A4 and A5.	Stephen Reed
ROSE BOWL	Most points in classes A6, A7 and A8.	Stephen Reed

Prize Money

To be awarded in children's classes only -1st 50p; 2nd 30p; 3rd 20p

Points for awarding cups 1st= 4; 2nd= 2; 3rd =1.

The Village Show is organised by Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club on behalf of the local community.

Exhibits should be staged between 7am and 10am on the morning of the show.

Section A. Flowers

Except for very small flowers, all exhibits must be shown in the vases provided by the Gardening Club.

You may use floral foam or paper in the vases to space the flowers to their best.

The judges will use metric measurements; imperial sizes are given for guidance only.

Take care to put in the correct number of blooms or stems as specified!

- A 1. (Collection)** Collection of **named** flowers, 3 species, 3 stems per vase, 3 separate vases. (1 exhibit per exhibitor)
- A2.** Bowl or vase of mixed garden flowers (not shrubs), 6 stems, 6 separate species.
- A 3.** Vase of 3 stems of flowering shrubs, one or more varieties.
- A 4.** Vase of 6 sweet peas, 3 colours, 2 stems of each colour, at least 3 flowers per stem.
- A 5.** Sweet pea, to be judged on scent, 1 stem.
- A 6.** Vase of roses, 3 stems, 3 distinct varieties (may include climbing, floribunda or shrub roses. Some varieties of roses are multiheaded but only ONE stem allowed).
- A 7.** Vase of one rose, to be judged on scent, 1 stem.
- A 8** Cycle of Rose Blooms: 3 stems of 1 variety in one vase, one bud in colour, one specimen bloom, one out in full bloom.
- A 9** Vase of 3 stems grown from a corm, tuber, rhizome or bulb. 1 or more varieties.
- A 10** Vase of lily, 1 stem (may have one or more flowers on the stem).
- A 11** Vase of dahlias, 3 stems, 3 distinct varieties.
- A 12** Vase of flowering shrubs, 3 stems, 1 or more varieties.
- A 13** Vase of mixed garden flowers, 1 stem each of 3 separate species.
- A 14** 6 pansies or violas, 1 or more varieties, shown on a display board available in the hall.
- A 15** Vase of dianthus (pinks), 3 stems, 1 variety.
- A 16** Vase containing 3 stems of 2 or more different species of shrubs grown for foliage (3 stems in total)
- A 17** A display of 6 individual fuchsia blooms (shown on a display board provided in the hall on the morning of the show) 3 or more varieties.
- A 18** **Pot with a plant grown from the acorns given out at the annual dinner. Jokers Cup.**
- A 19** A fuchsia (pot not to exceed 25cm (10") in diameter).
- A 20** A geranium or pelargonium (pot not to exceed 25cms (10") in diameter).
- A 21** An orchid grown in a pot not to exceed 20 cm (8") in width.
- A 22** Flowering indoor or outdoor pot plant; pot not to exceed 25cm, (12")
- A 23** Foliage pot plant. Judged on foliage alone. Pot not to exceed 25cm (12") in diameter.
- A 24** **(Collection)** A Container. A floral display of plants to be judged on appearance only. Plants need not be grown by the exhibitor, just potted on. (Hint: make sure container isn't too heavy to move!) (1 exhibit per exhibitor)
- A 25** **(Collection)** Hanging basket, max size 15". Planted as class above. (1 exhibit per exhibitor).

Section B. Vegetables

The judges will use metric measurements; imperial sizes are given for guidance only.

The judges may pick up your vegetables to examine them from all sides.

Vegetables should be clean, fresh and free of pests.

N.B. Potatoes -should be washed, taking care not to damage the skin. It is more important to get evenly matched, blemish free specimens than large ones.

B 1 Potatoes, white **3**

B 2 Potatoes, coloured or partly coloured **3**

N.B. Peas and beans should be picked with the stems still attached. They should be straight, and match in length, size and colour. The judge will snap a sample bean in each entry to check that it is not stringy.

B 3 French beans **6**

B 4 Runner beans **6**

B 5 Broad beans **4**

B 6 Peas, stump ended or pointed **6** matching pods

B 7 Carrots, any type, shown with 2.5cms / 1" of the stalk left on. Washed, with roots still attached. **3**

B 8 Onions grown from seed, well ripened, washed, complete with leaves and roots **3**

B 9 Onions grown from sets, well ripened, roots trimmed, 10 – 15cms / 4 – 6" of tops left on and ends turned down and tied. Displayed on cardboard rings / in a dish of sand to keep upright. **3**

B 10 Shallots, prepared and displayed as for class B9 **6**

B 11 Beetroot, any cultivar, with 2.5 cms / 1" of stalk left on. **3**

B 12 Cabbages - show with washed roots still attached. **2**

B 13 Lettuce - show with washed roots still attached. **2**

B 14 Tomatoes, ordinary cultivars, show with calyx still attached. **5**

B 15 Tomatoes, small-fruited and novelty cultivars, show with calyx still attached. **9** of one variety

B 16 Vegetable marrows, fit for the table - young, tender, matching fruits less than 38 cms (12") long or 50 cms (20") circumference for round varieties. **2** - a matched pair of the same variety.

B 17 Cucumber, greenhouse variety, shown with a short stalk and if possible, the wilted flower still attached. **2** - a matched pair of the same variety.

B 18 Courgettes 8 – 15 cms long, no flowers attached. **3**- matching specimens of the same variety.

B 19 Any vegetable without its own class in this schedule **2**- a matched pair.

B 20 Peppers **2** of one variety

B 21 Chillies **3** of one variety, named if possible

B 22 Garlic **3** whole bulbs, displayed well ripened, soil removed, 10 – 15 cms / 4 -6 "stem still attached.

B 23 Container of **6 named**, fresh, cultivated herbs chosen from the following list: basil (any one variety), bay, bergamot, borage, coriander, dill, fennel, lemon balm, lovage, marjoram (any one variety), mint (any one variety), parsley, rosemary, sage, tarragon, and thyme (any one variety) **1** stem each of 6 types.

B 24 (**Collection**) A collection of **4 salad vegetables**, 2 of each kind to be displayed on 46 x 61 cm (18 x 24") cloth provided. (1 Entry per exhibitor).

B 25 (**Collection**) A collection of vegetables, **4** kinds to include not less than 2 kinds from the schedule Numbers of each vegetable as given above for veg classes to be displayed on 46 x 61 cm (18 x 24") cloth provided. (1 entry per exhibitor).

B 26 **Longest Runner Bean – exhibit for the Joker's Cup**

B 27 **Spectacular Weed -exhibit for the Joker's Cup.**

B 28 **Home-made Compost in a bucket – exhibit for the Joker's Cup.**

Section C. Fruit

- C 1** Top fruit (tree fruit e.g. apples, plums etc) **3** fruits.
- C 2** Any other specimen fruit (such as a melon etc). **1** fruit/ bunch/ string according to size and growing style of plant.
- C 3** Soft fruit (raspberries, blackberries, loganberries etc) **6** berries /strings. Stalks must be left on
- C 4** (**Collection**) 'A Bowl of Fruit' **1** filled bowl not exceeding 35cms (14") in any one direction. (1 entry per exhibitor).

Section D. Cookery / Preserves

Because it is easy for the judge to identify entries by noting matching crockery and handwriting, all entries must be made on the paper plates supplied in the hall, covered with cling film also supplied. All jams, pickles etc must have labels written in the hall by a designated committee member and stuck over the competitor's own label.

- D 1** 1 loaf, any flour.
- D 2** 3 pieces chocolate brownie.
- D 3** A lemon drizzle cake cooked in a 2lb / 1 K loaf tin.
- D 4** 5 pieces of flapjack.
- D 5** Quiche, size of tin 17 – 20 cm. (7 – 8ins).
- D 6** A family fruit cake.
- D 7** **5 butterfly cakes. Joker's Cup entry.**
- D 8** Afternoon tea for 2, to include 4 different items cooked by the competitor
- D 9** Jar of jelly.
- D 10** Jar of jam.
- D 11** Jar of curd – must have a full date on it.
- D 12** Jar of marmalade.
- D 13** Jar of pickle, any variety – best if matured for some time.
- D 14** Jar of chutney, any variety – best if matured for a few months
- D 15** Bottle of homemade drink, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, not from a kit.

Hints

All exhibits must be cold.

Cooked exhibits should be shown on a doyley-covered paper plate and covered. Paper plates and cling-film will be available

Traditionally all preserves were covered by a wax disc and then sealed with a cellophane jam pot cover held in place with a rubber band. Vinegar-proof new lids should be used for pickles and chutneys.

Jars should not bear trade labels. Metal lids (if used) should be new.

Judges look for culinary skill, so, for example, flavour can be more important than appearance!

Section E. Floral Art

Flowers may be bought for all floral art classes.

- E1** A corsage for the bride's mother.
- E2.** An arrangement for a centre piece incorporating a candle. To be viewed all round.
- E3.** An arrangement celebrating one of the countries entering the World Cup. Accessories allowed. To be viewed from the front only.
- E4. Joker's Class. An arrangement in a boot.**

Section F. Photography, Art & Handicrafts

PHOTOGRAPHY

- F 1** Photograph: a domesticated animal. (Unframed and no bigger than A5 including mount, if used).
- F 2** Photograph: a Dartmoor scene (Unframed and no bigger than A5 including mount, if used).
- F 3** Four Photographs: The Seasons. (Unframed but to be mounted on a piece of card max. size A3)

ART

- F 4** Wildlife, any medium (except photography) (No bigger than A3 if mount and frame are used).
- F 5** A homemade birthday card.
- F 6** **A topical cartoon. Any medium except photography. For the Jokers Cup.**

HANDICRAFTS - all must be handmade by the competitor and not previously shown.

- F 7** Something made from fabric.
- F 8** Jewellery, any material
- F 9** Something made using wool, this could be knitting, crochet, felt, embroidery, etc.
- F 10** A limerick
- F 11** Something made using any recycled materials since last year's show. Please state the original use of items used.
- F 12** Any object made by the exhibitor not covered in the above classes.

Section Y. Children's Classes

Children's Classes for The Village Show – Entry free

Each child must have their own entry form please. Extra copies can be downloaded from the village website. The judge will assume the work displayed is the child's own handiwork.

UNDER 5 YEARS

- Y 1** A jam jar of Garden Flowers
- Y 2** A Junk Model
- Y 3** A decorated biscuit. The biscuit may be bought.
- Y 4** Something you have grown yourself. (see suggestions below)

5 – 7 YEARS

- Y 5 Animal made from vegetables.
- Y 6 A miniature garden in a seed tray.
- Y 7 3 decorated fairy cakes.
- Y 8 Something you have grown yourself. (See suggestions below).

8 – 11 YEARS

- Y 9 An animal made from vegetables.
- Y 10 An illustrated story about a day out.
- Y 11 3 iced and decorated butterfly cakes.
- Y 12 A miniature garden in a seed tray.

12 – 14 YEARS

- Y 14 A selfie photograph.
- Y 15 Any handicraft you have made yourself in the last year.
- Y 16 A miniature garden in a seed tray.

Suggestions for easy things to grow – Instant germination within a week before the show: mustard and cress; leaf salads; pea shoots; bean sprouts.

Longer term: Bush tomato in a flowerpot; potatoes in a container; courgettes; marrow squash.

Look at the seed packet, patio varieties grow quicker and can be grown in a bucket or large flowerpot, more easily watered, fed and weeded than if the plant is in the open garden.

Entry forms to Fallow End, Church Lane, by 7pm on Thursday 6th August with entry fees of 20p per class, children's classes free.

All entries must be staged between 7 – 10am on the morning of the show. Each exhibitor is given a show number – collect your number cards from the box of named envelopes near the entrance. Then leave one of your number cards upside down beside each of your entries.

Judging starts at 10am when exhibitors are asked to leave the hall unless they are officiating. Come back at 2.30pm to see how well you have done.

The Gardening Club membership year starts from the Village Show, cost £8 per family per annum. Take out or renew your membership during the afternoon, as well as enjoying the refreshments available for purchase and glorying in your successes.

