



**MICKLETON**  
GARDENING CLUB

# Annual Flower, Produce & Handicraft Show

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 2pm

## Show Programme

**Exhibits - Raffle - Produce & Plant Stall - Refreshments**



King George's Hall

Chapel Lane

Mickleton

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## MGC Annual Show 2026

### **The Committee welcome you to the MGC Annual Summer Show 2026**

*I do hope that you have time over the next few weeks to browse the show programme and decide which classes you are going to enter. The Committee has carefully selected the various categories, designed to encourage all members to get involved and exhibit.*

*My own journey began with a couple of years spent accompanying judges, gaining valuable insights. Last year, I was absolutely thrilled to win the Rose Cup. This year, I am entering photography and the quiche as well.*

*My advice to anyone considering entering is to practice beforehand, regardless of the category. Leaving preparations until the week before the show can easily result in disappointment.*

*Last year, there was a noticeable shortage of exhibits in the vegetable section. If you are someone who grows vegetables, it would be wonderful if you could enter this category. After all, without participation, there can be no competition.*

*I must emphasise the importance of carefully reading the strict Rules for Exhibiting. We have made every effort to ensure clarity of wording. Last year, I witnessed how an experienced judge spent considerable time deliberating the handicrafts, and some beautiful craftwork had to be marked down simply because it did not fully comply with the rules.*

*When I moved to the village, I was delighted to find out that Mickleton had an annual village show. Accompanying my husband when he was veterinary officer at the local shows in Bridgend, I used to love going into the large marquee and admiring all the horticultural competitions. This led me to start a gardening club at my school, quite a challenge as we didn't have a garden. We also held a small but very enjoyable annual horticultural show. The popular categories were the tallest sunflower, the six fairy cakes cooked and iced by the pupils themselves and the miniature gardens.*

*MGC show embraces a far wider range of activities, but the principles remain the same, finding enjoyment in planning, preparing, growing and nurturing plants as well as painting, baking, photographing and finally exhibiting. After all, it is the taking part that matters. Of course, winning has its own appeal and the prospect of retaining the Rose Cup is a powerful motivation for me to tend to my roses. My cup remains on the windowsill for a few more months – unless, of course, I manage to win again!*

*Enjoy the summer out in your gardens,*

*Teresa*

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# Programme for the Day

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Hall open to exhibitors setting up	8:30am - 10:00am
Judging begins	10:15am
Show opens to the public	2:00pm
Presentation of awards and raffle drawn	4:00pm
Clearing up	5:00pm onwards (all exhibits to be removed by 5:15pm)

## Judges

Section A: <i>Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs</i>	Margaret Walters
Section B: <i>Flowers</i>	Linda Lowry
Section C: <i>Floral Art</i>	Marguerite Robbins
Section D: <i>Cookery and Preserves</i>	Dorothy Hart
Section E: <i>Handicrafts</i>	Mary Day
Section F: <i>Art and Photography</i>	John Richards
Section G: <i>Young Gardeners</i>	All Judges

# Awards and Prizes

**Prizes for all classes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - £1    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 75p    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 50p  
*Note: This does not include Young Gardeners (Section G) for which special prizes will be awarded.*

**The Dr Snelson Cup**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in all classes.*

**The Novice Cup**

*To the member of Mickleton Gardening Club winning the most points in all classes and not having won a cup or trophy at this show previously.*

**The RHS Banksian Medal**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in all horticultural classes (Sections A and B) and who has not won this medal in the last two years.*

**The Anne and Barry Metcalfe Cup**

*To the Junior Gardener (16 years and under) with the best single exhibit in all horticultural classes (Sections A and B).*

**The George Bell Cup**

*To the exhibitor living in the ancient parish of Mickleton with the best single exhibit in all vegetables, fruit and herbs classes (Section A).*

**The Lady Pollen Cup**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in all flower classes (Section B).*

**The Playing Field Cup**

*To the exhibitor living in the ancient parish of Mickleton with the best single exhibit in all flower classes (Section B).*

**The Edwin and Ethel Hall Memorial Trophy**

*To the member of Mickleton Gardening Club winning the most points in classes 18-21 (Dahlias).*

**The Rose Challenge Cup**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in classes 22-24 (roses). In the event of a tie the winner of class 24 will be awarded the cup.*

**The Best Pot Plant - £5 Voucher**

*To the exhibitor with the best pot plant (class 30).*

**The Joyce and Pamela Wallis Memorial Bowl**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in all floral art classes (Section C).*

**The Committee Cup**

*To the member of Mickleton Gardening Club winning the most points in all cookery and preserves classes (Section D).*

**The Challenge Plate**

*To the exhibitor winning the most points in all handicrafts, art and photography classes (Sections E and F).*

**The Pamela Baldwin Cup**

*To the exhibitor with the best overall photograph (classes 46 and 47).*

## Section A - Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs

### Class

- 1 **One Courgette** - Any variety and colour, without flower, max. 6"
- 2 **Three Runner Beans** - One variety, with stalks attached
- 3 **Three French Beans** - One variety, dwarf or climbing, with stalks attached
- 4 **Three Potatoes** - White or coloured, not mixed
- 5 **Three Onions** - One variety
- 6 **One Cucumber** - Outdoor or indoor, may be miniature
- 7 **Five Cherry Tomatoes** - With calyxes attached
- 8 **Three Tomatoes** - One variety, any type or colour excluding cherry, with calyxes attached
- 9 **Three Peppers** - One variety, sweet or chilli
- 10 **Three of Any Root Vegetable**
- 11 **Three of Any Other Vegetable** - Not listed in classes 1-8
- 12 **A Plate of Three Different Vegetables** - Not listed in classes 1-8
- 13 **Three Apples** - One variety, culinary or dessert, with stalks attached
- 14 **Five of Any Fruit** - Excluding apples, with stalks attached
- 15 **A Container of Different Herbs** - In water, max. 6 herbs
- 16 **One Wonky Vegetable or Fruit**

## Section B – Flowers

*Class*

- 17 **Three Fuchsia Stems** - *Any variety or varieties*
- 18 **Three Dahlia Blooms (Small)** - *Up to 3½" diameter*
- 19 **Three Dahlia Blooms (Medium or Large)** - *4" diameter or larger*
- 20 **One Dahlia Bloom** - *Any size or variety*
- 21 **Three Dahlia Blooms in a Vase or Jug** - *One or more varieties*
- 22 **Three Rose Stems** - *One variety, a bud, a bloom & a full bloom*
- 23 **A Single Rose**
- 24 **A Vase or Jug of Mixed Roses** - *Any varieties and colours, 3-5 stems*
- 25 **One Fern Frond Stem in Water**
- 26 **One Hydrangea Bloom**
- 27 **A Vase or Jug of Flowers** - *One type, not listed above, max. 7 stems*
- 28 **Any Annual Grown from Seed** - *One type, max. 7 stems*
- 29 **A Vase or Jug of Mixed Flowers** - *Min. 2 different types, with own foliage, max. 15 stems*
- 30 **Floating Flower** - *In a glass bowl*
- 31 **One Pot Plant** - *Foliage or flowering, max. pot size 9" diameter*

## Section C - Floral Art

*Class*

- 32 **An Arrangement in a Teacup** - *Max. size 7" overall*
- 33 **High Summer Glory: a vibrant arrangement using the best of the August garden** - *Max. size 15" overall*
- 34 **Hedgerow Harvest: a naturalistic design using materials gathered from hedgerows and field margins** - *Max. size 15" overall*
- 35 **Arrangement for a Golden Wedding** - *No max. size*



## Section D – Cookery and Preserves

*Class*

- 36 **Naked Victoria Sponge** - *Made to the recipe on the next page*
- 37 **A Quiche** - *Made to your own recipe, max. size 8" diameter*
- 38 **Five Fruit Scones** - *Presented on a plain plate, made to your own recipe*
- 39 **Five Lavender Shortbread** - *Presented on a plain plate, made to your own recipe*
- 40 **A Jar of Jam** - *Made to your own recipe*
- 41 **A Jar of Marmalade** - *Made to your own recipe*
- 42 **A Jar of Chutney** - *Made to your own recipe*

**Note:** *Please pay particular attention to the Rules for Exhibiting (page 14) for details of glass jar lids.*

## Section D – Recipe

### **Naked Victoria Sponge**

#### Ingredients

##### **For the cake**

225g caster sugar  
225g unsalted butter, softened  
4 large eggs, lightly beaten  
225g self raising flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
2 tbsp milk

##### **For the buttercream**

200g unsalted butter, softened  
400g icing sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 tbsp milk

##### **To serve**

100g raspberry jam  
fresh raspberries and mint leaves to decorate

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C/gas mark 5. Grease and line 3 x 18cm loose bottomed sandwich cake tins.
2. In a stand mixer, add the sugar and butter and beat for 4/5 minutes. Add beaten eggs, bit by bit, beating well after each addition and adding a little flour if it starts to curdle.
3. Once all the eggs are incorporated, add the flour, baking powder and milk and mix briefly until just combined.
4. Divide the mixture between the tins. Bake for 20/25 minutes or until golden and the cake springs back when lightly touched. Turn out on to a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.
5. To make the buttercream, beat the butter and icing sugar until light and creamy. Add vanilla extract, salt and milk and beat again.
6. Place one of the cake layers on a plate and spread a layer of buttercream on top, put the next cake on top of that and spread with jam. Add the final layer of cake, this time bottom side up so that the top of the cake is completely flat.
7. Spread the top with buttercream and use buttercream sparingly on the sides so that the sponge peeks through and some parts are barely covered but smooth.
8. Use fresh raspberries and mint leaves (frosted if liked) to decorate the top.

## Section E - Handicrafts

*Class*

- 43 **A Complimentary Set of Three Christmas Tree Decorations** - *Any craft medium*
- 44 **A Knitted or Crocheted Toy**
- 45 **A Cottage Garden Collage** - *Max. A4 size, not made from a kit.*
- 46 **An Embroidery, Cross-Stitch or Tapestry Article with a Floral Theme** - *No max. size.*

## Section F - Art and Photography

*Class*

- 47 **Photograph: "Through the Arch"** - *Max. size 8 x 6" (20 x 15cm), no frame*
- 48 **Photograph: "Gone Over"** - *Max. size 8 x 6" (20 x 15cm), no frame*
- 49 **Photograph: "Love"** - *Black & white, max. size 8 x 6" (20 x 15cm), no frame*
- 50 **A Watercolour or Pen & Wash Painting: "Botanic Delights"**
- 51 **A Painting in Oils, Acrylics or Mixed Media: "Local Wildlife"**

## Section G - Young Gardeners

*Class*

- 52 **Decorated flower pot** - *For under 7s, max. height/width including decorations 12" (30cm)*
- 53 **Decorated flower pot** - *For over 7s, max. height/width including decorations 12" (30cm)*

# Rules for Exhibiting

1. Exhibitors are urged to read the rules carefully, as it can be frustrating to find a good exhibit is disqualified because it is 'not according to schedule' (NAS). Care should be used where dimensions and quantities are specified.
2. Exhibiting in the show is open to both members of Mickleton Gardening Club and non-members in Mickleton and beyond, subject to the conditions set out in these rules.
3. All entries for Sections A (*Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs*) and B (*Flowers*) must be from the exhibitor's own garden or allotment (or home for Class 31 - Pot Plant) and must have been the exhibitor's own property for at least 2 months prior to the show.
4. All fruit should include stalks. Additionally, although not essential, it would be appreciated if varieties could be named for Sections A and B (*Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs and Flowers*) as this is helpful for both the judges as well as visitors to the show.
5. All entries for Section C (*Floral Art*) must be the exhibitor's own work, but materials need not be from the exhibitor's own garden or allotment. Floral foam must not be used.
6. All entries for Section D (*Cookery and Preserves*) must be the exhibitor's own work. Entries in Classes 36-39 (*Cookery*) should be covered in clingfilm. Entries in Classes 40-42 (*Preserves*) should be in non-branded glass jars, filled to approximately 3mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  inch) from the top, and be clearly labelled with contents and date made. Lids for glass jars should be new, uncorroded twist top lids or wax discs with cellophane covers.
7. All entries for Sections E (*Handicrafts*) and F (*Art and Photography*) must be the exhibitor's own work and must not have been exhibited at previous MGC shows.
8. The committee will take reasonable care of the exhibits but cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.
9. The judges will be asked to judge exhibits in Sections A, B and C (*Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs, Flowers and Floral Art*) in accordance with the rules laid down in the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook (2016 version).
10. Where the quality of exhibits in a class is deemed to be insufficient, the judge reserves the right not to award places or prizes.
11. Winners of cups and trophies must return them in a clean condition by the date specified by the committee.
12. All exhibitors must adhere to the show timetable as far as submitting entry forms, staging and removing exhibits are concerned. Late entries will not be permitted.
13. Any complaints must be addressed either to the Chair of Mickleton Gardening Club or the Show Secretary within 30 minutes of the results being announced.

# Notes

Please feel free to use this page for making notes and keeping track of your entries!

## **My Entries** *(One entry per exhibitor per class)*

### *Section A - Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

### *Section B - Flowers*

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

### *Section C - Floral Art*

32 33 34 35

### *Section D - Cookery and Preserves*

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

### *Section E - Handicrafts*

43 44 45 46

### *Section F - Art and Photography*

47 48 49 50 51

### *Section G - Young Gardeners*

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# Entry Form

**Exhibitor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age (if under 18)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classes Entered** (*Circle as appropriate, one entry per exhibitor per class*)

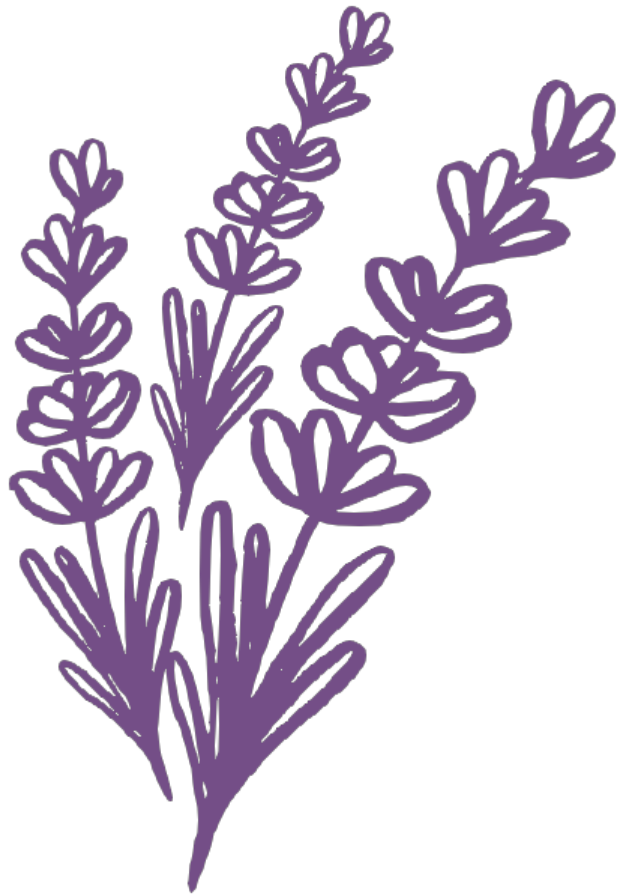
*Section Class*

A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
B	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
C	32	33	34	35												
D	36	37	38	39	40	41	42									
E	43	44	45	46												
F	47	48	49	50	51											
G	51	52														

*Total number of entries:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Total entry fee:* £ \_\_\_\_\_

## How to Enter

1. Circle the numbers of the classes you wish to enter on the entry form and complete all other details.
2. Add up the total entry fees. Entry is 35p per class, excluding Young Gardeners classes (Section G) which are free.
3. Enclose the correct total entry fee in cash or by cheque made payable to Mickleton Gardening Club in a sealed envelope along with the completed entry form.
4. Deliver or post your completed entry form to Mickleton Gardening Club c/o any of the following addresses:
  - 15 Glass House Road, Mickleton, GL55 6PF
  - 2 Orchard Close, Meon Road, Mickleton, GL55 6TA
  - 9 Alverston Grange, Mickleton, GL55 6RT
5. Submit your entry by 8pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026.



## Further Details

### **Produce for Sale at the Show**

As in previous years, we will be having a produce sale at the show to raise funds for the club.

We would be most grateful for your donations of cakes, preserves, plants and produce, which you are welcome to drop off at King George's Hall between 08:30am and 10:00am on the morning of the show. Alternatively, please contact any member of the committee to arrange for collection / delivery prior to the show.

### **Mickleton Gardening Club Committee 2026**

Teresa Bennett	<i>Chair</i>
Claire Kitchen	<i>Secretary</i>
Caroline Byrne	<i>Treasurer &amp; Membership Secretary</i>
Sarah Vaudry	<i>Programme &amp; PR Coordinator</i>
Claire Horton	<i>Plant Coordinator</i>
Julie Kelson	<i>Events &amp; PR Coordinator</i>

Volunteers and new committee members are always welcome!

### **Upcoming Events**

<i>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Plants for Awkward Corners by Julie Ritchie
<i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</i>	The Four Seasons Cotswold Style by Many Bradshaw
<i>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October</i>	Pollinators and Plants for a Changing Climate by Rachel de Thame - a Special Event at the Cidermill Theatre, Chipping Campden
<i>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</i>	AGM, Fun Quiz and Shared Table Buffet

# Club Membership

## **A friendly welcome awaits you!**

Mickleton Gardening Club is affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society and the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at King George's Hall in Mickleton.

Gardeners of all ages and abilities are welcome, whether you have a postage stamp sized plot with a few pots, a sprawling mature garden or an allotment we'll have an event to appeal to you. Our members have created gardens from scratch and taken on established gardens too and each year a select number are opened for our members to visit.

Membership costs just £15 per year and includes free entry (and refreshments) to all our talks over the year. Visitors are welcome to come and see what we do for a visitor fee of £3 per event.

Additionally, with your gardening club membership you can secure discounts from the following local business on presentation of your membership card prior to purchase:

- *Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre (5% discount on plants)*
- *Evesham Country Park Garden Centre (10% discount on all non-discounted stock including the home section)*
- *Hidcote Garden Centre (10% discount)*
- *Hutchings & Sons, Badsey Lane - 5% off trees and shrubs*
- *Tops Plants (10% discount)*
- *Station Garden Nursery, Blackminster - 5% off all plants*