



HOBY & DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

**CENTENARY
ISSUE WITH
SUPPLEMENT**

Annual Show Schedule

Saturday 6th September 2025 2.30 Hoby Village Hall

In 1924, the villagers of Brooksby, Hoby, Ragdale, and Rotherby founded this Society – so in 1925, we held our very first Show. This year marks 100 years since that wonderful beginning, and we warmly invite you to join the celebration!

For this centenary, we are delighted to extend a special welcome to entrants from nearby villages: Asfordby, Gaddesby, Rearsby, Thrussington, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Seagrave, and Frisby-on-the-Wreake – just as we did a century ago.

What Can You Enter? Look through this Schedule.

Whether you grow, bake, craft, create, or design, this is your chance to share your passion with the whole community.

💡 First-time entrant? Double Prizes this year -just for you.

Inside this booklet you'll find a replica schedule of our first-ever show. While we may not have special late trains from Brooksby Station anymore – or slow bicycle races – the traditional spirit of friendly competition and fun remains alive.



The Rules overleaf are easy to follow
Submissions can be made using the form
on the back page of the Schedule, or by email.
Scan QR Code for the Society Website
Just have a go – it's your Show

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW RULES

1. **Entries: Registration fee £1.00.**
20p per entry/Juniors (under 14) free.
2. Exhibitors may enter any number of items in each class but may win **only one prize per class.**
3. **Home-Grown Requirement**
All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor in their own garden or allotment, **except for floral arrangement classes.** If there is any doubt, the Committee may appoint a subcommittee to inspect the exhibitor's garden or place of cultivation.
4. **Cup Verification**
A subcommittee of **three members**, including the Chairman, may inspect the garden or place of cultivation for the exhibits that win either:
The Captain Faire Silver Cup or The T. Wright Esq. Silver Cup
5. **Presentation of Vegetables**
All vegetables must be **cleaned** and presented on **plates** (plates not supplied) where appropriate.
6. **Stalks**
Stalks must remain on exhibits **where appropriate.**
7. **Prizes in Small Classes**
Judges may withhold prizes if there are **fewer than 3 exhibits** in a class.
8. **Double Prize Money this year for First Time Entrants.**
9. **Staging Times**
The hall will be open for staging exhibits during the following times:
 - **Friday 5th September: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**
 - **Saturday 6th September: 8:00 AM - 10:15 AM**
10. **Exhibit Removal**
Exhibits must be removed between **4:00 PM and 5:30 PM** on the day of the show.
11. **Prize Money**
Prize money will be disbursed **after 4:00 PM** on show day
12. **General Authority**
The Management Committee reserves the right to make decisions on all matters **not explicitly covered by these rules.**

Section A - Vegetables

1. Collection of five kinds of vegetables, numbers as in classes.
2. Five white potatoes, kidney, round or oval
3. Five coloured potatoes, kidney, round or oval
4. Five white onions, with or without tops
5. Five French beans
6. Three leeks
7. Six runner beans
8. Three courgettes
9. Six shallots - large
10. Three beetroot
11. Three carrots
12. Five tomatoes cherry-type
13. Five tomatoes traditional
14. Any other vegetable not scheduled



Section B - Fruit

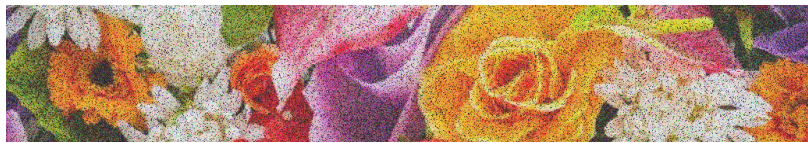
- 15. Three dessert apples
- 16. Three cooking apples
- 17. Three pears
- 18. Three plums
- 19. Ten cultivated blackberries
- 20. Ten raspberries
- 21. Any other fruit



Prizes:	Class 1	£5, £2.50
	Classes 2 - 21	£1, 50

Section C - Flowers

22. Four marigolds, own choice
23. Three dahlias, max diameter 6 inches/150mm
24. Three dahlias, over 6 inches/150mm
25. Three dahlias, pom-pom
26. Three chrysanthemum blooms
27. One rose, specimen bloom
28. Bowl of roses, minimum six, any variety
29. Container of cut, mixed, garden flowers
30. Window plant, foliage
31. Window plant, bloom
32. One geranium or pelargonium plant
33. Three stems cosmos
34. One specimen spike of flower gladioli
35. Gentleman's buttonhole
36. One cactus or succulent
37. Vase of sweet peas
38. One Hosta plant, any variety
39. Clematis, one bloom
40. One potted fuchsia
41. Homemade compost, in margarine tub with lid.



Prizes: Classes 22 - 41

£1, 50p

Section D - Cookery

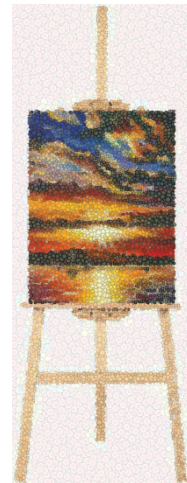
- 42. Pineapple upside-down cake
- 43. Jar of marmalade
- 44. Jar of fruit chutney
- 45. Jar of vegetable chutney
- 46. Jar of raspberry jam
- 47. Jar of strawberry jam
- 48. Jar of fruit curd
- 49. Chocolate sandwich, plain top
- 50. Five pieces of lemon drizzle cake
- 51. Butterfly cakes
- 52. Traditional Victoria sandwich
- 53. Five pieces of shortbread
- 54. Six cheese straws
- 55. Five brownies
- 56. Five chocolate chip cookies
- 57. Cherry cake
- 58. Cake made with vegetables
- 59. Millionaire Shortbread
- 60. Scones
- 61. Bakewell Tart
- 62. Gluten free cake



Prizes: Classes 42 - 62 £1, 50p

Section E - Arts & Crafts

- 63. Hand knitted/crochet item
- 64. Item of pottery, ceramics or sculpture
- 65. Item of embroidery or patchwork
- 66. Item of jewellery or bead work
- 67. A painting
- 68. A drawing
- 69. Item of woodwork
- 70. Photograph: 'A Single Flower'
- 71. Photograph: 'The Wreake Valley'
- 72. Cross Stitch bookmarker
- 73. A Collage
- 74. Textile Art



Section F - Floral Arrangement

18"wide x 18" deep, any height

- 75. 'Celebrating Peace'
- 76. 'To The Manor Born'
- 77. Hand Tie 'From My Garden'



Prizes: Classes 63 - 74 £2.50, £1.50
 Classes 75 - 77 £10, £5

Section G - Novelty Items

- 78. Longest runner bean
- 79. Largest carrot with top
- 80. Largest marrow by weight
- 81. Collection of herbs
- 82. Novelty veg - 'biggest disaster'



Prizes: Classes 78 - 82 £1, 50p

Section H- Under 14 years old

- 83. A drawing
- 84. A painting
- 85. Lego - design from scratch, not a provided kit
- 86. A floral arrangement in a cup
- 87. Garden in a tray
- 88. Favourite sandwich



Section I - Allotment Holders

- 89. My four best items grown on my allotment



Prizes: Classes 83 - 88 £1, 50p

89 -£5

HOBY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SHOW

Saturday August 8th, 1925
The Schedule

Section A (open to
cottagers only)

- White potatoes
- Kidney potatoes
- Onion
- Carrots
- Broad beans
- Runner beans
- Eschalots
- Peas.
- Marrow
- Beet
- Cooking apples
- Cooking apples
- Dessert apples
- Gooseberries
- Sweet peas
- Roses
- Wild grasses
(children attending
in Hoby district)

Special Prizes

- Six vegetables
- Three vegetables
- Apples
- Potatoes
- Potatoes
- ' The Smallholder '
- certificate for best
exhibit in Section A
- Vegetable and flower-
garden (members not
employing a gardener)
- Allotment

Section B (cottagers and amateurs residing in district, also Asfordby, Gaddsby, Rearsby, Thrussington, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Seagrave, and Frisby-on-the-Wreake)

- Kidney potatoes
- Round potatoes A
- Onions
- Long carrots
- Stump-rooted carrots
- Leeks
- Runner beans
- Dwarf beans
- Parsnips
- Eschalots
- Peas
- Cauliflowers
- Red cabbage
- Marrows
- Long French
- Celery
- Lettuce
- White cabbage
- Heaviest potatoes
- Broad beans
- Gooseberries
- Red currants
- Black currants
- Loganberries
- Sweet pe
- Sweet peas
- Carnation
- Three roses
- Basket of outdoor flowers
- Asters
- Dahlias
- Stocks
- Bunch of flowers (arranged by School children under 14)
- Window flowering plant
- Foliage plant
- Three mangolds
- 2lb butter
- Cooked potatoes
- Homemade baked fruit cake
- Plain and seed cake
- Home-made loaf without fat or milk
- Home-made apple pie (labourers' wives and daughters only)
- Plain sowing
- Crochet work
- Fancy needlework (under garment)
- Pillowslip or cover (girls under years)

Special (given by the
Leicestershire County
Council Educational
Committee).

- Class 1, four vegetables
- Class 2, four potatoes
- Class 3, dessert apple
- Class 4.
- cooking apples
- Class 5, plums
- Six vegetables (
- Annual flower
- Fuchsia
- Eggs and dead poultry
- Single bird plucked and dressed
- White eggs
- Brown eggs
- Tinted "egg

The following classes are
open residents of
Asfordby only

- Onions
- Peas

Open to residents of
Frisby

- Four vegetables
- Peas

Open residents of Rearsby

- Onions

Open residents of
Thrussington

- Potato

Fancy Dress Competitors

- Ladies
- Gentlemen
- Girls.
- Boys

Sports

- Girls' race under years
- under 7.
- Girls under 10
- Boys under 10
- Girls under 12
- Boys under 12
- Obstacle race-
- Quarter-mile flat race
- Slow cycle race (ladies)
- Slow cycle race (gentlemen)
- Musical chairs cycles (ladies)
- chairs on cycles (gentlemen)

Side Shows

- Coconuts,
- shooting gallery
 - balloons
- skittling for pig
- darts for Stilton cheese.
 - hoop-la,
- Hidden Treasure,
- Ice Cream and minerals
- Rummage and fancy stall,
- A skittle competition for teams from every village in the show area,

Teas will be served in the large tent

Lady Theresa Cross will present
the prizes at the conclusion of the sports
There will then be dancing to the strains of
Scalford Silver Band.

To Be Staged at Mr W Spreckley's Home Field
Late Train from Brooksby 11 pm

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Society Officers

President Mr AA Ironside
Chairman Mr P Stonehouse
Secretary Mr F B Crofts
Treasurer Mr P Stonehouse

Judges:

Horticulture Mr T G Bullock F R H S
Garden Mr J Dixon of Thorpe Thatchville Hall
Eggs and Dead Poultry Mr H T Atkinson

Our History

In 1924 the local newspapers had the attached report.

The Society was created to:

- organise lectures,
- enable cultivation & bulk buying,
- celebrate with an annual show.

Hoby.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—With the object of forming a Horticultural Society for the village of Hoby and surrounding neighbourhood, comprising Ragdale, Brooksby, and Rotherby, the Rev. H. A. Beresford presided over an enthusiastic gathering of horticulturists in the Institute. It was decided that the Society should be known as the Hoby and District Horticultural Society. It was stated that the members would be able to purchase their seeds on the co-operative principle. It was decided to arrange a series of lectures, and to organise a show and give special prizes for the best cultivated gardens. Officials were elected as follows:—President, Mr. E. Ironside; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Stonehouse; hon. secretary, Mr. F. B. Croft; Committee, Messrs. P. Stonehouse, W. Bayliss, F. Gumbrell, and H. Shelton, representing Hoby. Messrs. D. Honour and Body (Ragdale), Messrs. Spence, Ecob, and Steel (Rotherby), and Mr. J. Dixon (Brooksby). The membership fee will be 1s. per annum.

There are pictures, memorabilia and stories from the Society's records over the last 100 years. They show notable events demonstrating the community interest and commitment.

All this information is being placed on to the Society's new website. We would welcome your contributions, memorabilia and photographs to put on the website.



WINNERS ALL: Violet Spencer, Claire Jackson, Jean Morris, John Saunders and Deborah Walker with their winning exhibits

This year, we sadly report the passing of three major participants in the recent life of the Society: Leslie Leeson and, in the 1999 winners' photograph, Vi Spencer and Jean Morris

Trophies and Other Special Prizes

Section A - Vegetables

Captain E.O Kellet Silver Bowl, Highest points, classes 1-14

Captain Faire Silver Cup, Best vegetable exhibit in show

Section C - Flowers

F.H. Grumberall Trophy, Highest points in flowers

T. Wright Esq. Silver Cup, Best flower exhibit in show

'Transplant Award', Best pot plant in show

Fred Sayers Award, Best sweet peas in show

Pam Hubbard Trophy, Best roses in show

Section D - Cookery

Machin Silver Salver, Highest amount of prize money, classes 42-62.

This trophy can only be won once in three years

Outstanding Exhibit, a special prize of £3 made for classes 42-62.

This does not count toward the Machin Silver Bowl

Section F - Floral Arrangement

Mrs G.R Pool Memorial Trophy, Most outstanding exhibit classes 75-77

F.G Sturgess Silver Bowl, Highest amount of prize money, classes 75-77

Section E - Arts and Crafts

Michael Leeson Memorial Trophy, Most points in Classes 63-74

New Trophy, Best Exhibit in arts and crafts

Others

Ted Stearn Trophy, Most entries staged in show.

Banksain Medal, Highest amount of prize money across all horticultural classes. Winners from the past two years are not eligible.

Sir Lindsay Everard Silver Cup, Pétanque

All trophies remain the property of the Society and should be returned one month before the next show.



Officials of the Society

President: Vida Gregory

Vice Presidents:
Mr Roger Cropper
Mrs June Allsop
Mr Graham Johnson

Chairman / Secretary: Mr Angus Walker
Hon. Treasurer: Mr Gary Bryan

Committee:
Mrs Mary Dunford, Mr Alan Morris,
Mrs Sophia Stonehouse, Mrs Becky James, Mrs Emma Scarborough

Allotment Sub-Committee:
Mr Philip Gee, Mr John Scarborough

SHOW ENTRIES BY 27th AUGUST - EITHER BY:

Delivery to Secretary 2 Regent Road Hoby LE14 3DU [T 07941 492 542]

Hand to Secretary at Hoby Chapel Tuesday 26th August 6.00-9.00pm

Email to secretary@hobydistricthorticulturalsoc.co.uk



I hereby declare that I have cultivated or had in my possession
for at least 10 weeks prior to the show, the specimens
exhibited by me and I am aware of the rules of the Society.

Exhibitor name:

Show Number

Address:

Post Code

Entry Fee Total

Phone number:

Email address:

Entry Form for you to Retain

To be filled in by the exhibitor with class numbers corresponding to those shown in the schedule.



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Please duplicate your entries below with class numbers corresponding to those shown in the schedule.

Hand in or send to the Secretary of the Society.

The Fee can either be paid in advance or on Show Day

Entry fee: £1.00 + Entries x 20p = £..... Total