

STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETINGS

In a friendly and welcoming atmosphere,
the Society organises
INTERESTING TALKS on a variety of subjects
and offers good **GARDENING ADVICE**.

There are two **ANNUAL SHOWS**,
SOCIAL EVENINGS,
OUTINGS,
DISCOUNTS on SEED ORDERS,
and discount entry to **RHS GARDENS**

10% DISCOUNT at **RUMWOOD
NURSERIES, GOLDEN HILL NURSERY,
MILLBROOK** and **FRANKIES**
(Excluding special offers)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION £10

Non-Members are welcome at all times

Contact the Secretary on 07740 655666

STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY* HANDBOOK 2022



Affiliated to
THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
and also to the
KENT FEDERATION of HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

SPRING SHOW

To be held in conjunction with the monthly meeting
Tuesday 15th March – staging from 7.00 pm
in the **WEST HALL** of the Community Centre
Presentations at 9.15 pm by the Society President

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 3rd September 2.00 pm-4.00 pm in the
NORTH HALL of the Community Centre
Admission by donation
Presentations at 4.00 pm by the Society President

TEAS CAKES TRADING TABLES RAFFLE

*FOUNDED IN 1941 as THE VICTORY GARDENING CLUB

SHOW COMMITTEE

All enquiries should be addressed to any of the following: -

Show Secretary

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7 Bathurst Close, Staplehurst
01580 891445

Maureen Brice
17 Oliver Road, Staplehurst
01580 891842

Judith Coombs
The Pines, Station Road, Staplehurst
01580 891657

Prize Certificates are awarded for all winners in addition to the trophies and prizes stated.

Winners are reminded that all TROPHIES should be returned to the SHOW COMMITTEE one month before the next relevant show is due to be held

SOCIETY RULES

1. The title is STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
2. The objectives are to further interest in horticulture, provide a programme of informative talks on related subjects and encourage members' and non-members' participation in shows.
3. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in December. Elections will be held for:-
 - a) The Executive Officers of:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - b) Up to nine additional non-executive members. (Nominations for these posts must be received by the Secretary by the November meeting).
 - c) The Executive Officers may co-opt additional committee members if there are vacancies.
4. Annual membership and visitors' fees will be agreed at the AGM and become due in January for the calendar year. Children under 16 have free membership.
5. The Chairman's Report and Financial Accounts to the 31st October will be presented at the AGM.
6. Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8pm with the exception of the AGM.
7. The committee may appoint a President and invite members to become Vice Presidents or Life Members.
8. The Executive Officers may act in an emergency, the Chairman having a casting vote.
9. A decision to 'wind up' the society may only be taken by a majority of the members attending an AGM or an extra-ordinary AGM called for that purpose for which at least two calendar months' notice has been given. Members present will determine the distribution of the Society's assets.

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AUTUMN SHOW ENTRY FORM

3rd September 2022

Please circle the numbers of the classes in which you intend to compete and forward it to one of the Show Committee detailed below on or before the THURSDAY preceding the show. Entries may be staged from 8.00 am until the hall is cleared for judging at 11.00 am.

Members' entry fee – 20p per entry.

Non-members - £2.00 affiliation fee plus 50p per entry.

Children's entries free.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 24
 25 26 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 46
 47 48 49 52 53 54 55 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 68 69 70 71

Members only classes A B C

Total number of entries Entry fees total £... ..

Name

Address

Phone

Please return your completed form to one of the following:-

Jo Skewes
 21 Sergison Crescent
 Staplehurst
 TN12 0FP

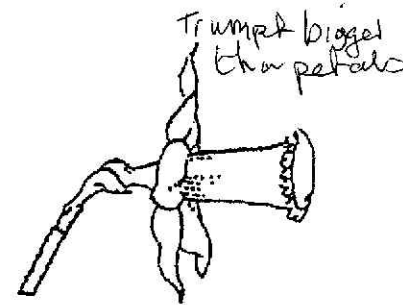
Sylvia Eccles
 Tower House, Maidstone Road
 Staplehurst
 TN12 0RD

Judith Coombs
 The Pines, Station Road
 Staplehurst
 TN12 0QG

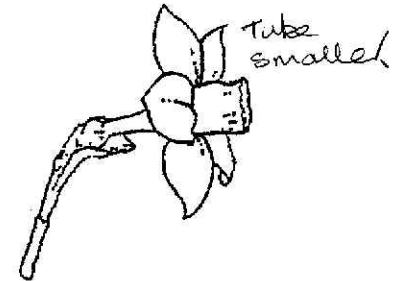
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Description of Divisions in Daffodil Classes

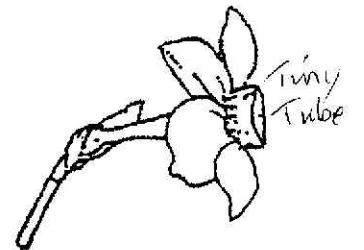
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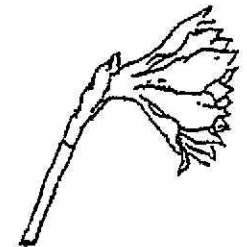
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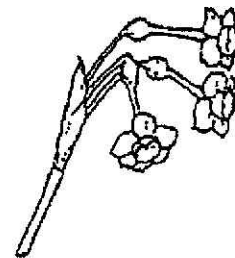
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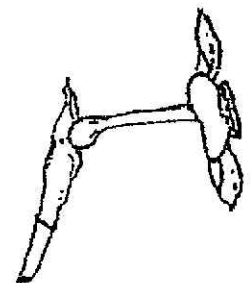
Division 3 – Small Cupped



Division 4 - Double



Division 8 - Tazetta



Division 9 - Poeticus

The **COMMITTEE CUP** will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 20 – 26.

SHOULD YOU KNOW THE VARIETY OF YOUR ENTRY, PLEASE STATE THE NAME CLEARLY.

- 20 five floating hellebores
- 21 one vase, three tulips
- 22 foliage pot plant
- 23 flowering pot plant including bulbs
- 24 one vase of spring flowers
- 25 one vase, three stems, shrubs
- 26 three sticks of rhubarb

The **COOKERY CUP** donated by Mr & Mrs A Wadey, will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 29-32.

- 29 5 Cheese straws, own recipe, please list ingredients
- 30 Coleslaw, own recipe, please list ingredients
- 31 Traybake, own recipe, please list ingredients – 5 pieces
- 32 12oz/1lb (375/500g) jar of marmalade, any fruit, please list ingredients. NO TRADE TOPS

The **FLORAL TROPHY** donated by Mrs N Mather, will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 36-37.

The **LAMPARD CUP** will be awarded to the best exhibit in classes 36 – 37.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR EXHIBIT IS WITHIN THE SPACE ALLOWED

36 'Shades of Yellow' - an Exhibit.

Space allowed 250mm x 250mm x 250mm (10" x 10" x 10") ✓

37 'An arrangement in a cup and saucer' - an Exhibit.

Space allowed 225 mm x 225 mm - height 150 mm (9" x 9" x 6") ✓

NOTES

A CHILDREN'S CUP will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 39 – 42. Age under 7

A CHILDREN'S CUP will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 39 – 42. Ages 7 – 16

All entries must be the child's own unaided work.

Prizes in each class:- 1st = £4.00 2nd = £3.00 3rd = £2.00

39 one vase, three daffodils or narcissi

40 decorated flowerpot 100mm (4")

41 an Easter card

42 *Maltesers rocky road bars, 3 pieces. Adult supervision allowed.
(recipe page 13)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs should not exceed 200mm x 150mm (8" x 6")
To be judged by the public.

43 'Living in Staplehurst'

44 'Nature in Spring'

ROSE & SWEET PEA SHOW Tuesday 19th July 2022

The **MARSHALL CUP** donated by Mrs C G Marshall will be awarded to the best rose exhibit.

Rose prizes:- 1st = £8 2nd = £4

Kindly donated by Rumwood Nurseries

1 single rose

2 single stem of multi-headed rose

3 five stems of sweet peas

Sweet pea prizes - 1st = £8 2nd = £4 (donated by the Society)

AUTUMN SHOW 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022

The **RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL** will be awarded to the MEMBER with the most points in classes 1 – 44. (Competitors may only win this once in three years.)

The **CRAMPHORN CUP** donated by Messrs Cramphorn Ltd will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 2-21.

The **TRADERS TROPHY** will be awarded for the best exhibit in classes 1 – 44.

The **DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE** awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners for the best exhibit in classes 1 – 16.

1 A basket or trug of vegetables to be judged by content, quality and arrangement.

Prize (class 1) 1st=£6 2nd=£4 3rd=£2

2 three beetroot

3 three carrots

4 three onions

5 three white potatoes

6 a collection of 4 different vegetables

7 six shallots

8 six runner beans

9 one truss of tomatoes

10 three courgettes (under 150mm/ 6")

11 five tomatoes

12 five fruited plum tomatoes

13 five small fruited cherry tomatoes (under 35mm/1 3/8")

14 three different salad vegetables

15 collection of five herbs displayed in pots provided. Name varieties

16 any other vegetable minimum of three except one of marrow

17 five stone fruit

18 ten soft fruit

19 one dish of five hard fruit

20 oddest shaped vegetable

21 longest runner bean

Maltesers Rocky Road Bars

Ingredients

175 g pouch of Maltesers

250g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids) broken into pieces

50g butter

8 digestive biscuits

60g baby marshmallows

icing sugar to dust

Method

Line a 200mm/8" square tin with parchment paper.

Melt the chocolate with the butter in a bowl over boiling water until completely melted.

Remove from the heat. Set aside for at least 10 minutes whilst you get the rest of the ingredients ready. It's important that the chocolate isn't too hot when it is combined with the other ingredients, or it could melt the Maltesers and marshmallows and take the 'Rocky' out of this recipe. Bash the biscuits in a plastic bag until you have a mixture of chunks and powder.

Fold the crushed biscuits, marshmallows and Maltesers into the mixture with a spoon until all are coated in chocolate.

Pour into the tin and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Sieve over a generous dusting of icing sugar.

Cut into slices for serving.

Victoria Sponge

Ingredients

225g/8oz butter at room temperature, plus a little extra to grease tins
225g/8oz caster sugar
4 large eggs
2 tsp baking powder
225g/8oz self-raising flour
Strawberry or raspberry jam

Method

Preheat oven to 180C /Fan 160C/Gas 4
Grease and line two 20cm/8in sandwich tins.
Break eggs into large mixing bowl, add sugar, flour, baking powder and butter.
Mix together until well combined with an electric hand mixer.
Divide the mixture between the two greased cake tins lined with baking paper.
Bake the cakes on middle shelf for 25 minutes, checking them after 20 minutes.
The cakes are done when golden brown and coming away from the edge of the tins.
Press them gently to check – they should be springy to the touch.
Set aside to cool in their tins for 5 min. Run a palette knife round the inside and turn out onto a cooling rack.
Sandwich together with strawberry or raspberry jam and dust with caster sugar.

The **HOUNDHURST CUP** donated by Mr A S Bourne will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 24 – 26.

The **MRS PARRINGTON'S MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded to the best exhibit in classes 24 - 44.

- 24 one vase, three cactus/semi-cactus dahlias
- 25 one vase, three decorative dahlias
- 26 one vase, three ball or pompom dahlias (over 52mm/2" diameter)

The **MR H G SIMS MEMORIAL TROPHY** donated by Mrs E A Sims will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 30 – 44.

- 30 one vase, three roses
- 31 one rose
- 32 one stem of multi-headed roses
- 33 one vase, three hydrangea stems, same variety
- 34 one vase, six stems, one variety of perennials
- 35 one vase, six stems, one variety of annuals or bi-annuals not elsewhere in schedule
- 36 one foliage pot plant (maximum 200mm/8" pot)
- 37 one pot or bowl, cacti or succulent
- 38 one vase, mixed garden flowers
- 39 one vase, three stems, flowering or berried shrub
- 40 one pot, fuchsia, including standard (maximum 200mm/8" pot)
- 41 one vase, six stems of grasses, may be mixed
- 42 one exotic flowering plant (maximum 200mm/8" pot)
- 43 one patio pot of flowers and/or foliage (maximum 250mm/10" pot)
- 44 a decoration of fuchsia heads on a saucer

NOVICES The winner receives a certificate awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners.

- 46 One exhibit of any 3 vegetables.
- 47 One vase, three blooms.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

The **LOVING CUP** will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 48 and 51

A certificate awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners will be awarded to the best exhibit in classes 48 and 49

Natural plant material should predominate, accessories and drapes may be used. Entries may be prepared at home.

48 'Fit for the Queen' - an Exhibit – medium.

Space allowed 250mm x 250mm x 250mm/10" x 10" x 10"

49 'A basket arrangement' - an Exhibit – large.

Space allowed 450mm x 450mm/18" x 18" - height unlimited

The **NICHOLS SHIELD** donated by Mr & Mrs D F Nichols will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 52 – 55

No Trade Tops please on any jars

Classes marked * are to be made with the recipe supplied

52 one 12oz/1lb (375/500g) jar of stone fruit jam. Principal fruit to be named.

53 one jar of chutney

54 *Victoria Sponge (recipe, see page 12)

55 5 Mince Pies Short crust pastry – own recipe – list ingredients

The **LINCOLN CUP** will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 60-66. Not previously shown.

60 a knitted or crocheted item

61 a folded napkin

62 any cross stitch or item of embroidery

63 a painting/drawing

64 any handicraft other than in previous classes not exceeding 610mm x 610mm x 610mm (24" x 24" x 24")

65 photography - 'Staplehurst in Bloom' - 200mm x 150mm / 8" x 6"

66 photography - 'Jubilee celebration' - 200mm x 150mm / 8" x 6"

A **CHILDREN'S CUP** will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 68 – 71. Age under 7.

A **CHILDREN'S CUP** will be awarded to the competitor winning most points in classes 68 – 71. Ages 7 – 16.

All entries must be the child's own unaided work

Prizes in each children's class - 1st=£4.00 2nd=£3.00 3rd=£2.00

68 a painted stone – floral design (maximum 100mm/ 4")

69 an insect made out of fruit and vegetables

70 3 cheese straws. Adult supervision allowed. Own recipe - list ingredients.

71 Leaf collage

Class A – MEMBERS ONLY. Heaviest crop of potatoes from one seed potato supplied by the Society and pot grown.

1st=£5 2nd=£3.00 3rd=£2.00

Class B – MEMBERS ONLY. Plant as supplied by the Society grown in an 180mm/ 7" maximum pot.

1st=£6 2nd=£4.00 3rd=£2.00

Class C – MEMBERS ONLY. An unusual container with growing plant or plants, space 300mm x 300mm/12" x 12". To be judged by the public.

1st=£5