

## **USEFUL SHOW NOTES**

You may find the following notes helpful in preparing your exhibits.

### **General**

Read the Schedule carefully, ensuring that you have selected the right quantity and size. Judges do not like to mark exhibits N.A.S (Not According to Schedule). The Schedule has been designed to help you with your entries, but if you are in doubt, ask the Show Secretary or an experienced exhibitor for help. Allow yourself plenty of time to stage your exhibits, carefully selecting fruits and vegetables of even size and quality. Exhibitors are encouraged to label their entries with the names of varieties used and are requested to use plain white paper, preferably typewritten. Throughout our Schedule, the words “ Kind” and “Variety” are used with the following meanings, e.g. Tulips and Hydrangea are kinds of flower, whereas King Alfred and Peace are varieties of daffodil and rose and similarly, it is legitimate to exhibit e.g. several types of Sage as one of the four kinds of herbs (see class 10).

### **Hints for Horticultural Classes**

1. All vegetables should be thoroughly cleaned (root vegetables to be washed.) Carrots to be neatly bunched. Potatoes and fruit shall be placed on plates. Lettuces should be shown washed and with the roots left on.
2. Onions must not be peeled, but loose dry scales may be removed.
3. Tomatoes shall be shown with their calyxes attached.
4. Courgettes may be shown with or without their flowers attached although judges may award the prize in close competition to those with flowers.
5. Class 13 in the Summer Show is to encourage new collection exhibitors and means e.g. one marrow, one lettuce, one carrot and one beetroot.
6. Herbs should consist of young fresh material NOT in flower.
7. Plates of soft fruit look more attractive if shown with 3 or 4 of their own leaves underneath. Raspberries etc. should be shown with the plugs and calyxes attached. Currants should be attached to long, even strings.
8. An annual (class 24) in the Summer Show is defined as a flower raised from seed during the 12 months preceding the Show.
9. A show rose is one just out in full bloom but still with a good firm centre with no outer petals removed and strong clean foliage.
10. Class 25 (Summer Show). A begonia may be shown floating in a dish provided by the seed entrant.
11. A flowering pot plant should be well-balanced, with clean foliage and flower and no pods evident.
12. In classes where the maximum size of a pot etc. is defined, the measurement must be taken as the diameter just inside the rim.

### **Hints for the Cookery Classes**

1. All food entries should be covered in cling film.
2. Jars and chutneys should be labelled and dated.
3. Chutney jars should have new plastic coated lids.
4. Lids may be used on jam but they should be plain without writing or logos.
5. Hot (spicy) food should be indicated.