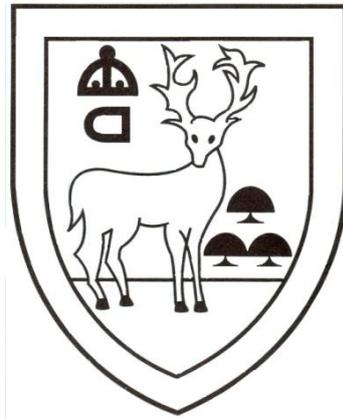


THEYDON BOIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society



114th ANNUAL SHOW & TORTOISE RACES

Vegetables and Fruit

Flowers and Plants

Handicrafts

Photography

Cookery and Preserves

Junior Section

Saturday 25th July 2026 in the Village Hall

Staging of Exhibits: 8.00-11.00am

Doors open: 2.00pm

Tortoise Races: 3.30pm

Presentation of Trophies: 4.00pm

Closure & Removal of Exhibits: 4.15pm

Admission £1, Accompanied children free

Exhibitors free

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Officers

President: Barry Turner

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Chairperson	General Secretary
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Treasurer	Show Secretary
Vacant (Please contact us if you might be interested in taking on this role.)	Vacant Email: theydonshow@gmail.com (Please contact us if you might be interested in taking on this role.)

Committee Members

Margaret Bhonsle, Margaret Jones, Hugh Meteyard, Diana Meteyard
Pam Thompson



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Forthcoming events

Visits

To book a place on a visit please contact Margaret Jones on 01992 814797 or email her: staples@zen.co.uk

All visits depart at 9.30am, estimated return 5-5.30pm, from the Village Hall

Please note that there is no all day parking at the Village Hall on 1st July and 2nd September.

Wednesday 27th May – RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Wednesday 1st July – Bressingham Gardens and Steam Museum

Wednesday 2nd September – Ickworth Estate, House and Gardens

For full details of these visits and prices see our leaflet or website: www.tbhs.org.uk

Talks

In Theydon Bois Village Hall. Raffle, Bring and Buy Plant Sale (donations welcomed)
Admission: Members - Free, Non-members - £3

Wednesday 18th February at 2.30pm – *Bees* by Kate Langley

Wednesday 4th March at 2.30pm – *Great Gardens of Britain* by Andrew Babicz

Wednesday 25th November at 2.30pm – AGM followed by a horticultural quiz.

Talks, to be arranged, will be held in February and March 2027



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Awards and Prizes

Entry cards will be annotated for **1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and for Highly Commended.**

The Gazette Challenge Bowl for the best fruit or vegetable exhibit.

The Gerald Buxton Cup for the best flower or plant exhibit.

Frank and Josie Way Memorial Cup for the best Fuchsia exhibit.

Ted Lock Memorial Cup for the best Cactus exhibit.

Ronnie Roast Salver for the best beetroot.

The Miniature Flower Arrangement Cup for Class 70.

Points are awarded to calculate the winners of the trophies listed below:

- 5pts for a 1st prize
- 3pts for 2nd prize
- 2pts for 3rd prize
- 1pt for Highly Commended

The William Way Cup for the most successful exhibitor in both the fruit and vegetable section and the flower and plant section.

The Elcee Cup for the most successful exhibitor in the Handicraft section.

The Committee Cup for the most successful exhibitor in the Photographic section.

The Keswick Cup for the most successful exhibitor in the Cookery section.

The Secretary's Cup for the most successful exhibitor overall.

The Garden News Shield for the most successful exhibitor in the Junior section.

Mini-Shield for the runner up in the Junior section.



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Annual Show Rules

1. The Theydon Bois Village Show is organised in accordance with the Rules and Definitions etc., in the Horticultural Handbook of the Royal Horticultural Society, a copy of which will be available on the day of the Show.
2. The show is divided into the following sections for judging purposes:
 - Vegetables and Fruit
 - Flowers and Plants
 - Handicrafts
 - Photography
 - Cookery and Preserves
 - Junior Section (restricted to children under 16 on the day of the show)
3. Each section is subdivided into classes.
4. Each exhibitor may only place one entry in a class.
5. Entry Fees are:
 - Adults - 20p per class
 - Juniors – Free
6. Entries must be “home” produced, that is fruit, vegetables and flowers must be grown by the exhibitor, and cookery, photographs, and handicrafts must be the work of the exhibitor.
7. Entrants are reminded that the horticultural show, unless stated otherwise in the rules, is intended for amateurs and not professionals. In the Cookery, Handicraft and Photographic Sections potential entrants should consider themselves professionals if they trade or produce articles for sale in the same section.
8. Whilst every care will be taken over the exhibits, the Committee will not hold itself responsible for any accident or damage that may occur to any exhibit.
9. Floral exhibits must be presented in the Society’s vases unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
10. Professional gardeners exhibiting produce from their employers’ gardens must enter them in their employer’s name. Prizes thus awarded will be credited to the owner of the garden.
11. The only persons that will be allowed in the village hall whilst judging is taking place are the judges and their supporting stewards.
12. The judges’ decision is final.
13. If the number of entries in any one class is less than three, the number of prizes awarded shall be at the judges’ discretion.
14. Protests – any protest must be made in writing and delivered to a member of the Society’s committee within one hour of opening to the public.
15. The presentation of the Trophies will be made on the day of the Show.



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16. Trophies will be presented on the day of the show, but then will be retained by the show secretary for engraving. The show secretary will distribute the cups after engraving, the winner will then hold them until 30th June 2027 when they should be returned to the Show Secretary in a clean condition.
17. The committee has the power to disqualify any exhibitor who refuses permission to look over his/her garden or allotment. The duty of this inspection shall be carried out by a person mutually agreed by the Committee and the exhibitor.

Submission of Entry Forms

Entry forms may be sent to the show secretary by email to **theydonshow@gmail.com** before 11pm on Thursday 23rd July, handed to any committee member prior to Friday 24th July, or be submitted at the Village Hall between 2.30 and 8.00pm on Friday 24th July. (To send by email, fill in the form, scan or photo with a smart phone and then forward to the above email address.)

Exceptionally entry forms may be accepted between 8.30 and 9.30am on the day of the show. This will be at the discretion of the committee as it will depend on demand and the availability of personnel to write entry cards.

Each entrant will be given a unique identity number which will be used to calculate the winners of the The William Way Cup, The Elcee Cup, The Committee Cup, The Keswick Cup, The Secretary's Cup and The Garden News Shield.

Presentation of Exhibits

Exhibitors should collect their entry Identity cards from the foyer of the village hall on the day of the show.

Exhibits should be prepared and staged between 8.00 and 11.00am on the day of the show.

Exhibitors should place their entries in the appropriate place in the hall together with their identity cards with the exhibitor's name face down on the table.

Entries must be left on the tables till 4.15pm. At 4.15pm the exhibitor should remove their exhibits from the hall. Any left beyond 4.30pm will be deemed unwanted and sent for disposal.



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Classes

Adult entries 20p per class, entries in the Junior section are free.

All classes are open

Vegetables and Fruit

- 1 Potatoes 5 (please name the variety if possible)
- 2 Beans, Runner 5 pods (with short stalks)
- 3 Beans, Dwarf or climbing French 5 pods (with short stalks)
- 4 Beans, Broad 5 pods (with short stalks)
- 5 Peas 5 pods (with short stalks and bloom attached)
- 6 Mangetout 5 pods (with short stalks and bloom attached)
- 7 Shallots 8
- 8 Onions 5
- 9 Garlic 3 bulbs
- 10 Carrots 5
- 11 Beetroot 3
- 12 Tomatoes 5 medium (ordinary cultivars)
- 13 A truss of named small fruited tomatoes (not necessarily all ripe)
- 14 Chilli Peppers 5
- 15 Vegetable marrow 1 (not more than 30cm)
- 16 Courgettes 2 (must not be under 10cm or over 15cm)
- 17 Cucumbers 1
- 18 Lettuces 1
- 19 Cabbages 1
- 20 Spinach, Beet spinach or Chard, 8 stems
- 21 Rhubarb 3 stalks
- 22 A vase of 5 named herbs
- 23 A dish of soft fruit (1 kind, see page 13 for quantity)
- 24 Tree fruit 4
- 25 Heaviest Marrow
- 26 Heaviest Tomato
- 27 Heaviest Onion
- 28 Longest Runner Bean
- 29 A display of Vegetables in competitor's own trug (min 5 kinds)



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Flowers and Plants

- 30 1 specimen HT rose (no foliage)
- 31 Roses, floribunda or polyantha, 3 sprays
- 32 Hydrangea 3 heads
- 33 Annual sweet peas 8 spikes
- 34 Perennial sweet peas 8 spikes
- 35 Gladioli 3 spikes
- 36 A vase of dahlias (minimum 5 stems)
- 37 A vase of pelargoniums
- 38 A vase of 3 different kinds outdoor annuals
- 39 A vase of 1 kind outdoor annual
- 40 A vase of 3 different kinds herbaceous perennials
- 41 A vase of 1 kind herbaceous perennial
- 42 A vase of mixed flowers (not less than 5 kinds)
- 43 A vase of evergreen foliage (not less than 3 kinds)
- 44 Floating flowers (more than one in exhibitor's own bowl)
- 45 Fuchsia 1 plant in bloom
- 46 3 Fuchsia flowers (specimen tubes will be provided)
- 47 A pot plant (foliage, no flowers) named if possible, pot size 10cm max
- 48 A pot plant in bloom, named if possible, pot size 10cm max (Not fuchsia)
- 49 A pot plant (foliage, no flowers) named if possible, pot size 10cm – 25cm
- 50 A pot plant in bloom, named if possible, pot size 10cm – 25cm (Not fuchsia)
- 51 A selection of cacti and/or succulents in exhibitor's own container
- 52 A cactus (exhibitor to have owned plant for at least one year)
- 53 A vase of pink and white flowers
- 54 Bonsai (exhibitor to have owned plant for at least one year)
- 55 A planted patio container – no restrictions
- 56 A pot plant to have been grown from seed by exhibitor

Handicrafts

- 57 A miniature garden in a seed tray
- 58 A piece of patchwork
- 59 A piece of cross stitch or tapestry
- 60 A hand knitted scarf
- 61 A painted flower pot
- 62 A homemade card
- 63 A set of finger puppets
- 64 An embroidered cushion cover
- 65 A picture in watercolours
- 66 A pen and ink drawing



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- 67 A crocheted shawl or small blanket
- 68 A piece of lace
- 69 A collage picture of flowers
- 70 A gardener's apron
- 71 A floral arrangement in a small teacup (To be judged by the public)

Photographic (Entries must be mounted on card, see page 13)

- 72 Epping Forest
- 73 Fungi
- 74 Bridge(s)
- 75 Market Day
- 76 Fruit from the garden
- 77 Storm clouds
- 78 A set of 3 photos: My 3 favourite flowers

Cookery and Preserves

- 79 A jar of Jam)
- 80 A jar of Jelly) 350g min – 500g max
- 81 A jar of Marmalade)
- 82 A jar of Chutney)
- 83 Welsh cakes 6
- 84 A Sally Lunn loaf (275g of flour)
- 85 A carrot cake (15 – 20cm diameter)
- 86 Fruity banana bread – see recipe on page 14
- 87 Double chocolate chip cookies 6
- 88 Pizza tartlets (using shortcrust pastry) 6
- 89 Victoria sandwich (2 eggs)
- 90 A cake to celebrate a child's birthday (to fit on a 30 x 30cm cake board)

Junior Section (please put entrant's age on the entry form)

11 years and under

- 91 A drawing of your parent or carer
- 92 A carrot plant grown from a carrot top
- 93 A collage picture



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All ages under 16 on the day of the show

(The child's age will be taken into consideration by the judges)

- 94 A homemade card (Max size A5)
- 95 A photograph of a pet (Max size A5, mounted on card)
- 96 A painting of a rainbow (Max size A4)
- 97 A bird feeder (Max size 30 x 30 x 30cm)
- 98 A gingerbread man

- 99)
- 100) Classes reserved for entries from the school
- 101)
- 102)

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JUNIOR SECTION – Classes 91 - 98

Please feel free to photocopy and enlarge as required.

Form to be submitted on or before Friday 24th July.

Name Age.....

Address.....

I wish to enter the following classes:

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Children are welcome to enter any of the classes outside the Junior section, but entry must be made on the standard entry form, and any such entry will not be taken into consideration for the award of the Garden News Shield or Mini Shield.



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To Help the Exhibitors – Hints and Definitions

GENERAL

Read the Show Rules and get your entry form in before Show Day.

Show your exhibits as attractively as possible.

If you are exhibiting for the first time don't be afraid to ask for help and guidance from the committee or stewards: they are there to help.

Come prepared; bring scissors, pen, newspaper, a small watering can and any other tools you might require to display your exhibit.

Pay attention to the number of items required for the class: more or less will disqualify. For example, in Class 1, Potatoes 5, five are required. Four or six will not do!

POT PLANTS

The pot should be clean and soil fresh looking on top. Remove dead or deformed leaves and flowers, name the plant if you can.

FLORAL AND FOLIAGE DISPLAYS

If there are not many flowers in your vase and they are difficult to arrange, little wads of newspaper or foam inside the vase will help your arrangement. The marking considers the quality of the arrangement.

Uniformity of specimens in an exhibit is of importance. Generally, in a number of set flowers, e.g. 3, three similar size specimens will score over two large and one small.

FLOWERS

Specimen Rose. This class will be judged first. The rose should be without foliage as it is the bloom that is judged. Wire or other support may be used to keep the bloom erect. The bloom should be fresh, free from blemish, half to three quarters open and of full size for the variety, good form with petals regularly and gracefully arranged within a circular outline and having a well-formed centre.

Decorative Class. Groups of roses are considered more decorative and should show the foliage which should be of good size and free from blemish with strong stems proportionate to the size of blooms.

Single, semi- double, and fully double blooms are regarded as of equal merit and should be half to three-quarters open.



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Cacti. Other things being equal a plant in bloom will be preferred to one that is not.

Pelargonium (Geranium). As shapely as possible, ample clean healthy foliage, flowers round and of decided colour.

Fuchsia Plant. Vigorous symmetrical, floriferous with clean foliage.

VEGETABLES

When exhibiting vegetables, the condition, size and uniformity should be considered.

Condition – Clean, fresh, tender, absence of blemish.

Size – Meritorious if accompanied by quality

Uniformity – Alike in size and/or colour.

Root vegetables should be washed carefully leaving the skin clean and undamaged. Leave approx 5cm of leaf stalks.

Beetroot and Carrots Size according to variety, tender, good shape, clear of side roots, skin clean and bright. Leave approx 5cm of leaf stalks.

Beans

Broad	Large, well filled and clear skinned, with short stalk attached
Dwarf	Straight, fresh and brittle, with short stalk attached
Runner	Straight, fresh and brittle, with short stalk attached

Cabbages Shapely, solid heart, surrounding leaves perfect.

Lettuces Firm tender unbroken hearts of good colour. Wrap roots in damp kitchen towel.

Onions Large, firm, thin necks, **with** tops – not excessively skinned. Roots neatly trimmed back to basal plate.

Parsley can be shown as a herb but it is also permissible to use it as a garnish in collections of vegetables.

Peas Large, well filled, fresh and deep green with bloom and short stalk attached.

Potatoes Medium size, clean clear skin, eyes few and shallow.

Radishes Medium size, young, tender, bright colour, short intact foliage.

Shallots Should be staged as separate bulbs and look well bedded on a little sand.

Spinach, Beet spinach or Chard. Clean and displayed tied in a neat bunch.

Tomatoes Size and shape according to cultivar, firm, well coloured, calyces attached.



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FRUIT

Currants (black, red, or white) 12 strigs (bunches as grown).

Gooseberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Blackberries and Blueberries. Leave the little stalks on. Entry 12 berries for each kind.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photographs will be judged by giving half the marks for technique: focus, exposure, colour, composition etc. and half the marks for interpretation of the subject. Photographs must be mounted on a suitable card, mount not exceeding A4 for individual photos.

HANDICRAFTS

Work to have been completed since last show day.

Any article made from a kit must be so marked.

An article using both soft and hard materials, e.g. a wooden stool with a soft top, may be entered 'soft' class if the top has been made by the entrant and the wooden stool bought separately. In such a case the entrant should indicate the part which is being entered as their own work.

Definitions

From the RHS "The Horticultural Show Book"

Perennial

A perennial plant is one which lives for more than two years and includes trees, shrubs, plants grown from bulbs, corms and tubers and in fact all that are not annuals or biennials.

Herbaceous Perennials

Plants with non-woody stems which die down to ground annually but have root stocks which remain alive throughout for several years: for horticultural purposes the word root stock includes bulbs, corms and tubers.

Annuals

Many perennial and biennial plants are now commonly cultivated as annuals, that is to say they are raised from seed, flowered and discarded within 12 months. The difficulty in distinguishing between annuals, biennials and perennials is so great that our classes will mean "Flowers grown from seed during the 12 months preceding the show".



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Kind

Chrysanthemums, delphiniums, phloxes and roses are kinds of flowers: apples, grapes, pears are kinds of fruit etc.

Variety

Variation within a "kind" e.g. Crimson Glory, Superstar are varieties of rose; Bramley's seedling and Blenheim Orange are varieties of apple.

Cake Recipe

Fruity banana bread

125g (4oz) butter or margarine plus extra for greasing	125g (4oz) glacé cherries, quartered, rinsed and dried
250g (8oz) self-raising flour	2 large eggs, beaten
175g (6oz) caster sugar	500g (1lb) bananas, weight with peel, peeled and mashed
125g (4oz) sultanas	1 kg (2lb) loaf tin
60g (2oz) walnuts, roughly chopped	

1. Grease the loaf tin and line the bottom with greaseproof paper.
2. Put the flour into a bowl, add the butter, and rub in with the fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Mix in the caster sugar, sultanas, chopped walnuts and glacé cherries.
3. Add the eggs and mashed bananas and beat the mixture until well blended. Spoon into the prepared tin.
4. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 160°C (325°F, Gas 3) for 1¼ hours until well risen and firm to the touch. A fine skewer inserted into the middle of the loaf should come out clean.
5. Leave the loaf to cool slightly in the tin, then turn out onto a wire rack and peel off the lining paper. Leave the loaf to cool completely before slicing and serving.

Tell us what you want in next year's show

The committee would welcome any suggestions for classes and displays in next year's show. If you have an idea, please contact any member of the committee or send an email to theydonshow@gmail.com



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Tortoise Race

Rules

1. Entry will be restricted to tortoises under weight of 5kg. (Sorry, no fully-grown Galapagos, Aldabaran or Giant African Tortoises will be allowed!)
2. If the number of entries permit, races will be arranged by tortoise weight, flyweight (up to 1.0kg), middleweight (1.0 to 2.5kg) and heavyweight (over 2.5kg).
3. The race will be run in lanes, 30cm wide, between boards over a distance of approximately 3.5m.
4. Once the race has started the owner may not touch their tortoise other than to stop their animal if it tries to climb out of its lane.
5. Any animal climbing out of its lane will be given a 20cm penalty.
6. Owners can place whatever enticements, bribes or incentives they want along their lane to encourage racing.
7. The referee's decision is final.
8. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Owners should bring their tortoises to the event in a secure box, a cat carrier is ideal, with plenty of padding and ventilation to prevent injury and escape.

Get training!

Tortoise Race Entry Form - To be sent to the Show Secretary by Friday 24th July.

Advance notice of an intention to enter by email (theydonshow@gmail.com) or phone (07703 205951) would be much appreciated by the organiser.

Owner's name

Tel..... email

Tortoise Name

Breed (if known)

Age (if known) Weight.....kg

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Name.....

Address.....

Tel

Email.....

FEES
20p per class

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FLOWERS AND PLANTS	
HANDICRAFT	
PHOTOGRAPHY	
COOKERY AND PRESERVES	

TOTAL

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