

Tips for showing Vegetables, Flowers and Cookery Exhibits

Every year we get asked "Why did that exhibit beat mine?"
And the answer is never easy!

At the end of the day judging is largely an inexact science, and judges will always have personal likes and dislikes.

But here is a bit of help for those of you thinking of entering for the first time.

First, an obvious point, but please read the schedule. The schedule tells you the absolute minimum requirements, and if you don't meet them, you will be excluded. This is to ensure that everyone starts from the same place. If it says "6" and you show five or seven, it won't be judged.

In the vegetable classes, the most important judging criterion is condition. If your exhibit is wilting, stale, wizened, caterpillar riddled, full of aphids or just plain "manky", it is unlikely to win. And make sure that things are uniform. One big one and three medium ones is never as good as four medium ones that match. If you are exhibiting more than one thing, e.g. three dahlias or three potatoes, try to get all the specimens to look broadly similar. This rule applies to all classes without exception.

Size isn't everything, but bigger is usually better. This applies to flowers and veg. If the schedule doesn't state a maximum size, a good big one will often beat a good medium one.

Get to the show as early as possible. On show day, if you start early you can ask others about how to stage exhibits. If you leave it until just before staging cut off time, everything becomes a panic and that's when mistakes are made - email howardtolley@icloud.com if you would like to receive some detailed help with your exhibits.

Have some fun: it's the Brayford Show ...not "Chelsea".

And of course in the cookery classes it is even more likely that no two bakers are alike! There's certainly no single way to do anything when it comes to baking. At the end of the day, baking will always be about your own "relationship" with the tools and ingredients. If you have a preferred way of doing things... then simply give it a try. But remember, "3 savoury muffins" are 3, not 4!

The Show is for all of us. Give it a go. Without your entries the show will not survive.

General Rules

- All vegetables and flowers exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor, excluding the flower arranging classes
- All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor
- No exhibit is to be removed before prize giving
- First place will count 3 points, and second place 1 point towards the determination of the section cups - e.g. vegetables, cookery etc.
- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE FREE
- In the children's classes 1st place entrants will receive a bag of sweets
- Cups will be awarded and 2019 winners are asked to return their trophies to Sally or Jacci before the show!
- The show committee shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the property of exhibitors
- The Brayford Show is a friendly "village event" - the appointed judges decision in all cases will be final!

Brayford Show 2021

Saturday 7th August at the Village Hall

Doors open at 3.00pm

FREE ADMISSION

Timetable:

9.30am: Hall opens for competitors to stage exhibits

11.30am: Hall closed for judging

11.45 am: Judging begins

3.00pm: Doors to the hall open for public viewing

Teas served throughout the afternoon

Adults £3.00 Children £1.50 by ticket purchased at entrance

4.00pm: Presentation of cups

Raffle Prizes presented

Completed entry forms are to be submitted by Friday 30th July to:

Jacci Gardner, The Old Baptist Chapel, Brayford (711843)

Howard Tolley, Lamb Cottage, Charles (711828)