The Birches

Community Matters Newsletter – July & August Edition

Kingsthorne, Much Birch, Little Birch, Aconbury & Wormelow

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Not to be missed in July

Wildlife Walk

On the muggy afternoon of 14th June around 13 participants met at Much Birch Community Hall for a Wildlife Walk, led by Andrew Nixon, who is a local resident with a long career in Conservation.

During the walk, many local species of interest in our area were highlighted.

You can read more about the walk on page 12.

The next one will be a walk around Aconbury Hill led by Ben Anderson, the Head of Forestry for the Duchy. This will take place in August Date TBA.

A diary date for September

Jobs for the garden in July & August

Another gardening year is well under way. In my case, runner and dwarf beans have proved difficult to germinate as has been some brassicas. Cucumbers were slow to start producing fruits. This is possibly due to the many cold nights that have prevailed during the Spring and early Summer, with the exception a just a few nights when it was too warm to sleep. Around us, there has been few sightings of young birds, just a family of blue tits and a robin. Parent birds have been seen carrying food away from our feeding stations and off the garden, so there were a good number of nestlings hatched, but have they survived? At the time of writing we seem to have a plague of tiny black beetles. They present themselves on our white outside walls, white and other light coloured flowers and on the laundry while on the line. Annoyingly they also take a liking to me – fortunately they don't bite!

- Plant Autumn flowering bulbs – Colchicum, Sternbergia, Nerine.
- Raise the blades on the mower now when cutting the lawn.
- Clean foliage and remove any dead leaves from house plants.
- Regularly dead head flowers to promote new flowers.
- Camellias and rhododendrons should be well watered with rain water, particularly those in tubs, to produce next year's flower buds.
- Prune magnolias.
- Keep the hoe going.
- Early potatoes should be ready now.
- Harvest courgettes and beans regularly and also make the most of all young vegetables; lift onions and garlic when foliage starts to turn yellow.
- Feed tomatoes, peppers and melons with high potash fertilizer and cucumbers with nitrogen feed.
- Cover brassicas with a fine mesh to protect them from caterpillars.
- Take semi-ripe cuttings from herbs such as rosemary, sage and thyme.
- Cut canes of summer fruiting raspberries to the ground. Select 6 to 8 strong, new green canes at each root and tie them to the wire supports 10cm apart, then cut out all the others.
- Apples, pears and plums will naturally drop some fruit in June but additional thinning by hand may be necessary.
- Make new strawberry beds.
- Sow Spring cabbage.
- Ensure frogs, toads, newts and other animals can exit ponds
- Allow some seed heads and berries to develop for wildlife.
- Do not destroy wasp nests unless their location is dangerous to you, they will help ladybirds and ants to dispose of aphids, and in addition take small caterpillars back to their nest.
- Sow biennial plant seed now – foxgloves, teasels, wallflowers – these will flower early next year and will help feed pollinators.
- Sit back and enjoy your garden when weather permits.

Whilst doing so, give some thought to entering some flowers fruit and/or vegetables in the horticultural on Saturday 5th September.

Derek Scrivens

Gardening Club News

Plant Sale
The recent plant sale held in Little Birch Village hall was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who donated plants this year and to everyone who attended and purchased plants for their gardens.

Our monthly events are free to members: £5 for non-members. Refreshments served from 7.00pm.
Usually the talk starts at 7.30pm.

Coming up:
We're looking forward to the **Annual Show on Saturday 5th September in Little Birch Village Hall.**
You can find full details of this on pages 13-16

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings
Lesley - Chair of KT & LB Gardening Club

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Aconbury Parish Meeting

Aconbury Parish Meeting is in need of a new Chair as the current chair is leaving the parish. Meetings are in October & April, include tea and biscuits and are enjoyable. If you might be interested please contact Elisabeth Taylor on 07864 629193

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Next screening:

Thursday 17th September, Film - TBC

For further information about other films and screenings visit www.artsalive.co.uk

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Join us at the

Community Café

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Saturday 11 July 2026

10:00 - 12:30

and every 2nd Saturday of the month

No café in August

12 September

10 October

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- Cllr Tom Palfrey
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- Cllr Nick Deacon
- Cllr Kate Dillon

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Contact
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Little Birch Village Hall Committee

- Lesley Chapman (Chair)
- John Ellis-Braithwaite (Treasurer)
- Cathy Ellis-Braithwaite (Secretary)
- Sarah Jones (Hall bookings)
- Kate Dillon (Parish Council Rep)
- Jane Bolam (Drama group)
- Tonya Barnett (Drama Group)
- Paulette Traynor (Committee member)

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Local Social Media Groups

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Little Birch Parish Group
King's Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club

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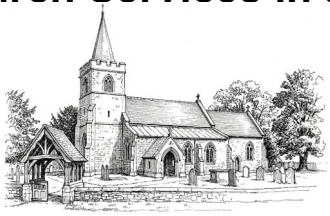


Sunday, 5th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 a.m. at Much Birch – Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Morning Worship

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 a.m. at Much Birch – Morning Worship

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Holy Communion in Traditional Language

Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 a.m. at Llandinabo – Holy Communion in Traditional Language

An article from Revd. Mark : St Paul – a prophet for our times?

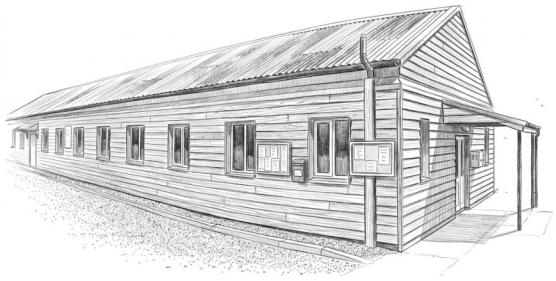
If you have ever been to a church wedding, then it is quite possible that you have heard a reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Chapter 13 is often read at such events, mostly because it reflects on the nature of love and how, at the start of a marriage, we all have hopes and dreams that this will be a wonderful union between two people, despite the unexpected events that will always pop up.

But St Paul wrote a whole lot more letters, exploring his theology as a Jew who had become a follower of Jesus. The term Christian was yet to be invented. In what was probably his last extant letter, Romans, Paul tackles the great question – how are followers of Jesus to live in a society that really doesn't care for them and may even see them as a threat. He suggests that they live lives that are honest, true, serve the common good, following the laws of the land. However, they should not forget that they belong to a different worldview and so be mindful of those around them who differ in thought. Given how polarising some people want society and culture to be – either you are for us or against us, there is no middle ground, St Paul's thoughts for a different world and a different culture seem to be surprisingly relevant! Taking the example of Abraham (Chapter 5), St Paul reminds us that we are all under one God. In Chapter 12, he points to the hallmarks of a good Christian -including blessing those who persecute you! That is a real challenge to those who want hate to win over love!

St Paul's vision is not perfect, but it does offer us a template to challenge these divisive times, offering a unity and inclusiveness that many in this world would disdain in the search for a quick buck and a comment section full of outrage.

Revd. Mark

Little Birch Village Hall news



As you read this newsletter the refurbishment of the toilets in the LBVH should be almost complete - if not complete. The Committee has worked very hard to ensure that the work has been carried out to a high standard, with choices of colour, vanity unit, and flooring all making the areas modern and light. There is still work to do in the Bar area - which will be Phase 2 , along with new flooring in the Gents, once the Bar area has been refurbished. Hopefully this will be carried out in the next couple of months around events and bookings in the Hall.

The LBVH AGM took place on the 9th June. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance, supporting the Hall committee. Tea, Coffee and Cake was served prior to the meeting and then the meeting got under way. After reports from the Chair & Treasurer, election of the new Committee for 2026-27 took place. The new committee is as follows:Chair - Lesley Chapman; Treasurer: John Ellis-Braithwaite; Secretary : Cathy Ellis-Braithwaite; Committee members: Tonya Barnett, Jane Bolam, Paulette Traynor, Sarah Jones, Kate Dillon (representative of the PC). Sarah Jones has replaced Linda Maden as Hall Manager and we welcome her to the team. We thanked Linda Maden & Geoff Nicholls for their invaluable contributions to the running of the Village Hall - they both have given so much of their time and expertise in carrying out their roles - for which the Committee and the Community are extremely grateful. We also said goodbye to Iris Lloyd, who, again, after many years serving on the Committee has decided to step down. She, also, gives so much time to the events in the Village Hall, and will continue to do so in the future. Her local knowledge has been invaluable and we are pleased that she will still be seen at events. To all three - we say a big thank you.

Lesley Chapman, Chair - LBVH

Much Birch Parish Council
Details of meeting held on 4/6/26

PARISH MEETING – at the Much Birch Parish Council Meeting held in the Much Birch Community Hall on the 4th June 2026 from 7.30 pm.

The parish council held their June Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 4th June 2026. They heard an update, on Herefordshire Council matters and the new public realm contract with M Group, from the Ward Cllr Toni Fagan. M Group came into post from 1st June 2026 and they will collaborate, with Herefordshire Council, to deliver the public realm contract, including highways works.

There were concerns raised, during the meeting, about speeding on the village roads, including Tump Lane. The parish council reiterate a timely reminder to all - please observe the speed limits which are set to try to minimise risk.

The next ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the Much Birch Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2026 from 7.30pm at the Much Birch Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Details of forthcoming meetings are in the column to the right.

Much Birch Parish Council

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Dates for the forthcoming meetings:
02/07/26, 03/09/26, 01/10/26, 05/11/26, 03/12/26 (no meeting in August).
All are in Much Birch Community Hall from 7.30pm.

Full minutes of the meetings can be found on the Parish Council website: **www.muchbirchparish.org.uk**
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Violette's Special Day
Sunday 12th July

Rosemary Rigby will be hosting this annual event at the Violette Szabo Museum in Tump Lane. The parade will leave the park in Wormelow at 1.30pm, led by a highland piper. Mayors and Mayoresses of the county also hope to attend.

Rosemary is the owner and founder of the Violette Szabo Museum which attracts visitors from all over the world.

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Thursday 2nd July, Saturday 18th July,
Thursday 6th August, Saturday 15th August

Book of the month for July/August

The book I would like to recommend this time is "The Wager" by David Grann. At first I thought it would be about a bet but it turns out to be the name of an Eighteenth Century ship.

This is the true story of a British Naval secret expedition which went disastrously wrong and ended up with one of its ships being wrecked and the members of the crew who survived being marooned on a desolate island with little or nothing to sustain them.

The way that some of them survived in spite of falling out with each other and eventually succeeded in getting back to England only to face court-martials is graphically described and is only possible to understand because some of them kept journals.

The first part of the book gives a fascinating glimpse of what it was like to be a sailor on one of these ships and how the captain had, literally, the power of life or death over his crew. So discipline had to be strict and whether it was a "happy ship" or not depended to a large extent on the personality of the captain.

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Jennifer

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Mel's Musings

Life has a strange way of turning itself on its head, both in large and small ways. Take yesterday for example; I woke up in a sunny mood – my OH would say that was a rare event in itself!, and then things rapidly went downhill. On checking the delivery time for the grocery order I discovered that, although I can clearly remember sitting down the previous day and confirming what we needed and updating it all, I must have overlooked the important task of pressing the 'place order now' button, so everything I really didn't want, bar a few weekly needs, were now heading my way. I was livid, only with myself, but as all you ladies know from experience it had to be the OH's fault from distracting you at the important moment of ordering. It was either asking where something he had meant to put away actually was; what we were having for dinner; had I seen his letter from....., his jumper he was wearing yesterday; where was his pen ….. you get my gist. After a satisfying discussion and a good laugh all was dealt with. Our delivery man was someone regular and being a good sort and hearing my tale of woe explained that I didn't have to take anything I didn't want. So that was that problem sorted. Then later on a kind neighbour popped around and we were chatting about forgetting things. I was reminded of my late mother who always used to say 'At least I have still got my marbles' even when in the deep throes of dementia. I feel my marbles are definitely making a run for it but whilst I still have my sense of humour (as warped as it may be) then all is well. Now, where did I put my knitting.....…

Mel

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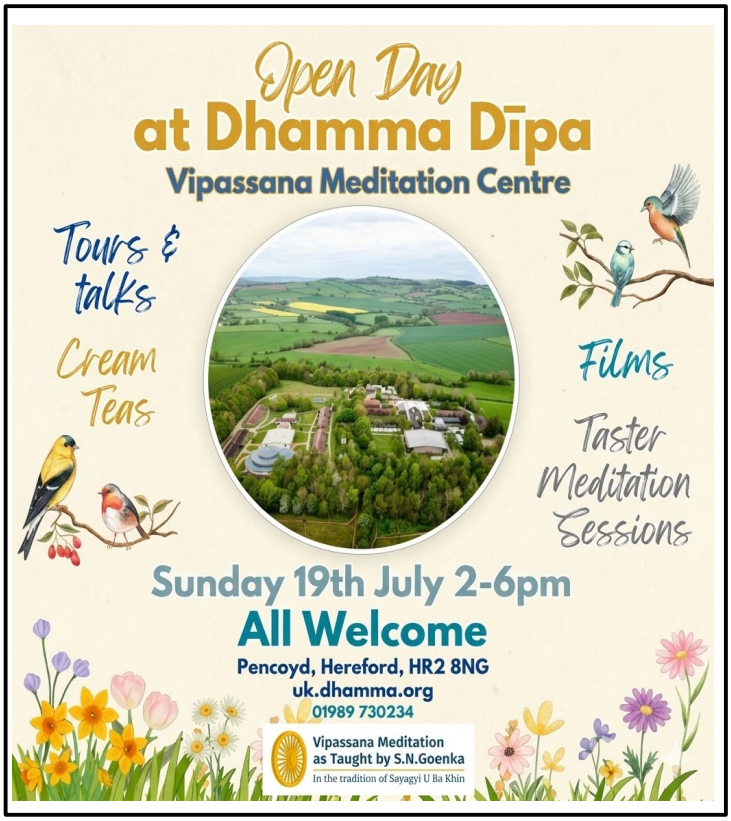

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Wildlife Walk

On the muggy afternoon of 14th June around 13 participants met at Much Birch Community Hall for the Wildlife Walk, led by Andrew Nixon, who is a local resident with a long career in Conservation. Our route was to take us down Holly Bush Lane to the sunken path, then up to Little Birch church, before dropping down below Athelstan's Wood and crossing the fields back towards Much Birch Community Hall.

After a short welcome and briefing from Chris Fowler and David Irwin (Footpath Officers) we crossed the A49, slipped behind the roadside houses and almost immediately found ourselves in the midst of beautifully rural views with arable crops, grassland, woodland and hedgerows all spread out before us.

At regular stops, Andrew highlighted species of interest but also described some of the threats facing them. Modern farming practices, challenges caused by climate change and tree diseases such as Ash Die Back and Dutch Elm Disease were amongst the topics that Andrew covered. He also explained the need to ensure that areas of wildlife value remain connected so that species which don't move well in open farmland (such as snails or Hazel Dormice) can avoid the genetic isolation of being stranded in 'islands' of remaining good habitat.

One such species highway is the sunken path itself. In addition to being a beautiful footpath for us, it links other important wildlife features, includes many ancient 'veteran' trees and is an irreplaceable home for many types of flora and fauna. Andrew also enthusiastically showed us various examples of conservation 'best practice' which had been adopted by local farmers. Examples included species-rich grass meadows, pond restoration, low-impact grazing, and tree-planting for parkland landscape restoration. We all were able to appreciate how these benefit the wildlife that we are blessed with having so close to home!

After looping back to the village, we enjoyed a social catch-up and much needed tea and cake, courtesy of Chris and David's wives Wendy and Charlotte

Thanks go to Chris and David for taking such good care of the paths that we walked, to Andrew for his knowledge and enthusiasm for the natural world, Wendy and Charlotte for the tea and cake, our fellow walkers for their company and to the many farmers and landowners who maintain all that we saw in the face of difficult economic challenges.

These walks are very sociable and gentle – if you haven't been on one before I recommend that you join the next one which will be walk around Aconbury Hill led by Ben Anderson the Head of Forestry for the Duchy this will take place sometime in August.

Ian Revill

Defibrillator Locations

IN A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY CALL 999

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- **Allensmore** Locks Garage
- **Backney** on the garage wall at Market Gardens Cottage
- **Bridstow** on the outside of the village hall
- **Garway** on the wall outside the Garway Moon pub Harewood End at Harewood End Inn on outside of the pub at the back in the beer garden.
- **Little Birch** on the outside of the village hall
- **Llanwarne** on the wall by steps leading up to the village hall
- **Much Birch** on the outside of the church hall
- **Much Birch Axe & Cleaver** on the side of the pub
- **Much Dewchurch** outside Steiner School, first building after the church
- **Peterstow** at the Yew Tree pub
- **Sellack** on the outside of the parish hall (key code needed)
- **St Weonards** old BT phone box off the A466 between the church and Forge Cottage
- **Wormelow** at the Cricket Club &Carrot & Wine shop Wilton on wall at the BP garage on the roundabout

Midsummer in The Birches

As June gives way to July, the frantic energy of spring settles into a mature summer rhythm. Up in the canopy, fledgling birds are testing their wings, while the high grasses of our meadows and verges teem with life. Look out for striking cinnabar moths and busy bumblebees making the most of the long, warm afternoons.

As dusk falls, the evening brings its own magic. Sit quietly and you might catch the silent silhouette of a bat hunting along the hedgerows or the distant hoot of a tawny owl. It is the perfect season to step outside and appreciate the rich natural world right on our doorsteps.

Do you have something of interest to the community which you would like to appear in the next edition of The Birches?

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KING'S THORN & LITTLE BIRCH
GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL OPEN

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL

Saturday September 5th 2026

Programme of events

★ 9.00 am - Hall open to exhibitors only.
★ 10.45 am – Last entries accepted.
★ 11.00 am – Hall closed to the public.
Judging of exhibits.
★ 2.00 pm - Hall opens to the public.
★ 3.00 pm - Presentation of trophies and raffle draw.

Children's Workshop

This is held in the Village Hall the day before the show. Children will be encouraged to show their creativity by making vegetable Animals and Monsters for the Children's Section.
Meet at the Hall on Friday 4th September at 4.00pm
NB: You do not have to come to the workshop in order to enter items in the Show

RULES OF THE SHOW

1. There will be an entry fee of ***£3 for 1-5 entries & £5 for multiple entries. Children's entries - free***
2. All exhibits must have been grown or made by the exhibitor **in the last 12 months**, **except** in the **Floral Art** (Section 4) where bought flowers may be used.
3. Any person exhibiting articles belonging to another person, or attempting to deceive the Judges, will be disqualified.
4. The decision of the Judges is final and/ or the Show Secretary and they will settle any disputes that are not covered by the rules.
5. **ALL ENTRIES** should be on an entry form or similar format plain paper and must be received at the hall between 9.00 and 10.45am.
ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP TO 10.45am.
EXHIBITS should be staged by 11.00am on the day of the show.
For the Children's Section: each child MUST have their own entry form.
6. Exhibitors must leave the hall by 11.00am. There will be a 5 minute warning at 10.55 am. The hall will then be closed at 11.00am so that judging can commence and will open to the public at 2.00pm.
7. Whilst multiple entries in each class are welcomed, only one entry per exhibitor, per class will be eligible for an award of 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize.
8. **PRIZES** : There will be no monetary prizes except for the Children's Classes (1st £2; 2nd £1; 3rd 50p)
9. **Points** will be awarded in each Class : 1st – 4 pts; 2nd – 3 pts; 3rd – 2pt.
Children's Classes : +1 pt for all other entries.

"Our Garden Club is dedicated to fostering a deep appreciation for nature through the cultivation of plants, the sharing of knowledge, and the nurturing of sustainable practices. We believe in the power of gardening to bring people together, to beautify our surroundings, and to create positive environmental impact. By growing together, we cultivate not only our gardens but also a stronger, more connected community."

September 2026

Thank you for all your entries to this year's show.
GOOD LUCK everyone!

SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES

CLASS

V1	Collection of 6 different vegetables (for the Harold Salisbury Shield)
V2	1 Vegetable, 1 Flower, 1 Fruit (NB: flower should be put in water)
V3	3 Potatoes - of ONE variety
V4	2 Carrots – can be mixed varieties
V5	2 Courgettes - can be mixed varieties
V6	2 Onions over 250gms (9oz)
V7	2 Onions up to 250gms (9oz)
V8	5 Shallots
V9	2 Beetroot
V10	Heaviest Marrow
V11	5 Tomatoes - Cherry type
V12	5 Tomatoes – other
V13	2 Cucumbers – can be mixed varieties
V14	Collection of Culinary Herbs - 5 varieties (named)
V15	2 Leeks
V16	"Salad Bowl"
V17	5 Runner Beans – can be mixed varieties
V18	5 French Beans (Climbing or Dwarf or a mixture)
V19	1 Specimen Vegetable
V20	Home-made Garden Compost - 1 litre sample, in a container.
V21	Any Vegetable with an interesting or unusual shape
V22	3 of any other vegetable – Same variety
V23	"Fun Category" - A vegetable monster or animal

SECTION 2 – FRUIT

CLASS:

FR1	3 Dessert Apples – same variety – with stalks
FR2	3 Dessert Pears - same variety – with stalks
FR3	3 Cooking Apples - same variety – with stalks
FR4	3 Sticks of Rhubarb
FR5	6 Autumn Raspberries - same variety - with stalks attached
FR6	Any other Fruit – same variety

All exhibitors should indicate the variety of Vegetables and Fruit where known.

SECTION 3 – FLOWERS

CLASS :

FL1	1 Specimen Rose
FL2	3 Stems of any Rose
FL3	3 Gladioli
FL4	1 Specimen Dahlia – any size
FL5	3 Stems of any Dahlia – any size
FL6	3 Pompon/large Pompon Dahlias
FL7	5 Different Garden Flowers
FL8	3 Stems – Any different Daisy like Flowers – (1 stem of each)
FL9	Pot Plant - Flowering
FL10	Pot Plant - Foliage
FL11	3 Ornamental Grass Stems
FL12	5 Pansies
FL13	5 Sweet Peas - incl. Perennial
FL14	5 Different Seed Heads – may include berries and hips

All exhibitors should indicate the variety of flowers where known.
NB: Exhibitors should not use Oasis or Floral Foam

SECTION 4 – FLORAL ART

CLASS:

FA1 An arrangement using a Cup and Saucer

FA2 An arrangement of floating flowers in a bowl – max bowl size 25cm

FA3 An arrangement of Foliage. Space allowed 610mm x 610mm (24"x24")
NB: No Oasis or Floral Foam to be used

FA4 An Exhibit demonstrating "Carnival Time"
This can include fruit & vegetables
Space allowed 610mm x 610mm (24" x 24")
NB: No Oasis or Floral Foam to be used

FA5 An arrangement suitable for a table centre
Space allowed 559mm x 228mm (22" x 9")

NB: All floral art should be made from fresh flowers.
Smaller arrangements are welcome when maximum space is indicated. Exhibits exceeding these measurements will be disqualified.
Height is unlimited. Bought flowers may be used.

SECTION 5 – DOMESTIC

CLASS

NB: There is no upper or lower limit as to how many of each item is exhibited in regard to biscuits; Buns etc. Just put your best ones in!

D1 ***PRESERVES***: Make a jar of any preserve such as Fruit, Jam, Marmalade, Curd
Covered with cellophane or new lid - labelled & dated

D2 ***SAVOURY PRESERVES:*** Make a jar of any savoury preserve such as Chutney, Pickle, Jelly
Covered with cellophane or new lid - labelled & dated

D3 ***BAKES:*** CAKES
e.g. Victoria Sandwich, Cupcake, Fruit Cake, Welsh Cake, Muffins

D4 ***BAKES:*** PASTRY
e.g. Quiche, Sausage Roll, Pastry, Mince pie, Cheese straws, Fruit Pie

D5 ***BAKES:*** BISCUITS: Savoury or Sweet

D6 ***BAKES***: BREAD e.g. Rolls, Bread, Sourdough, Chelsea Buns, Iced Fingers

D7 ***DESSERTS:*** e.g. Trifle, Cheesecake, Apple Pie, Apple Crumble

D8 ***INTERNATIONAL:*** e.g. Samosa, Spring Roll, Onion Bhaji, Baklava, Strudel

SECTION 6 – PICTURES

Judging of this section will be by visitors to the show.
All votes must be cast by 3.00 pm.

A Photograph or Painting of any Garden, Garden Subject, Nature, Wildlife or Landscape should be displayed on the board provided. The photo or painting should be taken, or painted in the last year: **since the last Show in 2025**

CLASS:

P1 All Prints to be a max. 180 x 130mm (7" x 5"), labelled with the subject

P2 All Paintings – to be a max. A3 size, labelled with the subject

SECTION 7 – HANDICRAFT

CLASS

H1 - An item of clothing - any medium
H2 - A Cushion - any medium
H3 - A Hanging Decoration– any medium
H4 – A Children's Toy - any medium
H5 - A Wreath - any material
H6 – An item created from any medium

SECTION 8 – CHILDREN'S

Open to children who are under 13 years old on the day of the show
The child's age MUST be shown on or attached to the exhibit
Classes are divided by age:
Less than 8 years old on the day of the show ***or*** *8 years old and over*

CLASS – Under 8
U81 Garden on a Plate
U82 Decorate any garden item e.g. tool, pebble, flowerpot, welly boot
U83 Model of Animal or Monster - made from vegetables and/or seeds (made with assistance) e.g. potato man/lady or cress seed head
U84 Create a Picture using leaves – max. size A4
U85 Decorate a Gingerbread Man or Lady or a Digestive Biscuit

CLASS – Over 8
O81 Decorated Cup Cake
O82 Decorate any garden item e.g. tool, pebble, flowerpot, welly boot
O83 Model of Animal or Monster – using vegetables/ fruit – made without assistance
O84 Make an object from natural materials – e.g. wood; stone; straw; plant material; shells or any other natural material
O85 Painting, collage or drawing of any garden, garden subject, nature, wildlife or landscape - to be a max. A3 size, labelled with the subject

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King's Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club welcome the following Judges today

Class V & FR	:	*Vegetables and Fruit*	: Yvonne Gregory
Class FL	:	*Flowers*	: Rod Wells
Class FA	:	*Floral Art*	: Angela Sayce
Class C & H	:	*Children's & Handicraft*	: Kath Watts
Class D	:	*Domestic*	: Sue Whilding

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ENTRY FORM — 2026

RETURN TO THE SHOW SECRETARY BETWEEN 9.00am and 10.45am ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

Class Number	Class Description	No. of Entries

NOTE: **There is an entry fee of £3 : 1-5 entries: £5 : Multiple entries. Children's entries are free.**

NOTE: *The Llewellyn Sutton Cup requires the addition of points awarded to members of the same family. If you wish to be included, please name all family members with entries.*

NOTE: *By submitting this entry form you are agreeing to the Rules as laid out on page 2.*

NAME: _____

AGE: (for children's entries in Section 8) _____

Telephone No: _____

TROPHY LIST — 2026

LLEWELLYN SUTTON CUP	Family or Person with the most points overall in all sections **excluding** Section 6 (Photographs and Paintings)
DAVID ENOCH CUP	'Best Exhibit in the Show' . Judges' decision. Person awarded best exhibit Sections 1 -3
SELBY LLOYD SHIELD	Person with the most points overall in Section 1
HORTICULTURAL SHIELD	Person with the most points overall in Sections 1 and 2
HAROLD SALISBURY SHIELD	Winner of Class V1
The JOHN BRYANT ROSE PLATE	Best Entry in Class FL1
ROSE BOWL	Person with most points overall in Section 3
FLORAL ART SHIELD	Person with most points overall in Section 4
DOMESTIC PLATE	Person with most points in Section 5
CHILDREN'S SHIELD	Child with most points in Section 8 Plus a small cup to keep (Over 8's and Under 8's)
ANN THOMAS TROPHY	'Best Entry' in the Children's Section
PHOTOGRAPHY PLATE	Winner of Section 6 - Photography
PAINTING PLATE	Winner of Section 6 – Painting
WILSON CUP	Overall winner of Section 7 – Handicraft

Further copies of this schedule and extra entry forms can be obtained from any member of the Organising Committee; Pengethley Garden Centre; The Axe & Cleaver