

ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY

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Autumn Show

12th September 2026

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The Autumn Show was held on Saturday 12th September inside St Margaret's church. After the very hot summer we wondered if there would be any crops left to show but we needn't have worried as lots of plot-holders had plenty of things to enter - did someone say cherry tomatoes! We had lots of new people visiting the show thanks to some great publicity on a local website.



The teas and cakes were as popular as ever, Shan and her team ran the refreshments.



Florence and Bella were a great help with the auction.

Section A – Flowers

1. Vase of 1 giant or large dahlia of any variety.

First – Vince Cottam

2. Vase of mixed dahlias, not more than 7 blooms.



First – Cameron de Buck & Harriott Pim. They also won the best dahlia in show prize.

3. Vase of decorative dahlias, not more than 5 blooms.

First – Sally Harvey

4. Vase of pompon dahlias, not more than 7 blooms, not to exceed 5 cm.

No entries

5. Vase of cactus dahlias (approx. 10 cm), not more than 5 blooms.

First – Helen Finch

6. Vase of ball flowered dahlias (larger than 5cms), not more than 5 blooms



First – Susan Davidson

7. A vase of mixed perennial flowers (foliage allowed).

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8. Vase of cut flowers, 4 or more varieties, any foliage, arranged for all-round effect.

First – Mariangela Renshaw

9. Vase of 3 or more annuals (can be mixed).

First – Susan Davidson

10. Vase of orange &/or yellow flowers, foliage allowed



First – Vivien Fowler

11. Vase of stems of a flowering shrub, e.g. fuchsia, not more than 5 stems, can be mixed

No entries

12. Vase of HT roses, no more than 4

No entries

13. Vase containing 1 HT rose

First – Sheila Konig

14. Vase of multiflora roses, not more than 3 stems.

First – Carol Martinez

15. A table decoration incorporating one or more candles, maximum length 25 cm



First – Susan Davidson

16. A front facing foliage arrangement to include seed heads, grasses and fruit, (no flowers).

First – Mariangela Renshaw

Section B - Flowers and Vegetables mixed

17. An exhibit of 2 each of 2 different vegetables or fruits, can be mixed.



First – Siop Cooper, 2 beans and 2 tomatoes

18. Any 1 specimen each of 1 kind of vegetable and 1 kind of flower

First – Jean & Patrick Crawford

Special Entry

19. Harvest Collection – a display of home-grown vegetables, fruits and flowers.



First – Jean & Patrick Crawford

Section C - Vegetables

20. 2 aubergines



First – Elizabeth & Maria

21. 9 French beans

First – Vince Cottam

22. 9 runner beans

First – Ali & Robert Linton

23. 9 of any other beans.

First – Siop Cooper

24. 3 beetroots, round or oval, with 10 cm tops

First – Shan Karwatowska

25. 1 green cabbage, with at least 5 cm stalk



First – The cabbage king – Vince Cottam

26. 1 red cabbage, with at least 5 cm stalk

First – Sheila Konig

27. 3 carrots, any one variety, with 10 cm tops

First – Raj Patel

28. A winter vegetable such as kale, cauliflower, leek, parsnip, sprouts

First – Geoff Waterhouse

29.a) 2 cucumbers – grown under protection

First – Raj Patel

b) 2 cucumbers – grown outdoors

First – Carol Martinez

30. 1 Celeriac

No entries

31. 3 garlic bulbs

First - Carol Martinez

32. 4 different herbs, in small bunches (not more than 25 cms)

First – Sally Harvey

33. A pot of one type of home-grown annual herb, growing.

First – Carol Martinez, Sage

34. 1 marrow, (less than 35cms in length) any variety, any colour

First – Declan O'Regan

35. 4 onions, dressed for presentation

First – Raj Patel

36. a) 5 peppers, chilli



First – Ursula Plumley

b) A pot of growing chillies



First – Marianna Pencharz

37. a) 3 peppers, sweet (capsicum)



First – Julie Hadingham

b) A pot of growing capsicums

No entries

38. 5 potatoes, white, any one variety

First – Vivien Fowler

39. 5 potatoes, coloured, any one variety



First – Siop Cooper

40. 6 radishes, with tops and roots

No entries

41. a) 9 shallots, pickling, (under 30mm)

First – Raj Patel

b) 9 shallots, exhibition

No entries

42. 1 pumpkin, any variety

First – Helen Finch

43. 1 squash (winter or summer), any one variety



First – Ruth Tigue, Crown Prince

44. 2 sweetcorn.



First – Maria Sforza

45. 3 tomatoes, large- fruited ("Beefsteak"), with calyx, min. diam. 7.5 cm



First – Susan Davidson

46. 6 tomatoes, medium- fruited, with calyx

First – Ali & Robert Linton

47. 9 tomatoes, any colour, small fruited (cherry-type), with calyx, not exceeding 3.5 cm diam.

First – Penny Murphy

48. 6 Tomatoes, plum type, with calyx

First – Ali & Robert Linton

49. 1 truss tomatoes, ripe or unripe



First – Raj Patel, also best vegetable in show

50. 2 courgettes, any colour or variety

First – Ali & Robert Linton

51. 6 stalks of leaf vegetables – e.g., spinach, leaf beat, chard

First – Raj Patel

52.a) 1 lettuce, any variety, with roots

No entries

52.b) A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad

First – Carol Martinez

53. Any 1 vegetable not in Section C above

First – Julie Hadingham, Vietnamese cucumbers

54.*Collection of vegetables and / or fruits of 5 different kinds, in a box or tray

First – Carol Martinez

55. Collection of vegetables of 3 different kinds, frontage space not to exceed 60 cm

No first prize

A veg too far.....

56. The biggest marrow

First – Declan O'Regan

57. The longest runner bean



First – Vince Cottam

58. The heaviest pumpkin



First – Geoff Waterhouse

59. The largest diameter sunflower

No entries

59 (a) An ugly or funny shaped fruit or vegetable

First – Adele Stebbings

Section D – Fruit

60. 3 cooking apples, with stalks, any one variety

No entries

61. 3 dessert apples, with stalks, any one variety

First – Jean & Patrick Crawford

62. 12 blackberries, with calyx

No entries

63. 1 bunch of grapes



First – Adele Stebbings

64. 3 pears, with stalks, any one variety

First – Vince Cottam

65. 12 raspberries, with calyx

No entries

66. 12 of any hybrid berries, with calyx (e.g., boysenberry, loganberry, tayberry).

No entries

67. Exhibit of any other edible fruit excluding those above

First – Ruth Tighe, Lemon

Section F - Children (under14)

73. Funny animal or person made of anything grown

No entries

74. Colour picture of a vegetable or fruit (Any medium – i.e., paint, crayon)



First – Ozzy Plumley

75. A collage made from pictures in a seed catalogue

No entries

Section G – Cookery

We had a new judge for the cookery section – a special thanks to Maria.

There doesn't seem to have been much activity this year in the preserves department but there were plenty of exhibits in the cake, bread and biscuits categories.

76. A seasonal dip
No entries

77. A seasonal pastry based savoury dish



First – Vivien Fowler, Pissaladière – a tart of onions, anchovies and olives

78. A savoury vegan dish

First – Shan Karwatowska – A tart of tomatoes, onions, olives, pine nuts, basil

79. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread (any size/shape) Present on a board

First – Vivien Fowler

80. Glass jar of chutney

No entries

81. Glass jar of pickled vegetables

No first prize

82a) Glass jar of jam (soft fruit)

No first prize

b) Glass jar of jam (stone fruit)

First – Vivien Fowler

83a) Glass jar of jelly (fruit)
No first prize

b) Glass jar of jelly (herb)
No entries

84. A glass jar of marmalade
No first prize

85. A cake made from a seasonal vegetable, e.g., beetroot, pumpkin



First – Kate Hunt – Courgette & chocolate

86. Any other cake

First – Ruth Kelly

87. 6 fruit scones



First – Vivien Fowler

88. Your favourite dessert

No entries

89. A plate of 6 biscuits, any type

No first prize

90. My favourite tea time treat – can be sweet or savoury, present on a small plate

First – Vivien Fowler

90. Homemade fruit cordial

First – Carol Martinez, Blackcurrant

Tomato Tasting

We held a tasting of cherry tomatoes so that people could think about a variety that they might like to grow next year. Both adults and children alike enjoyed the different tastes and the winner was a variety called small plum type called Datterini. We plan to do a similar tasting next year.



Competition winners

Adult photograph – Vivien Fowler

Child photograph – Matilda Poole

Flower arrangement in a teapot – Jane Powell

The produce stall was manned by Georgina, Carolyn and Vivien. Thank you to everyone who donated plants and surplus crops plus cakes for the refreshments.

Thanks to David Renshaw for once again running a very enjoyable auction at the end of the show. How many tromboncinos did he have to shift. Answers on a postcard.



Raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper were sold at the show and the winner will be drawn at the AGM on 19th November. The hamper will contain a selection of home-made treats. Tickets, at £1 each will be on sale in the store on Site 2 until Sunday 15th November, the Sunday before the AGM.