

TARVIN GARDENING SOCIETY
HORTICULTURAL
SHOW

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
CH3 8LY

15TH AUGUST 2026

SHOW OPENS: 2PM

ADMISSION: £2

**Children are FREE, but must be
accompanied
by a Parent or Guardian.**

Refreshments available

Raffle Prizes

**Cash prizes for Children's
Classes only.**

**Presentation of Trophies –
3.30pm**

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RULES

1. With the exception of floral art, exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor.
2. All entries must be made on an official entry form. No charge is made for entries, but the admission charge to the hall at 2.00p.m. will apply. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual can make.
3. Everyone must use their own personal application form. Two people entering on one form will be disqualified.
4. Entry forms must be with the Show Secretary before 5.00 p.m. on the Friday evening before the show – late entries may **not** be accepted.
5. Exhibitors must collect their exhibit numbers at the main entrance of the exhibition hall on the day of the show.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for numbering their own exhibits and putting their allocated number on their exhibits (any exhibit without a number, will of course, be disqualified.)
7. All exhibits must be staged after 8.30 a.m. and the hall cleared before 11 a.m. on the day of the show, for judging.
8. **Exhibitors must not move anyone else's exhibits.** Please ask a Committee Member or Steward for assistance.
9. Floral art exhibits must be complete when brought for exhibition. Only minor alterations will be allowed.
10. All flower exhibitors must provide their own vases, where required.
11. All exhibits are staged at their owner's risk.
12. All quantities and dimensions are given in metric units. Imperial measures are for guidance only.
13. The show committee accept no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur.
14. **No exhibitor is allowed in the Exhibition Hall whilst judging is taking place.**
15. All trophies will be held for 11 months and then returned to the Show Committee.
16. Winners of trophies will be held responsible for the same whilst in their keeping.
17. Exhibits to be removed at 4.00 p.m..on day of show. (Any exhibits not removed by 4.15 p.m. will be treated as a donation.)
18. Children's prize money to be collected between 2.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. on the day of the show only. It must be signed for by a parent or guardian.
19. The show committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and in the event of such a refusal, are not required to give any reason or explanation.
20. The judges' decisions are always final.
21. **Children under 16 years may enter any class in addition to those in Children's Classes.**

All enquiries and entry forms to the Show Secretary :-

Ian Levitt , 2 Field Close, Tarvin, Chester, CH3 8DL.

Email address:- tgs.show.2026@btinternet.com

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

AWARD FOR "BEST IN SHOW" :- THE ROYAL MAIL CUP.

FLOWERS & PLANT

AWARDS FOR MOST POINTS IN "FLOWERS" :- THE SUNDERLAND FLOWER CUP.

AWARD FOR THE BEST IN "FLOWERS" :- THE OKELLS CUP.

1. Vase of 3 stems of Hydrangeas – any type.
2. Vase of 3 Dahlias – flowers 15cms (6") or under
3. Vase of 3 Dahlias – flowers 15cms (6") or over.
4. Vase of Gladioli – 3 stems. Ideally each stem has, 1/3 in green bud, 1/3 in coloured bud & 1/3 full flower
5. Vase of Cut Flowers – with own foliage only - max 10 stems **
6. Vase of foliage only – max 10 stems.
7. 5 Marigolds (any) in a vase.
8. 5 Stems Sweet Peas in a vase.
9. 1 Specimen Rose in a vase (may be wired).
10. Vase or Bowl of 5 Roses – (may be wired).
11. 1 Pot Plant Flowering – not a plant which is in a class of its own – pot, max 23cms (9") diameter.
12. 1 Pot Plant Foliage – no flowers – pot max 23cms (9") in diameter.
13. Fuchsia – pot, max 23cms (9") in diameter.
14. 1 Geranium.
15. 1 Cactus.
16. 1 Succulent.
17. Members only class. Club-supplied geranium – pot max 18cm/7" diameter.

****Class 5. Only Own foliage that grows on the flowering plant can be displayed.**

FLORAL ART

AWARD FOR BEST IN "FLORAL ART" :- THE EDNA ROSE CUP

Please note – All Floral Art is staged on open tables to be viewed and judged from the front. W. = Width. D. = Depth. H. = Height.

18. Miniature exhibit – not to exceed W. 10cms (4"), D. 10cms (4"), H. 10cms (4")
19. Table Centre - not to exceed 51cms (20") in diameter.
20. Exhibit of Foliage – not to exceed W. 61cms (24"), D. 61cms (24"), H. Optional.
21. Exhibit **"Summer Time"** – W. 61cms (24"), D. 61cms (24"), H. Optional.
22. An Arrangement **without** floral foam – **"On the Beach"**, not to exceed W. 61cms (24") D. 61cms (24"), H. Optional.
23. Door Wreath. Max 61cms (24") diameter.

VEGETABLES

AWARD FOR MOST POINTS IN "VEGETABLES" :- THE MARSHALL CUP.

AWARD FOR THE BEST IN "VEGETABLES" :- KING LOUI SHIELD.

24. 5 Pea Pods – with stalks.
25. 5 Mangetout – with stalks.
26. 6 French Beans – with stalks.
27. Heaviest Onion.
28. 3 Onions (Round) – size under 227g (8oz).
29. 3 Onions (Round) – size over 227g (8oz).
30. 3 Onions (Flat) – size under 227g (8oz).
31. 3 Onions (Flat) – size over 227g (8oz).
32. 5 Potatoes (same variety).
33. 6 Runner Beans – with stalks.
34. Longest Runner Bean.
35. 3 Carrots with tops trimmed to 8 cm (3").
36. 6 Shallots large.
37. 6 Shallots – pickling – under 3cm (1.25").
38. 1 Vegetable Marrow.
39. 3 Courgettes.
40. Heaviest Marrow.
41. 5 Tomatoes with calyx – Large - any colour, not to exceed 7.5cms/3" diameter.
42. 5 Tomatoes with calyx – Small – any colour, not to exceed 3.5cm/1.4" Diameter.
43. Tomatoes on a vine – any size or colour, a 1/3 of the truss must be fully ripe.
44. 1 Cucumber - with stem.
45. 3 Beetroot – Untrimmed.
46. 2 Leeks – Pot.
47. 2 Leeks – Blanched.
48. 2 Sweet Peppers – with stalks.
49. 2 Aubergines – with stalks.
50. 5 Chillies – with stalks.
51. 2 Squash – Edible – with stalks.
52. The Wonkiest Vegetable – any variety.
53. 1 Vegetable with stem or roots not in any other class
54. Mixed Collection. 1 Vegetable (with stem or root where appropriate), 1 Flower in a vase, 1 fruit with stalk. – displayed on a paper plate.
55. Salad Collection. 5 Salad vegetables on 30cm (12") plate.
All with stems/calyx or roots where appropriate.

Onions & Shallots can be staged on a 'collar' and/or on a plate of sand.
Courgettes, if possible, with the flower intact.
Pot leeks, blanched area of less than 15cms (6")
Blanched leeks, blanched area approx. 35cms-15cms 13.5"-6".

Check all weights and dimensions carefully.

PLANTED CONTAINERS - OUTDOORS

56. 1 Hanging Basket – not to exceed 36cm (14") diameter.
57. Planted Container – Outdoor – container not to exceed **W.** 36 cm (14"),
D. 36 cm (14"), **H.** 38 cm (15").

FRUITS

AWARD FOR BEST IN “FRUITS” :- THE TGA CUP.

- 58. Selection of 3 different soft Fruits – Calyx & or stalk intact. Currants on the ‘string.’
- 59. 3 Dessert Apples – with Stalks.
- 60. 3 Dessert Plums – with Stalks and ‘bloom.’
- 61. 3 Cooking Apples – with stalks.
- 62. 3 Sticks of **pulled** Rhubarb – leaves trimmed to 10 cm (4”) approx.

FROM THE PANTRY

AWARD FOR MOST POINTS IN “FROM THE PANTRY” :- THE TGS CUP.

AWARD FOR THE BEST IN “FROM THE PANTRY” :- THE WI SALVER.

ALL BAKED ITEMS must be covered with cling film/plastic bag, food mesh dome, or similar.

- 63. 454g (1lb) Jar of Jam (any variety).
- 64. 227g (8oz) Jar of Lemon Curd.
- 65. 454g (1lb) Jar of Marmalade (any variety).
- 66. 4 pieces from a Tray Bake.
- 67. 1 Victoria sandwich cake, decorated with butter icing.
- 68. Cake not exceeding 23cm/9” diameter, using a **NAMED** vegetable(s)
- 69. 1 x 907g (2lb) Tarvin Bun Loaf. **SEE RECIPE BELOW**
- 70. 454g (1lb) jar of Chutney.
- 71. Minimum 454g (1lb) jar of Piccalilli/Pickled Fruit/Vegetables.
- 72. 6 Eggs (unwashed). (**See Helpful Hints.**)
- 73. 3 Eggs (unwashed) of different shades, (any breed and size) (**See Helpful Hints.**)

RECIPE FOR TARVIN BUN LOAF

- 300g Self-raising flour (white).
- 150g White Sugar.
- 70g Butter or Margarine.
- 150g Sultanas.
- 70g Currants.
- 1 Medium Egg.
- 30g (level dessert spoon) Candied Peel.
- 150ml Milk.
- Pinch of Salt.

Oven 170°C / Gas Mark 3. Grease and line the base of a 907g/ 2lb loaf tin.
Rub the fat into the flour and salt.
Stir in the sugar, dried fruit and peel.
Beat together egg and milk and stir into the dry ingredients.
Mix everything together.
Put into the prepared tin and bake for 1 to 1½ hours.
Cool in the tin for 10 mins before turning out.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN – *Child's own work please*

AWARD FOR MOST POINTS IN “CHILDREN'S CLASSES” : - THE LICHFIELD CUP

Under 16s may enter any class in addition to those in ‘The Children’s Classes’.

2 Classes for 3-4yr olds. (3-4yr olds can enter any 5-9yr old classes.

74. **Make a necklace from fruit and or vegetables – 3 – 4yrs.**
75. A garden in a tray/box, max size, 39cm/15.25” x 25cm/9.75” – age, 5 – 9yrs.
76. A garden in a tray/box, max size, 39cm/15.25” x 25cm/9.75” – age, 10 – 15yrs.
77. A drawing or painting of ‘**A Night Time Garden Visitor**’ – age, 5 – 9yrs.
78. A drawing or painting of ‘**A Night Time Garden Visitor**’ – age, 10 – 15yrs.
79. **A jam jar (454g/1lb) of garden flowers – age, 3 – 4yrs.**
80. Create a “Veggiesaurus” using any combination of vegetables, fruit and flowers – age, 5 – 9yrs.
81. Create a “Veggiesaurus” using any combination of vegetables, fruit and flowers – age, 10 – 15yrs.
82. 3 bought Digestive biscuits decorated as ‘**Flower Heads**’ – age, 5 – 9yr.
All decorations must be edible.
83. 3 bought Digestive biscuits decorated as ‘**Flower Heads**’ – age, 10 – 15yrs.
All decorations must be edible.
84. Photograph of ‘**Flowers Growing in the Garden**’, age – 5 – 9yrs.
Max size of photograph 21.5cm/8” x 15.5cm/6”, mount can be bigger.
85. Photograph of ‘**Flowers Growing in the Garden**’, age – 10 – 15yrs.
Max size of photograph 21.5cm/8” x 15.5cm/6”, mount can be bigger.

HELPFUL HINTS

All competitions have some rules for the Judges to have a base line to work from.

So please, read, and re-read the schedule to make sure you have complied with all the

Weights, Measurements and Requirements, in the classes you have entered.

If the entry does not comply with the wording in the schedule, it will be disqualified.

Flowers, Plants, Fruits & Vegetables –

Check pots & vases are clean & shiny. No visible insect damage, No dead or dying foliage & flowers.

Floral Art –

Check all dimensions carefully and that you have interpreted the ‘Title’ and followed the instructions.

From the Pantry –

Check that all jars/labels/lids/seals are pristine.

The 6 eggs need to be equal in size/colour/shape, few blemishes and obvious top and bottom.

The 3 eggs can be very different, but even shell & colour, few blemishes, a top and bottom.

ENTRY FORM TARVIN GARDENING SOCIETY HORTICULTURAL
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Entry forms must be in by 5pm Friday 14th August 2026
LATE FORMS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED. Entries not limited to
members.

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1 ENTRY FORM PER PERSON

NAME – (CAPITAL LETTERS)

ADDRESS ~

TELEPHONE

SIGNATURE

Return forms to:~

Ian Levitt, Show Secretary, 2 Field Close, Tarvin, CH3 8DL

Email:- tgs.show.2026@btinternet.com

TARVIN GARDENING SOCIETY – PROGRAMME 2026

All meetings begin at 8pm in the ‘Edna Rose’ room, Tarvin Community Centre, Meadow Close, CH3 8LY, unless otherwise.

We are a very friendly Club welcoming new members, so come and join us if you are interested in flowers, plants & gardens.

Membership £10. Visitors £2.

March 24th AGM followed by a talk by **Jane Allison**

‘A Walk on the Wildside.’

April 21st. **Lisette Davies**

‘Bulbs A Dutch Heritage.’

May 20th **Julie Smalley**

‘The Language of Flowers’.

June 30th Evening garden visit to ‘**Ashton House**’

Church Rd, Ashton CH3 8AB. Book a place.

6.45pm at the venue. Refreshments.

July 21st **Dr Richmond Dutton.**

‘Life in the Pond’.

August 15th **Horticultural Show**

Staging 8.30 – 11am. Viewing 2 – 3pm

Entries are **NOT** limited to members.

September 15th **Jane Allison**

‘The Artist, the Excentric, The Englishman & The Italian Princes.’

October 20th **Robert Barlow**

‘Endon Well Dressing Festival.’

Thank you to:

**Okells Garden Centre, Duddon Common, &
Stonyford Cottage Gardens, Oakmere CW8 2TF**

(plants only, £5 minimum spend)

Where on the production of your membership card,
You can request a 10% discount on your purchases of
Plants and gardening materials.