



West Lavington Flower Show

In weather of the most beautiful kind the tenth annual exhibition of the West Lavington and District Horticultural Society was held yesterday in the charming grounds of Mr. H. H. Hildebrand. The exhibits were staged in one large tent and were very creditable to the society and to the district. The view from the grounds of West Lavington House is very fine at all times and especially so yesterday. A more thoroughly delightful place could hardly have been chosen. It was not at all surprising, therefore, to find that people flocked from far and near to the show, until the grounds were quite thronged with a vast crowd. The West Lavington Brass Band attended and played various selections of music in the afternoon and dance tunes in the evening. The admirably kept lawn presented a splendid surface for exercise of this kind and, needless to say, was made the most of. Most of the gentry living in the district and its immediate neighbourhood put in an appearance about five o'clock, and seemed to feel an altogether unaccountable pleasure - so Mr. Samuel Saunders would no doubt have thought - in merging themselves in the "masses". The humbler concomitants of village festivities, such as swings and Aunt Sally, were numerous and late in the evening, fire balloons were sent up amid much *ecclat*. It was certainly a most enjoyable day and the exhilarating weather, neither hot nor yet dull, but "just the thing", made the event a most welcome interruption in the even tenour of the villagers' work-a-day lives.

Of the show itself one can only write in terms of praise. The quantity of exhibits was hardly equal to that shown last year, but the quality was all round even better. A good many persons who intended competing had their efforts at horticulture so checkmated by the weather of August that they gave up their intention altogether and did not enter. Only very excellent products, therefore, were shown. The various exhibits were arranged round the sides of the tent and on a long table laid down the centre. The Hon. Mrs. Hay, of Cliffe Hall, through her gardener (James Lye) sent a beautiful collection of stove and greenhouse plants, including fuchsias, begonias, petunias, coleus, geraniums, ferns and shrubs. Noticeable among the others was a very flourishing fuchsia which had been christened the "Walter Long". Mr. Hildebrand sent a handsome lot of decorative plants and flowers. Among them were several fine gloxinias, begonias, variegated geraniums, and petunias. Mr. Hildebrand's gardener is William James Birt. Mr. W. P. Bouverie, through his gardener, Tom Selfe, also sent a very fine collection of greenhouse plants and flowers. Among other things were a pretty orchid, which was much admired, and some handsome chrysanthemums, petunias and begonias. He also sent a splendid collection of fruit which included a remarkably fine assortment of currants, filberts, peaches, grapes and figs. Other exhibits sent, not for competition, were some good dahlias (several varieties) and gladioli by Mr. James Glass, cherries, plums and currants by Mr. House, and vegetables by Mr. J. Witchell and Mr. King. The display in the cottagers' section was very good, more especially such vegetables as carrots, parsnips and potatoes. The flowers were very good and the bouquets shown were

extremely pretty. Fruit, especially apples, was excellent, and the show of French beans, celery and onions was first-class. In Division B the exhibits were much superior to those in the cottager's section. Fruit and flowers were admirable, vegetables were good, and some bouquets shown were very beautiful and most artistically arranged. Noticeable among the vegetables were the specimens of mangold wurtzel and turnips shown by Mr. James Mead. Seldom has there been seen at a local show such magnificent specimens of these useful farm products. Carrots and parsnips in this section were also a first-class show. In the class for gentlemen and their gardeners some magnificent specimens of garden produce were exhibited. The pot plants were good, roses excellent, and the display of asters and cut flowers admirable. Fruit, plums excepted, was capital. Vegetables made a splendid show and rarely have finer examples of potatoes, carrots and parsnips been seen at any local exhibition of the kind. Mr. Green and Dr. W.H. Lush exhibited some admirable specimens of garden produce and Mr. J.H. Merritt and the Rev. Canon Baynham showed excellent collections of fruit. Some fine examples of honey were shown and for the best exhibits of this kind Mrs. W.P. Bouverie very generously offered special prizes. Altogether the show was only highly creditable to the district and to the exhibitors. The judges were Mr. James Lye, gardener to the Hon. Mrs. Hay; Mr. Mould, nurseryman, Devizes; Mr. T. King, the Castle Gardens, Devizes; Mr. T. Selfe, gardener to Mr. Bouverie; and Mr. W.J. Birt, gardener to Mr. Hildebrand. The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors in the evening by Mrs. Hildebrand. The following is:

The Prize List

COTTAGERS - reserved to those earning under 14s. per week

Category	1st Prize		2nd Prize		3rd Prize	
	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names
Fuchsias, 3 Distinct Varieties	Godden	William	Philpott	Henry		
Three Pot Plants	Godden	William	Hoare	J.		
Specimen Plant	Godden	William	Lye	Henry		
Cut Flowers	Godden	W.	Stow	James		
Double Dahlias, 3 Varieties	Godden	W.	Stow	James		
Single Rose Bloom	Godden	W.	Hoare	James	Stow	James
Bouquet	Stow	James	Godden	W.		
Wild Flowers	Hiscocks	Alice	Cook	Robert	King	Gertrude
Fruit: Apples Culinary	Noyce	Robert	Penny	Edward		
Apples Dessert	Stow	James	Philpott	Henry	Durnford	Noah
Vegetables: Four Varieties Potatoes	Noyce	Robert	Lye	Henry	Stow	James
Ditto, Kidney, White	Noyce	Robert	Philpott	Henry	Godden	W.
Ditto, Kidney, Coloured	Noyce	Robert	Godden	W.	Penny	Edward
Ditto, Kidney, Round, Coloured	Noyce	Robert	Carter	Henry	Penny	Edward
Ditto, Kidney, Round, White	Noyce	Robert	Godden	W.	Macey	Thomas
Six Heaviest Potatoes, Weight Only	Sutton	William	Stow	William		
Cabbages	Philpott	Henry	Bartlett	William	Macey	Thomas
Carrots, Red	Godden	William	Bartlett	William	William	William

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Carrots, White	Hoare	James	Bartlett	William	Macey	Thomas
Celery	Carter	Henry	Penny	Edward	Lye	Henry
French Beans	Noyce	R.	Godden	W.	Penny	Edward
Peas	Godden	W.	Noyce	Robert	Philpott	H.
Winter Onions	Carter	Henry	Godden	W.		
Spring Onions	Philpott	Henry	Carter	Henry	Scratchley	Thomas
Parsnips	Sutton	W.	Lye	Henry	William Bartlett	William
Turnips	Godden	W.	Stow	James	William Stow	William
Vegetable Marrows	Sutton	W.	Topp	W.	Godden	W.
Rhubarb	Bartlett	W.	Macey	Thomas		
Cooked Potatoes	Penny	Edward	Hoare	James	Sutton	W.
Baked Loaf of Bread	Hoare	James	Sainsbury	Sarah	Sutton	W.

Special prizes given by Lady Churchill:

Collection of vegetables, six varieties, in baskets, open to district

1. W. Sutton
2. Henry Philpott
3. Wm. Godden
4. W. Bartlett

AMATEURS:

Category	1st Prize		2nd Prize		3rd Prize	
	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names
Six Pot Plants, 6 Species, Distinct	Hatton	George	Oram	Robert		
Three Pot Plants, 3 Varieties, Distinct	Hatton	G.	Rumball	Thomas		
Six Bunches Cut Flowers	Oram	Robert	Smith	William		
Six Roses, Cut Flowers	Smith	W.	Mead	James		
Bouquet - The Most Artistically Arranged	Smith	W.	Rumball	Thomas	Saunders	Charles
Six Double Dahlias, 6 Varieties	Smith	W.	Rumball	T.		
Twelve Aster Blooms	Smith	W.	Mead	James		
Fruit:						
Apples, Dessert	Mead	Daniel	Merritt	J. H.	Stowe	James

Apples, Culinary	Sainsbury	W.	Lye	Louisa	Dark	
Pears	House	James	Dark	Sidney		
Plums	Hatton	George	House	James		
Vegetables:						
Six Varieties Potatoes	King	J.	Bartlett	Enos	Scratchley	Charles
Four Varieties Potatoes	Mead	James	King	John	Bartlett	Enos
Cabbages	Scratchley	Charles	Merritt	J. H.	King	W.
Cauliflowers	Scratchley	C.	Romain	Jacob		
Celery	Rumball	Thomas	Bartlett	Enos		
Peas	Merritt	J. H.	Kelloway	Anne		
French Beans	King	W.	Kelloway	Anne	Saunders	C.
Lettuces	Hatton	George	Rumball	T.		
Winter Onions	Scratchley	Charles	Merritt	J. H.		
Spring Onions	Oram	R.	Scratchley	C.	Rumball	T.
Parsnips	Rumball	Thomas	Romain	Jacob	King	J.
Carrots, Red	King	J.	Mead	James	Rumball	Thomas
Carrots, White	Pinchen	Samuel	Scratchley	Charles	Merritt	J. H.
Vegetable Marrows	Saunders	Charles	King	W.	King	J.
Nine Long Red Mangold Wurtzel	Mead	James	Pinchen	S.		
Nine Yellow Globe Mangold Wurtzel	Mead	J.	Sainsbury	W.		
Nine Swedes	Sainsbury	W.	Lye	Louisa		
Turnips	Stow	James	Mead	James	Hatton	G.
Basket of Cooking Vegetables, 8 Varieties	Hatton	G.	King	J.	Rumball	T.

FOR GENTLEMEN AND THEIR GARDENERS:

Category	1st Prize		2nd Prize		3rd Prize	
	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names	Surname	Given Names
Six Pot Plants, 6 Species, Distinct	Sealey	Edward	Rumball	Thomas		
Three Pot Plants 3 Varieties	Rumball	T.	Sealey	Edward		
Six Bunches Cut Flowers	Sealey	Edward	Smith	William		
Six Roses	Smith	William	Mead	James		
Bouquet, The Most Artistically Arranged	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)	Rumball	T.		
Twelve Aster Blooms,	Mead	James	Rumball	T.		

6 Colours						
Six Dahlias (Cactuses), 3 Varieties	Smith	W.	Sealey	E.		
Fruit:						
Apples, Dessert	Merritt	J. H.	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)		
Apples, Culinary	Baynham	(Rev. Canon)	Holloway	(Dr.)		
Pears	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)	Edwards	(Mrs.)		
Plums	Holloway	(Dr.)	Green	E. H.		
Vegetables:						
Six Varieties of Potatoes	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)	Green	E. H.		
Cabbages	Mead	J.				
Cauliflowers	Rumball	Thomas	Merritt	John H.		
Celery	Baynham	(Rev. Canon)	Rumball	T.		
Cucumbers	Green	E. H.	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)		
Peas	Mead	J.	Rumball	T.		
French Beans	Smith	W.	Rumball	T.		
Lettuces	Baynham	(Rev. Canon)	Sealey	Edward		
Spring Onions	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)	Edwards	(Mrs.)		
Carrots, Red	Mead	James	Rumball	T.		
Carrots, White	Merritt	J. H.	Mead	James		
Collection of Vegetables, 8 Varieties	King	J.	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)		
Parsnips	Lush	W. H. (Dr.)	Rumball	T.	Smith	W.

Honey, in sections (special prize given by Mrs. W.P. Bouverie)

1. Mrs. W. P. Bouverie
2. Robert Giddings

Mrs. Bouverie surrendered her prize to the third best, namely William. Bartlett

Honey, in comb (special prize by Mrs. W.P. Bouverie)

1. W. Bartlett
2. James Hiscock

Honey, in bottle (special prize by Mrs. W.P. Bouverie)

1. Mr. T. Walker
2. William Bartlett

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