

# FIRST DIVISION

## Newsletter of the Taunton Flower Show Competitive Classes

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**W**elcome to the 2008 edition of First Division, the newsletter which brings you up to date on news and events in the Taunton Flower Show competitive classes. It includes advice on how to enter and hopes to persuade you, and of course your family and perhaps your friends, to try your hand at something different - there are many new classes and a lot of prizes to be won!

If you have any comments then please let us know by phone, post or email. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Ian Coleby, entries coordinator

### Divisions and classes in the 2008 show are:

- \* Division 1: Classes for large displays of flowers and vegetables
  - \* Division 2: Flowers and pot plants.
  - \* Division 3: Fruit and vegetables.
  - \* Division 4: classes for novices who have not previously been placed in divisions 1 2 or 3 or won a class in division 4.
  - \* Division 5: Co-operative classes for group arts, crafts and cookery entries.
  - \* Division 6: Arts, crafts cookery and the NEW home made wine classes.
  - \* Division 7: The ever-popular photography classes including the NEW photography challenge class.
  - \* Division 8: Floral Art
  - \* Division 9: Mixed groups - families and friends classes.
  - \* Division 10: Young People's classes.
- The full range of classes is shown in the competitive schedule.

## New for 2008

This year sees a number of new initiatives in the competitive classes as we aim to progress and improve this section of the show.

### Home made wine

We are very pleased to be reintroducing classes for home made country wines this year. Under the stewardship of Tony Wooldridge, there are six different classes for you to enter.

This is a new venture and we have a special prize donated by Gaymers Cider to give away, so please support us by entering one or more of the wine classes.

### Photography Challenge Class

Photography has become ever more popular at Taunton show. This year, stewardship of these classes has been separated from the arts, crafts and cookery and is now being organised by Creina Stanton. We are very lucky to have Creina



with us as she is a highly skilled professional photographer who aims to develop these classes.

This year, we have introduced a special challenge class (class 709, "Close Up") that showcases the best in large format photography.

Exhibits in this class must be presented in mounts that measure 40cm x 50cm, although your photograph can be any size within that. We are sure that this class will produce fantastic exhibits and are very much looking forward to it. Because of the amount of display space required, we are limited to just 18 entries in this class, so please put your entry forms in early.

## REMEMBER: ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 NOON, FRIDAY 25 JULY 2008

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## Calling all allotment holders!

For many people who have small or no gardens, an allotment is an ideal way to have a piece of land to grow vegetables, herbs or even fruit. The first allotments were introduced in the 1830s, and prospered during the world wars. Although in the 1980s and 1990s many allotments fell into decline, in more recent years there has been a huge resurgence in allotments boosted by the modern demand for organic food. Many allotments are now held by young families who like the open air activity and the break from the dreaded computer games.

So...calling all allotment holders! Once you

have grown your own vegetables and fruit, what better way to show off your achievements by exhibiting your skills at the flower show?



If you are new to growing, then have a look at division 4 which is for novices and includes a wide variety of classes. We particularly recommend the Sunday lunch collection (class 404) where you can exhibit a basketful of different types of vegetables. The T Nash Trophy is awarded for the competitor gaining the most points in this division.

## How to make your entries



Make sure you have a copy of the schedule and then decide which classes you wish to enter.

Complete the entry form and either take it to Taunton Tourist Information Centre or post it to the entries coordinator (see below). If you are not a member, make sure you include the appropriate entry fee. Entry forms must be in by noon on 25 July 2008.

Bring your entries to the showground either on the day before or early on the first day of the show. Exact times are given in the schedule. The first thing you should do when you arrive is to collect your entry cards from the control point in the competitive marquee. You can then stage your entry.

You must have staged your entries and have left the marquee promptly by 7.45am on Friday 1st August. Judging will start immediately the tent is cleared. You can then return to find out the results when the show opens.

Entries coordinator: Ian Coleby, 32 Holway Avenue, TAUNTON, TA1 3AR. Telephone 01823 333617, email [entries@tauntonflowershow.co.uk](mailto:entries@tauntonflowershow.co.uk).

## Try something new

Have you considered trying something new at this year's show?

If you haven't entered fruit or vegetables before but you grow your own, then why not try the division 4 classes for novices?

Are you keen on home handicrafts? If so then have a look at division 6. Why not try cooking chocolate muffins, a cherry cake or a Victoria sponge? Otherwise, why not try making a hand-made

greetings card or a painting? This year we have reintroduced home made wine as an additional challenge.

Try entering one of the classes in division 9 as a family group or help the children in division 10. Fun with flowers is the ever-popular children's flower arranging class where all the flowers and equipment you need are provided and all the children have to do is to be in the tent at 6pm on Thursday to make their arrangements.

## Schedules

If you need another copy of the schedule, they can be:

- Downloaded from our website [www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk](http://www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk). Click on the 'competitive classes' link.
- Collected from Taunton Tourist Information Centre, next to the library in Paul Street, Taunton.
- Posted to you. Telephone us on 01823 333617 or email [entries@tauntonflowershow.co.uk](mailto:entries@tauntonflowershow.co.uk)

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