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Saturday September 12th & Sunday September 13th

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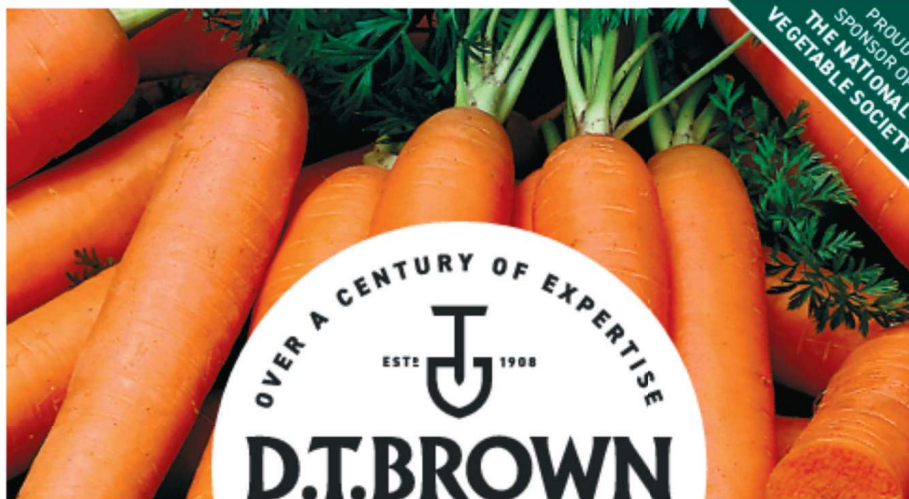
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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

AGM and Presentation of Trophies

The National Vegetable Society's AGM will take place **at 3.30pm on Saturday 12th September 2026 in the Conference Room at St Fagans** to be followed by the Presentation of Trophies and Awards.

For any queries regarding the return of trophies, please contact NVS Merchandise, Stock and Trophy Manager Sandra Hall FNVS at shop@nvsuk.org.uk or mobile 07917 690292.

Judges

John Bebbington FNVS	Northern Branch
Arwyn Edwards FNVS	Welsh Branch
Sean Egan FNVS	Irish DA
Robert Heigham FNVS	Midlands Branch
Andrew Jones FNVS	Welsh Branch
Sue McCall FNVS	Welsh Branch
Owain Roberts FNVS	Welsh Branch
Frank Taylor FNVS	Scottish Branch
Clarence Thomas FNVS	Southern Branch
Medwyn Williams MBE FNVS	Welsh Branch

Inter-Branch Trug Class Judges

Ivor Mace FNVS/Adam Jones Welsh Branch

Schedule of Classes

1 The Peter Clark Challenge Cup

Collection of six kinds of vegetables. Three of each kind, except peas, beans, tomatoes, and shallots, which must be twelve, and potatoes which must be five. Displayed on an area 1.2m x 1m frontage. Exhibitors own staging and black cloth allowed, backboard optional. **Maximum backboard height 1.5m and top tie 2.1m above floor level. (unless vegetables are mounted on a hanger which can be easily removed from the backboard by the judge standing on the ground).**

2 The Millennium Plate

Collection of five kinds of vegetables, four of each kind. Potatoes: white or coloured, Carrots: stump rooted, Beetroot: globe, Tomatoes: medium, Onions: each onion must not exceed 250g. Displayed in an area 60cm frontage. Plates provided, only staging materials supplied are allowed.

3 The Jersey Association of the NVS Trophy

Collection of three kinds of vegetables, two of each kind, from any 20-point vegetable. Displayed in an area not greater than 76cm frontage.

4 The Maydon Challenge Shield

Onions. Large exhibition. One dish of five. Exhibitors own staging and/or black cloth allowed.

5 The Anglesey Trophy

Peas. One dish of twelve pods. Staging board supplied.

6 The Vice President's Shield

Carrots. Long pointed. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.

7 The Holderness Trophy

Shallots. Large exhibition. One dish of twelve. Staging board supplied.

8 The Hogan Group Trophy

Parsnips. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.

9 The Garden News Cup

Cucumbers. One dish of three. Staging board supplied.

10 The Armadale Trophy

Tomatoes. Medium. One dish of twelve. Staging board supplied.

11 The Dundee Discovery Trophy

Onions. One dish of five. Each onion must not exceed 1.5kg but must exceed 1kg. Exhibitors staging and black cloth allowed.

12 The Gwent DA Trophy

Shallots. Pickling. One dish of fifteen. Each shallot must not exceed 30mm in diameter, as measured using the NVS Multigauge measuring tool. Staging board supplied.

13 The Nickerson Trophy

Potatoes. Coloured. One dish of five. Plate supplied.

14 The DT Brown Trophy

Potatoes. White. One dish of five. Plate supplied.

15 The NVS Millennium Bowl

Onions. One dish of five. Each onion must not exceed 250g. Staging board supplied.

16 The Riverside Trophy

Celery. One dish of three heads. Black cloth allowed.

17 The Derek Aldred Memorial Cup

Leeks. Blanch. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.

- 18 **The Manchester and District DA Trophy**
Beans. Runner. One dish of fifteen. Staging board supplied.
- 19 **The Holderness Twin Trophy**
Carrots. Stump rooted. One dish of five. Black cloth allowed.
- 20 **The Henry Ludlam Trophy**
Cauliflowers. One dish of three. Black cloth allowed.
- 21 **The Secrett Trophy**
Beans. Dwarf French. One dish of fifteen. Staging board supplied.
- 22 **The DT Brown Beetroot Trophy**
Beetroot. Long. One dish of three. Black cloth allowed.
- 23 **The Suttons Seed Silver Cup**
Leeks. Pot. One dish of two. Black cloth allowed.
- 24 **Jamieson Brothers Annan — Cathro Tankard**
"Amour". One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 25 **Jamieson Brothers Annan — Millennium Tankard**
"Sherine". One dish of five. Plate supplied.
- 26 **The Chairman's Challenge Shield**
Round Courgettes. One dish of five. Plate supplied. The variety must be Summer Sun F1 supplied by Kings Seeds.
- 27 **NVS Ireland Trophy**
Collection of Four Kinds of Vegetables – 15 points or under.
Three specimens of each kind, to be staged in a space 600mm frontage x 750mm deep, Exhibitors' own staging and black cloth allowed. No backboard permitted.
- 28 **Select Seeds Bowl**
Globe Beetroot - One dish of five. Plate supplied
- 29 **Medwyn's of Anglesey Shield**
One dish of 15 small fruited tomatoes. Each tomato must not exceed 35mm diameter as measured using the NVS Multigauge measuring tool. To be exhibited on the boards provided.
- 30 **Inter-Branch Competition – Gardeners' World Trophy**
The Five NVS Branches each compete for the annual Inter-Branch Competition.
Display of vegetables for effect in the Garden trug provided (traditionally made by Thomas Smith's Sussex Trugs). Exhibit will be judged for variety (25 points), condition/quality (25 points) and overall presentation/attractiveness (25 points).

Additional Special Classes for the 2026 National Championships

UK Class 1 Onion Championship

A dish of 5 onions each to be over 250g. Staging allowed.

UK Class 2 Leek Championship

A dish of 3 blanched leeks.

UK Class 3 Potato Championship

Five dishes of four potatoes per dish. Five different varieties. A maximum of three dishes of white varieties. Plates supplied.

UK Class 4 Tap Root Championship

An exhibit of two parsnips, two long beet, two carrots stump rooted and two carrots long.

Entry fee is £5 per class.

Prize Money

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Classes 1 & 2	£150	£100	£70	£50	£30

(Each exhibitor in Class 1 will also receive an NVS memento)

Class 3	£60	£40	£30	£20	£10
Classes 4-29	£50	£30	£20	£15	£10

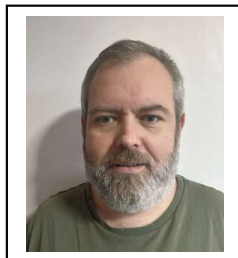
UK Classes 1-4	£100	£50	£30	£10	£5
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Additional Awards

- 1 Should any exhibitor be successful in winning both the Holderness and Holderness Twin Awards (Classes 7 and 19) they will receive an extra cash award of £75.
- 2 The Cecil Smith Perpetual Silver Salver will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points, excluding Class 1 and Class 2. Points awarded will be 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1 respectively.
- 3 The Banksian Medal will be awarded (subject to the required conditions) to the exhibitor winning the most prize money (excluding Class 1 and Class 2). Any exhibitor who has won the Banksian Medal in the previous two years is not eligible to win this medal on this occasion.
- 4 The National Vegetable Society Silver Medal, along with a cash prize of £15, will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most meritorious exhibit in the Championship Classes, excluding Classes 1, 2 and 3 and UK Classes 1-4.



Show Manager
Ivor Mace FNVS



Show Secretary
Ben Phillips

Welsh Branch Social Evening

The Welsh Branch would like to invite all exhibitors and partners to their legendary social event on the Saturday evening.

The event will be held at Whitchurch Golf Club, Pantmawr Rd, Cardiff. CF147TD.

Food, entertainment and a raffle!

Special instructions at staging time

The out of hours access to the museum is only from St Fagans village main entrance near the railway crossing. Please use postcode CF5 6EA.

There will be no access for staging from the A4232 alternative entrance to the museum. Parking will be free from 1700hrs Friday 11th September to 1000hrs Saturday 12th September. Outside of these hours the car park is Pay and Display.

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Rules and Regulations

1. The NVS National Championships is free to enter for all current members of the National Vegetable Society and any one current member of an Affiliated Society.
2. Each exhibitor can only enter one exhibit per class, which must be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
3. All Entry Forms must reach the Show Secretary no later than the stated time and may be emailed or posted in. Late entries will be considered but may be refused. A confirmation of entry will be sent to each exhibitor.
4. Judges officiating at an NVS National Championship Show are permitted to enter a maximum of two Classes at this Show. If being considered for most meritorious exhibit, the judge will remove themselves from the decision-making process.
5. The Show Manager / Secretary reserves the right to refuse any entry. In the event of such a refusal, an explanation will be given.
6. Judging will be in accordance with the rules as laid down in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
7. Staging of exhibits will be between 4pm on Friday 11th September and 6.30am on Saturday 12th September, after which time all exhibitors must vacate the Show Hall.
8. The handling of all exhibits once judged is strictly forbidden.
9. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to place the correct staging and cultivar cards as supplied alongside each exhibit. All exhibits will be judged.
10. Judging will commence promptly at 0700hrs on Saturday 12th September 2026. Only Show Officials, Judges and Stewards are permitted to remain in the Show Hall during judging.
11. The judge's decision is final. Protests and appeals may be raised and must be handed to the Show Manager / Secretary in writing together with a deposit of £10 within one hour of the show hall opening to the public. The deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
12. All top foliage on root vegetables to be trimmed to approximately 75mm. All cabbages and cauliflowers to be shown with approximately 75mm stalk.
13. The necks of onions and shallots must be tied with natural raffia. All shallots to have been grown from sets.
14. The use of any foreign substance on the exhibit is strictly forbidden and as described in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
15. Only plates and boards supplied by the Show Organisers will be used unless stated otherwise in the Schedule of Classes. Dry sand or vermiculite will be provided where required.
16. An NVS Multigauge measuring tool and a set of calibrated weighing scales will be provided for staging and judging.
17. Exhibitors may use their own staging materials and / or black cloth but NOT as an addition to the staging supplied, except where stated in the Schedule.
18. In onion classes not shown on a plate, the base of each onion must be no greater than 150mm above the table.
19. Under no circumstances may any exhibit be removed from the tables once staged until 16.30pm on Sunday 13th September 2026 except by the Show Manager / Show Secretary.
20. The show organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever, however all reasonable care will be taken.
21. All personal data submitted will be treated in accordance with the National Vegetable Society Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on the NVS website or by request to the Show Secretary or Show Manager.
22. Filming and photography may take place during all stages of the Championships. Images will be used to promote the work of the Society.
23. Three trusses of small fruited tomatoes are permitted in Class 27 (15 points and under).
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	UK1	UK2	UK3	UK4	

Please tick the boxes for the class(es) you wish to enter. **Only one entry per Exhibitor per class allowed.** Entry fee for the 4 UK Classes is £5 each, all other classes are free.

I hereby declare that I will strictly adhere to the rules laid down by the National Vegetable Society.

Signed:

Name and Address (in block capitals):.....

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Please return completed entry forms either by post or email to the Show Secretary;
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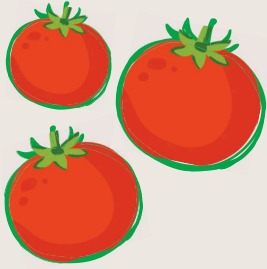
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Exhibitor’s social evening tickets will be placed in their staging envelope.

Non-Exhibitors, please contact Ben Phillips at the Show Secretary’s desk area.



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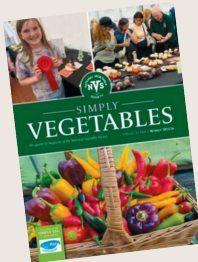
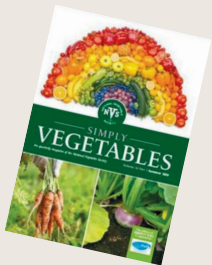
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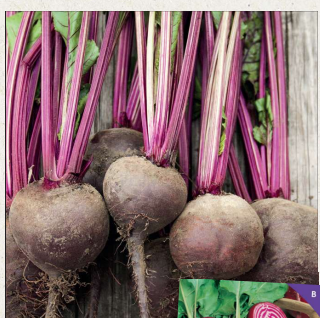
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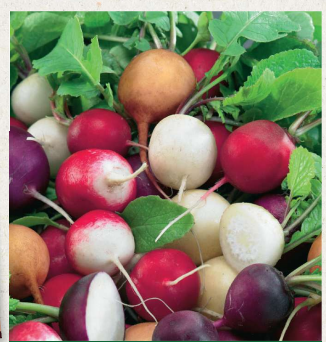
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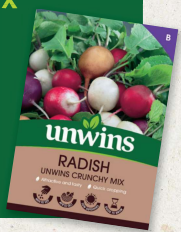
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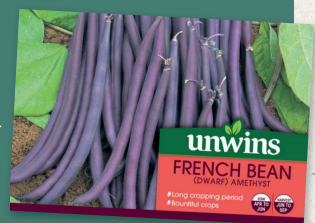
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