

Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society

(ESTABLISHED 1800)

1989 RESULTS REGISTER

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1989 TROPHY WINNERS

R. Harland Challenge Cup (Champion Berry) - B. Harland

W. Graham Challenge Cup (Champion Grower) - B. Harland

Dr. & Mrs. Hyatt Ross Bowl (Heaviest Maiden) - Mrs. W. Spenceley

T. W. Ventress Plate (Open Twins) - D. Ventress

Miss. May Novice Cup (Maiden Twins) - P. Redway

J. E. Raw Challenge Cup (Heaviest Twelve) - B. Harland

Silver Vase (Heaviest Six) - E. Smith

R. D. Swales Memorial Trophy (Four Colours) - E. Preston

Obituary:

We regret to inform members that former President Mr. T. W. Ventress died earlier this year. Mr. Ventress had been a member of the Society since 1937 and our President since 1973. He will be best remembered for his White (Transparent) Gooseberry of 1952. It set a new show record for Champion Berry that was to remain unbroken until 1982, and which still holds the record for the heaviest white shown at Egton Bridge.

EGTON BRIDGE OLD GOOSEBERRY SHOW RECORDS

The following are believed to be the heaviest berries ever shown at Egton Bridge in the following sections of the Show:-

CATEGORY	EXHIBITOR	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	YEAR
Champion Berry	B. Harland	Yellow-Woodpecker	30	22	1985
Heaviest Red	R. W. Bennison	Red-Lord Derby	30	9	1982
Heaviest Yellow	B. Harland	Yellow-Woodpecker	30	22	1985
Heaviest Green	R. Harland	Green-Surprise	27	4	1938
Heaviest White	T. W. Ventress	White-Transparent	30	8	1952
Maiden Champion	L. Coppenhall	White-Lord Kitchener	27	10	1974
Best Beaten Berry	J. Spenceley	Yellow-Firbob	25	8	1987
Open Twins	B. Harland	Yellow-Firbob	48	25	1987
Maiden Twins	T. Harland	Yellow-Woodpecker	39	16	1968
Heaviest Twelve	A. Spenceley		03	19	1945
Heaviest Six	E. Smith		1	9	1988
Maiden Six	D. Bint		4	7	1988
Four Colours	D. Swales		1	5	1987

UNITED KINGDOM RECORDS

The following are believed to be the heaviest berries ever shown in the United Kingdom:-

CATEGORY	EXHIBITOR	SHOW	GOOSEBERRY	EQUIVALENT		YEAR
				DRAMS	GRAINS	
Heaviest Berry	A. Dingle	Marton	Woodpecker	33	2	1978
Heaviest Red	J. Flower	Stone	London	32	21	1852
Heaviest Yellow	A. Dingle	Marton	Woodpecker	33	2	1978
Heaviest Green	K. Archer	Marton	Surprise	28	22	1987
Heaviest White	D. Heath	Goostrey	Lord Kitchener	31	18	1988
Heaviest Twins	G. Simcox	Marton	Woodpecker	53	11	1988

WORLD RECORD: for an individual berry was a Yellow Woodpecker equivalent to 33 drams 2 grains shown by A. Dingle at Marton - 1978.

BEST OF THE SEASON: The Cheshire Shows do tend to produce slightly heavier berries - perhaps reflecting a more favourable environment for gooseberries!! However, Egton Bridge does occasionally produce the heaviest berry of the Season. B. Harland (1985) and R. Bennison (1982) being the most recent to hold such an honour. This year (1989) the Cheshire Shows take the honour with a (Yellow) Montrose Gooseberry (shown at Marton Show by A. Dingle) tipping the scales at an equivalent of 31 drams 17 grains.

----- R U L E S -----

1. That this Society be called "THE EGTON BRIDGE OLD GOOSEBERRY SOCIETY," and that subscribers of one pound be members thereof.
2. That the affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and Committee. Five to form a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee at any meeting have the power to choose an Acting Chairman for the meeting. All officers to be members of the Committee.
3. That the Annual Meeting be held on Easter Tuesday each year, when all entries must be paid the week following from that date, or cannot compete.
4. The election of officers to take place at the Annual Meeting.
5. The Secretary shall have power to call a meeting at any time. Notice to be given to each member.
6. The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their body, and to make such bye-laws as from time to time may be deemed expedient.
7. All Gooseberries to be the bona-fide growth of the members showing.
8. All Gooseberries to be handed to the weighman perfectly sound and dry. Twin berries to be distinctly twins, i.e., two on one stem naturally. A pair of twin berries cannot be split in any case.
9. That the heaviest berry, irrespective of colour, take the premium prize; if a maiden grower, the maiden prize also, and so in succession with the next heaviest in every colour.
10. That no member be allowed to take more than one prize in the four colours, but can compete in twin, heaviest twelve or heaviest six sections of the Show.
11. That a prize be given for the second and third best berry in the four colours.
12. That a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize be given for the twelve heaviest berries. No previous winning berries allowed to compete.
13. That a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize be given for six heaviest berries. No previous winners allowed to compete.
14. That a prize be given for berries of four colours. Any member winning a prize cannot compete, and all winning berries are ineligible.
15. That two persons be chosen to see that the Gooseberries are properly weighed and prizes awarded accordingly.
16. No person becoming a member will be allowed to compete with berries from trees that have belonged to other members, unless they have been removed in the presence of one or more of the Committee.

17. That in the event of the death of a Member of the Society, one member of deceased's family may exhibit from the said member's trees, but cannot compete for the Maiden Prize if this has already been won by the deceased member, without the said trees being lifted in the presence of two members of the Committee.
18. That all members who fail to pay their contributions must stay out of the Show "two years" before being allowed to exhibit.
19. In the event of any dispute arising, it will be decided by the Committee, their decisions to be accepted as final.
20. That the Show take place on the first Tuesday in August at Egton Bridge. All berries to be in to weigh not later than 1.30 p.m. or not allowed to compete. All berries to remain on the table till 7.30 p.m.

ALLOCATION OF PRIZES

Prizes (except Champion Grower) are allocated purely on weight. New members are classed as Maidens and are promoted to the Open Category only after taking First in the Maiden section, or a First in the Colours section.

1. Champion Berry:

Open and Maiden growers eligible. Heaviest berry in the Show - this berry will also take First in its respective colour and if shown, by a Maiden; would also take Maiden First.

2. 1st/2nd/3rd in Red/Green/White/Yellow:

(Colours Section) Open and Maiden growers eligible. 1st/2nd/3rd places required for each of the four colours of gooseberry. A member is only allowed one prize in this section, taken by his heaviest winning berry (regardless of prize status). A Maiden taking a First is promoted to the Open Class. A Maiden berry winning here could also take a prize in the Maiden section.

3. Maiden Section:

Maiden growers only. 1st/2nd/3rd places required, regardless of colour of berry. The Maiden taking First is promoted to the Open Class.

4. Best Beaten Berry. (1st only):

Heaviest berry shown by an Open or Maiden grower who has not won a prize in any previous section.

5. Twin Berries:

Open and Maiden growers eligible. 1st/2nd/3rd places required.

6. Maiden Twins:

Maiden growers only. 1st/2nd/3rd places required. (Maiden twins can win in both section 5 and 6).

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7. Heaviest Twelve:

Open and Maiden growers eligible. No berry that has won in any of the above sections is eligible. If the member is present he should select his own twelve, otherwise a Judge or Steward will select on his behalf. A member (with sufficient berries) should enter this section before he enters the next. 1st/2nd/3rd places required.

8. Heaviest Six:

1st/2nd/3rd places required. Open and Maiden growers eligible. No berry that has won in any previous section is eligible.

9. Maiden Six:

1st only. Maiden growers only. No berry that has won in any previous section (except Heaviest Six) is eligible.

10. Four Colours:

Only members (Open and Maiden) who have not won any prize in any previous section are eligible. Must have entered one berry in each of the four colours at the time berries were submitted.

11. Champion Grower:

Berries entered in each colour section (red, yellow, green, white), in twins and heaviest twelve are ranked according to weight. The first ten in each section score from 10 points down to one point. Points scored by the exhibitors (Open or Maiden) in all six sections are totalled - first prize (only) going to highest scoring exhibitor. Whether or not any berries scoring points in this section have won (or been barred from) prizes elsewhere is irrelevant as this prize is for the Grower, rather than the berry.

12. In the event of recorded weights indicating a tie for a prize, then those berries will be brought back to the scales and be balanced one against the other. The heavier berry takes the prize if such balancing shows weights are not exactly matched. If, however, berries are exactly matched, then both berries will be considered joint winners of that prize!

Will members please note: The Committee is to recommend to the A.G.M. that Rule 20 be amended in 1990, in that, 'all berries to be in to weigh not later than 1.00 p.m. or not allowed to compete.' Exhibitors at the 1990 Show are, therefore, advised to ensure their entries reach the Showroom before 1.00 p.m.

YEAR	EXHIBITOR	GOOSEBERRY	EQUIVALENT WEIGHT		ACTUAL WEIGHT		
			DRAMS	GRAINS	DRAMS	GRAINS	
All records prior to 1858 and some records prior to 1931 are missing. If anyone is able to help the Society research into the missing years, please contact the Secretary.							
1858	J. Hoggarth	Red	Wonderful	20	27	23	22
1859	J. Hoggarth		Leonard	18	20	21	8
1860							
1861							
1862	G. Barker	Red	London	18	12	21	0
1863	W. Harrison	Red	London	22	27	26	5
1864	W. Bennison	Red	London	22	5	25	8
1865	T. Hoggarth	Yellow	Drill	19	5	21	14
1866							
1867							
1868	G. Barker	Red	London	18	12	21	0
1869	Mr. Underwood	White					
1870							
1871	R. Pearson	Green		24	18	28	2
1872	G. Harrison	Red					
1873	J. Lawson	Yellow	Leveller	17	8	19	16
1874	J. Hoggarth	Yellow	Leader	21	18	24	16
1875	W. Tyreman	Red	Yorks. Champ	22	9	25	10
1876	R. Pearson	Yellow	Leveller	16	22	19	3
1877	J. Shaw	Yellow	Leveller	17	20	20	5
1878	G. Barker	Yellow	Mount Pleasant	23	2	26	7
1879	W. Stanforth	Red	Clayton	18	14	21	2
1880	W. Breckon	Yellow	Ringer	18	18	20	20
1881	Mr. Stanforth	Yellow	Ringer	19	15	22	0
1882	W. Stanforth	Red	London	23	15	26	21
1883							
1884	W. Stanforth	Yellow	Leveller	22	9	25	10
1885	D. Pearson	Yellow	Leveller	17	24	20	9
1886	Mr. Stamford	Red	London	23	15	26	21
1887	W. Stanforth		Plunder	19	3	21	18
1888	W. Stanforth	Yellow	Ringer	20	16	23	11
1889	G. Barker	Red	London	23	19	27	0
1890	C. Knaggs	Red	Bobby	26	24	30	15
1891	W. H. Huggill	Red	Bobby	20	16	23	11
1892	J. Shaw	Yellow	Ringer	26	4	29	19
1893	W. Bird	Red	London	24	12	27	20
1894	W. Stanforth	White	Princess Royal	23	16	26	22
1895	J. Shaw		Faithful	22	2	25	3
1896	W. Stamford	Red	Lord Derby	26	14	30	5
1897							
1898	W. Harland	Red	London	24	15	27	23
1899							
1900	P. Jackson	White	Prin/Royal	24	6	27	14
1901	J. Branch		Collis Lane	24	8	27	16
1902	G. Holmes	Yellow	Ringer	19	0	21	16
1903							
1904	W. Harland	Red	Jumbo	25	0	28	12
1905							
1906	W. Bennison	Red	Lord Derby	21	24	24	22
1907							
1908	T. Hutchinson	Red	Jumbo	23	24	27	3
1909							

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INDIVIDUAL BERRIES
(Colours Section)

	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>GOOSEBERRY</u>	<u>DRAMS</u>	<u>GRAINS</u>	<u>PRIZES</u>
1	B. Harland	Open	Y Woodpecker	24	2	Champion berry and 1st Yellow.
2	C. Gray	Open	Y Woodpecker	23	5	2nd Yellow.
3	A. Clark	Open	Y Woodpecker	22	24	3rd Yellow.
4	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	Y Firbob	22	16	Maiden 1st.
5	J. Moore	Maiden	Y Woodpecker	22	14	Maiden 2nd.
6	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	Y Firbob	22	1	Maiden 3rd.
7	C. Gray	Open	W Catherine Hartley	21	26	
8	B. Nellist	Open	W Catherine Hartley	21	17	1st White.
9	D. Ventress	Open	Y Firbob	21	8	
10	B. Nellist	Open	Y Prince Charles	21	1	
	J. Ward	Open	Y Prince Charles	21	1	Best Beaten berry.
12	F. Stonehouse	Open	R Lord Derby	20	27	1st Red.
13	D. Ventress	Open	G Surprise	20	18	1st Green.
14	H. Welford	Maiden	G Surprise	20	16	2nd Green.
15	H. Smith	Open	Y Woodpecker	20	15	
16	B. Harland	Open	R Blackden Gem	20	7	
	D. Ventress	Open	W Catherine Hartley	20	7	
18	F. Beswick	Open	W Lord Kitchener	19	18	2nd White.
	H. Smith	Open	G Surprise	19	18	3rd Green.
20	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Y Woodpecker	19	16	
21	F. Beswick	Open	R Lord Derby	19	15	
22	H. Smith	Open	R Blackden Gem	19	14	
23	B. Harland	Open	W Catherine Hartley	19	10	
24	R. Bannison	Open	R Lord Derby	19	6	2nd Red.
25	H. Ayres	Maiden	R Blackden Gem	18	26	3rd Red.
26	F. Beswick	Open	G Surprise	18	25	
	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	R Lord Derby	18	25	
28	B. Nellist	Open	G Surprise	18	24	
	F. Redway	Maiden	Y Leveller	18	24	
30	E. Preston	Open	Y Woodpecker	18	19	
31	H. Ayres	Maiden	W Fascination	18	17	
	F. Beswick	Open	Y Woodpecker	18	17	
	D. Bint	Maiden	R Lord Derby	18	17	
34	R. Potter	Maiden	W Lord Kitchener	18	15	3rd White.
	H. Smith	Open	W Lord Kitchener	18	15	
36	W. Lethem	Open	G Surprise	18	13	
37	E. Whitwell	Maiden	Y Woodpecker	18	11	
38	R. Bannison	Open	W Transparent	18	8	
	E. Preston	Open	G Surprise	18	8	
40	A. Clark	Open	G Surprise	18	7	
41	B. Harland	Open	G Surprise	17	25	
42	F. Stonehouse	Open	G Surprise	17	23	
	D. Swales	Open	G Surprise	17	23	
44	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	G Admiral Beattie	17	22	
	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	G Surprise	17	22	
46	D. Bint	Maiden	Y Castle Rock	17	19	
	F. Scarth	Maiden	Y Thatcher	17	19	
48	C. Gray	Open	G Surprise	17	18	

	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>GOOSEBERRY</u>	<u>DRAMS</u>	<u>GRAINS</u>	<u>PRIZES</u>
49	A. Clark	Open	R Lord Derby	17	17	
50	T. Brown	Open	G Surprise	17	16	
51	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	R Lord Derby	17	12	
52	E. Preston	Open	R Blackden Gem	17	4	
53	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	G Surprise	17	2	
54	A. Allan	Maiden	G Surprise	16	25	
55	R. Bannison	Open	Y Woodpecker	16	24	
	C. Gray	Open	R Lord Derby	16	24	
	M. Stevenson	Maiden	W Princess Royal	16	24	
58	H. Sanderson	Open	Y Woodpecker	16	22	
59	M. Stevenson	Maiden	G Surprise	16	16	
	D. Ventress	Open	R Lord Derby	16	16	
61	D. Burton	Maiden	W Transparent	16	15	
62	J. Scales	Maiden	Y Thatcher	16	14	
63	A. Cowan	Open	G Surprise	16	12	
64	E. Preston	Open	W Lord Kitchener	16	10	
65	F. Scarth	Maiden	G Surprise	16	8	
66	J. Masterman	Maiden	Y Leveller	16	6	
67	G. Wright	Maiden	Y Leveller	16	3	
68	R. Potter	Maiden	G Surprise	16	1	
69	H. Welford	Maiden	W Transparent	16	0	
70	D. Swales	Open	W Catherine Hartley	15	23	
71	R. Potter	Maiden	Y Woodpecker	15	20	
72	A. Allan	Maiden	R Lord Derby	15	16	
73	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	R Lord Derby	15	13	
74	H. Ayres	Maiden	G Surprise	15	11	
75	T. Lenton	Maiden	G Surprise	15	7	
76	D. Swales	Open	R Lord Derby	15	3	
77	R. Ventress	Maiden	W Princess Royal	15	1	
78	D. Bint	Maiden	G Surprise	15	0	
	W. Moore	Maiden	G Surprise	15	0	
	T. Ventress	Maiden	G Surprise	15	0	
81	J. Bannison (Mrs)	Open	Y Leveller	14	25	
82	D. Bint	Maiden	W Lord Kitchener	14	23	
83	E. Whitwell	Maiden	G Surprise	14	22	
84	H. Welford	Maiden	Y Woodpecker	14	18	
85	E. Exley	Maiden	Y Firbob	14	10	
	F. Stonehouse	Open	W Princess Royal	14	10	
87	D. Swales	Open	Y Leveller	14	3	
88	W. Moore	Maiden	R Lord Derby	14	2	
89	B. Nellist	Open	R Lord Derby	13	26	
	F. Scarth	Maiden	R Lord Derby	13	26	
91	M. Stevenson	Maiden	R Lord Derby	13	22	
92	J. Bannison (Mrs)	Open	R Lord Derby	13	19	
93	F. Scarth	Maiden	W Princess Royal	13	17	
94	R. Ventress	Maiden	G Surprise	13	16	
	R. Ventress	Maiden	Y Leveller	13	16	
96	W. Lethem	Open	R Blackden Gem	13	14	
97	F. Stonehouse	Open	Y Leveller	13	10	
98	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	W Fascination	13	7	
99	T. Brown	Open	Y Leveller	13	5	
100	B. Barton	Maiden	G Surprise	13	4	
101	T. Brown	Open	R Lord Derby	13	2	
	J. Scales	Maiden	R Lord Derby	13	2	
103	W. Lethem	Open	Y Leveller	13	1	
104	R. Potter	Maiden	R Lord Derby	12	14	

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105	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	G Surprise	11	26	
106	M. Stevenson	Maiden	Y Leveller	11	21	
107	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	W Princess Royal	10	22	
108	B. Barton	Maiden	R Lord Derby	10	3	
109	R. Bennison	Open	G Admiral Beattie	9	17	
110	T. Ventress	Maiden	R Lord Derby	9	10	
111	R. Ventress	Maiden	R Lord Derby	7	6	
112	H. Welford	Maiden	R Blackden Gen	6	4	

KEY TO INDIVIDUAL BERRY COLOURS:

R = Red Y = Yellow
G = Green W = White

TWIN BERRIES

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZES
1	D. Ventress	Open	Y Firbob	40	25	1st.
2	B. Harland	Open	Y Firbob	36	9	2nd.
3	P. Redway	Maiden	Y Leveller	34	17	3rd & Maiden 1st.
4	B. Nellist	Open	Y Prince Charles	31	2	
5	C. Gray	Open	Y Firbob	31	1	
6	H. Smith	Open	Y Woodpecker	30	22	
7	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	Y Firbob	30	7	Maiden 2nd.
8	F. Beswick	Open	Y Leveller	29	18	
9	E. Preston	Open	Y Woodpecker	28	14	
10	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	G Surprise	27	19	Maiden 3rd.
11	R. Potter	Maiden	G Surprise	26	19	
12	A. Pinkney	Maiden	Y Leveller	26	16	
13	T. Brown	Open	G Surprise	25	10	
	A. Clark	Open	G Surprise	25	10	
15	J. Scales	Maiden	Y Thatcher	24	25	
16	F. Stonehouse	Open	G Surprise	24	24	
17	D. Bint	Maiden	G Surprise	24	20	
18	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Y Leveller	23	23	
19	H. Welford	Maiden	Y Woodpecker	22	22	
20	R. Bennison	Open	R Lord Derby	22	13	
21	D. Swales	Open	G Surprise	21	12	
22	E. Exley	Maiden	Y Firbob	20	22	
23	F. Scarth	Maiden	Y Thatcher	20	16	
24	A. Allan	Maiden	G Surprise	19	15	
25	E. Whitwell	Maiden	R Lord Derby	17	6	
26	M. Stevenson	Maiden	R Lord Derby	16	25	
27	R. Ventress	Maiden	G Surprise	16	20	
28	B. Barton	Maiden	R Lord Derby	14	1	

HEAVIEST TWELVE

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE
1.	B. Harland	Open	16	4	25	1st
2.	C. Gray	Open	15	6	8	2nd
3.	D. Ventress	Open	14	15	10	3rd
4.	H. Smith	Open	14	1	7	
5.	B. Nellist	Open	14	-	6	
6.	F. Beswick	Open	13	12	5	
7.	E. Preston	Open	12	10	4	
8.	F. Stonehouse	Open	12	7	18	

HEAVIEST SIX

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE
1.	H. Smith	Open	7	6	21	1st
2.	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	7	6	17	2nd
3.	B. Nellist	Open	7	3	10	3rd
4.	F. Beswick	Open	7	1	23	
5.	E. Preston	Open	6	10	25	
6.	F. Stonehouse	Open	6	10	18	

MAIDEN SIX

	EXHIBITOR	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE
1.	M. Clark (Mrs)	7	6	17	1st
2.	P. Redway	6	9	21	

FOUR COLOURS

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE
1.	E. Preston	Open	4	6	14	1st
2.	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	4	4	3	
3.	D. Bint	Maiden	4	2	5	
4.	D. Swales	Open	3	14	25	
5.	F. Scarth	Maiden	3	13	16	
6.	M. Stevenson	Maiden	3	11	2	
7.	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	3	3	11	
8.	R. Ventress	Maiden	3	1	12	

CHAMPION GROWER

POINTS

<u>EXHIBITOR</u>	<u>RED</u>	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>GREEN</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>TWINS</u>	<u>TWELVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. B. Harland	9	10	2	6	9	10	46
2. D. Ventress	-	4	10	8	10	8	40
3. C. Gray	-	9	-	10	6	9	34
4. H. Smith	7	1	3	3.5	5	7	31.5
5. B. Nellist	-	2.5	6	9	7	6	30.5
6. F. Beswick	8	-	7	7	3	5	30
7. A. Clark	2	8	3	-	-	-	13
M. Clark(Mrs)	4	5	-	-	4	-	13
F. Stonehouse	10	-	-	-	-	3	13
10. E. Ayres	5	-	-	5	-	-	10
11. E. Preston	-	-	4	-	2	4	10
12. H. Welford	-	-	9	-	-	-	9
13. R. Bennison	6	-	-	2	-	-	8
14. P. Redway	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
15. W. Spenceley(Mrs)	-	7	-	-	1	-	8
16. J. Moore	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
17. W. Lethen	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
18. R. Potter	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	3.5
19. D. Bint	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
20. J. Ward	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	2.5
21. M. Pickering(Mrs)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
22. M. Stevenson	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
23. D. Swales	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

Mr. B. Harland is our first Champion Grower, with a total of 46 points from a possible maximum 60 points.

NEW FOR 1989

The continued increase in the number of exhibitors and the generosity of Mr. W. Graham, have led to the introduction of a new prize category this year.

Mr. Graham had previously won the Harland Challenge Cup (for champion berry) for three consecutive years (1977/78/79). Under the old rules, he therefore kept the Harland Cup. In 1980 he donated a new W. Graham Challenge Cup for the Champion Berry section. However, in 1987 Mr. Graham indicated he wished to return the Harland Challenge Cup to the Society and this trophy is now back in use for the Champion Berry.

This allowed the Society to introduce a new category, that of Champion Grower, for which the W. Graham Challenge Cup would be the trophy.

In the Champion Grower section, we attempt to identify the grower who has had the best season overall. Individual berries entered in each of the Colours Section (Red, Yellow, Green and White) are placed in rank order within their colour section. The heaviest berry in each of these colours scores 10 points and so on down the order to the tenth heaviest berry in each colour, which scores one point. The same process is applied to entries in the twins and the heaviest twelve. We thus identify the most successful grower by totalling the points scored in those six areas of the Show.

This is the first time we have used a points scoring system to allocate prizes, though the Cheshire Shows have done so for some time. Points are scored on the basis of rank order alone and whether the berries have won (or been barred from taking) prizes elsewhere in the Show is irrelevant in this new section, as it is the grower, rather than any individual berry category that is being judged!! A maximum of 60 points is possible!!

Under today's rules, all our trophies are held for 12 months only and can never be won outright.

GONE SINCE 1889

The results of our predecessors in 1889 make interesting reading.

The Champion Berry (from G. Barker) was a Red London (23 drams 19 grains), one of two of that variety in the Show. Bobby was the most popular red, with eight examples shown, whilst one each of Lord Derby, Blucher and Companion made up the other red entries.

In the Yellow berries, Levellers were the most popular with eight examples. There were also four Ringers, two Mount Pleasants and two High Sheriffs (including J. Harrison's heaviest yellow at 21 drams 23 grains).

In the Green berries of one hundred years ago, all seem strangers today. Four were Stockwells, two were Shiners and two Plunders, with one Diadem, and the heaviest green, a Bravo (or Green Bobby) from W. Breckon at 21 drams 7 grains.

In the White Section Careless accounted for three entries, two were Fascinations, another two were Antagonists (including heaviest White from Mrs. Bennison at 21 drams 1 grain). One each of Faithful, Transparent, Precilla and Hero of the Hill completed the White Section.

In the twins (won by W. Stanforth with a 33 dram 3 grain pair of Stockwells) another variety (Red-Clayton) is added to the list of gooseberries now rarely, if ever seen.

Where are they now, those once successful berries??

Further copies of this Register are available from the Secretary (50p. per Register). Membership application forms are also available, as are car stickers advertising the Gooseberry Show!

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LATE NEWS

President:

The Committee Meeting of 15th August (under Rule 6) elected Mr. J. G. Spenceley to the vacant Chair of President of the Society.

Mr. Spenceley has been a member of the Society since 1952 and a Committee Member since 1954. He was our Secretary from 1970 to 1974 and has been a Judge since 1975.