

EGTON BRIDGE OLD GOOSEBERRY SOCIETY

(ESTABLISHED 1800)

1988 RESULTS REGISTER

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1988 TROPHY WINNERS

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

Dr. & Mrs. Hyatt Rose Bowl (Heaviest Maiden) - W. Letham

T. W. Ventress Plate (Open Twins) - H. Smith

Miss. May Novice Cup (Maiden Twins) - Mrs. M. Clark

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

Silver Vase (Heaviest Six) - H. Smith

R. D. Swales Memorial Trophy (Four Colours) - W. Moore

Two New Records:

H. Smith's Heaviest Six set a new Show Record at 9oz 4 drams 4 grains (previous record: F. Beswick - 8oz 15 drams 6 grains in 1987).

D. Bint's Maiden Six set a new Show Record at 7oz 9 drams 6 grains (previous record: R. E. Fletcher - 7oz 8 drams 7 grains in 1987).

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	A. 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	DRAMS	GRAINS	YEAR
Heaviest Six	H. Smith	19	1	3	1946
Maiden Six	D. Bint	9	4	4	1988
Four Colours	D. Swales	7	9	6	1988
		5	1	23	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	C. 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 more favourable local climate conditions!! However, Egton Bridge does occasionally produce the heaviest berry of the Season. B. Harland (1985) and R. W. Bennison (1982) being the most recent to hold such an honour. This year (1988) the Cheshire Shows take the honour with both an Edith Cavell and a Woodpecker weighing in at an equivalent of 32 drams 8 grains each. Cheshire's Marton Show also produced a new U.K. record for twin berries, while the Goostrey Show produced a new record White.

1. That this Society be called "THE ECTON 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 received 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 Eton 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.

REGISTER OF BERRIES 1968 - INDIVIDUAL BERRIES

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1	B. Harland	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	29	11	Champion Berry and 1st Yellow.
2	B. Nellist	Open	Yellow-Firbob	27	24	2nd Yellow.
3	H. Smith	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	27	6	3rd Yellow.
4	B. Nellist	Open	White-Catherine Hartley	26	21	
5	J. Ward	Open	Yellow-Prince Charles	25	1	Best Beaten Berry.
6	C. Gray	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	24	26	
7	D. Ventress	Open	Yellow-Firbob	24	16	
8	C. Gray	Open	White-Transparent	24	4	1st White.
9	F. Beswick	Open	Green-Surprise	23	21	1st Green.
10	W. S. Letham	Maiden	Green-Surprise	23	17	2nd Green & 1st Maiden.
11	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	22	25	
12	F. Beswick	Open	Yellow-Leveller	22	24	
13	R. W. Bennison	Open	Red-Lord Derby	22	23	1st Red.
14	B. Nellist	Open	Green-Surprise	22	22	
15	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	22	7	2nd Red & 3rd Maiden.
16	J. Moore	Maiden	Yellow-Firbob	22	-	
17	A. Clark	Open	Green - Surprise	21	26	3rd Green.
18	D. Bint	Maiden	Yellow-Castle Rock	21	23	
19	D. Ventress	Open	Red-Lord Derby	21	21	3rd Red.
20	W. Moore	Maiden	Green-Surprise	21	18	
21	C. Gray	Open	Green-Admiral Beatty	21	12	
22	B. Nellist	Open	Red-Lord Derby	21	11	
	R. Potter	Maiden	Yellow-Firbob	21	11	
24	W. Moore	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	21	8	
25	F. Beswick	Open	Red-Lord Derby	20	24	
26	D. Ventress	Open	White-Catherine Hartley	20	21	
27	C. Gray	Open	Red-Blackden Gem	20	19	
28	M. H. Stevenson	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	20	18	
29	A. T. Cowan	Open	Yellow-Leveller	20	12	
30	F. Stonehouse	Open	Red-Lord Derby	20	11	
31	E. Whitwell	Maiden	Green-Surprise	20	10	
32	D. Ventress	Open	Green-Admiral Beatty	20	7	
33	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	Red-Lord Derby	20	4	
	M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	Green-Surprise	20	4	
35	D. Bint	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	19	19	
36	F. Fletcher	Maiden	Yellow-Edith Cavell	19	18	
37	R. W. Bennison	Open	Green-Surprise	19	17	
38	C. Thompson	Open	Yellow-Prince Charles	19	15	
39	F. Stonehouse	Open	Green-Surprise	19	12	
40	A. T. Cowan	Open	Green-Surprise	19	5	
41	F. Fletcher	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	19	4	
	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	Red-London	19	4	
43	C. Thompson	Open	Green-Surprise	19	3	
44	F. Fletcher	Maiden	White-Lord Kitchener	19	2	2nd White.
45	F. Stonehouse	Open	White-Fascination	18	25	3rd White.
46	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	White-Princess Royal	18	24	
	A. Clark	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	18	24	
48	R. W. Bennison	Open	Yellow-Leveller	18	23	

	EXHIBITOR	CLASS	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
49	T. H. Hartley	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	18	22	
	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Green-Surprise	18	22	
51	P. Redway	Maiden	Green-Surprise	18	20	
52	W. Moore	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	18	15	
53	F. Scarth	Maiden	Green-Surprise	18	12	
54	E. P. Exley	Maiden	Green-Surprise	18	11	
55	J. Moore	Maiden	Green-Surprise	18	4	
56	J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	Yellow-Leveller	17	24	
57	R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	17	16	
58	D. Bint	Maiden	White-Lord Kitchener	17	14	
59	F. Stonehouse	Open	Yellow-Leveller	17	11	
60	A. Clark	Open	Red-Lord Derby	17	10	
61	R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	Green-Surprise	17	9	
	M. H. Stevenson	Maiden	White-Transparent	17	9	
63	W. Moore	Maiden	White-Princess Royal	17	8	
64	R. Potter	Maiden	Green-Admiral Beatty	17	3	
	R. Potter	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	17	3	
	M. H. Stevenson	Maiden	Green-Surprise	17	3	
67	F. Fletcher	Maiden	Green-Surprise	16	25	
68	E. Preston	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	16	16	
	J. Scales	Maiden	Yellow-Thatcher	16	16	
70	M. H. Stevenson	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	16	15	
71	I. Raw	Maiden	Green-Surprise	16	13	
72	E. Preston	Open	Green-Surprise	16	12	
73	H. Welford	Maiden	Green-Surprise	16	11	
74	C. Thompson	Open	Red-Lord Derby	16	1	
75	P. Redway	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	16	-	
76	R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	White-Catherine Hartley	15	25	
77	E. Whitwell	Maiden	Yellow-Woodpecker	15	19	
78	R. W. Bennison	Open	White-Princess Royal	15	17	
79	D. Bint	Maiden	Green-Surprise	15	15	
80	T. Fletcher	Maiden	Green-Admiral Beatty	15	14	
81	H. Ayres	Maiden	Green-Surprise	15	11	
82	E. Fishpool	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	15	7	
83	E. Preston	Open	White-Lord Kitchener	15	4	
84	G. Wright	Maiden	Green-Surprise	14	25	
85	T. Brydon	Maiden	Green-Surprise	14	24	
	G. Wright	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	14	24	
87	C. Brown	Maiden	Green-Surprise	14	21	
88	E. Preston	Open	Red-London	14	17	
	J. Scales	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	14	17	
90	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	White-Transparent	14	15	
91	B. Barton	Maiden	Yellow-Thatcher	14	13	
92	H. Smith	Maiden	Green-Surprise	14	10	
93	W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	Green-Surprise	14	2	
94	T. Lenton	Maiden	Green-Surprise	13	26	
95	B. Barton	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	13	25	
96	T. Fletcher	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	13	22	
97	F. Scarth	Maiden	Yellow-Thatcher	13	21	
98	J. E. Scales	Maiden	Green-Surprise	13	20	
	F. Scarth	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	13	20	
100	N. Gallon	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	13	18	
101	M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Yellow-Leveller	13	11	
102	F. Scarth	Maiden	White-Transparent	13	10	
103	T. Fletcher	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	13	7	
104	C. Brown	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	12	17	
105	N. Gallon	Maiden	Green-Surprise	12	17	

REGISTER OF ENTRIES 1988

EXHIBITOR	CLASS	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
106 E. P. Exley	Maiden	Red-London	12	2	
107 M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Red-Lord Derby	12	1	
108 R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	11	8	
109 J. Scales	Maiden	Green-Surprise	10	18	
110 J. E. Scales	Maiden	Red-London	10	9	
111 T. Brydon	Maiden	Red-London	8	5	
112 Y. Williamson	Maiden	Yellow-Edith Cavell	5	20	
113 Y. Williamson	Maiden	Green-Surprise	5	11	

REGISTER OF ENTRIES 1988 - TWIN BERRIES

EXHIBITOR	CLASS	GOOSEBERRY	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1 H. Smith	Open	Yellow-Woodpecker	43	6	1st.
2 B. Harland	Open	Yellow-Firbob	41	25	2nd.
3 D. Ventress	Open	Yellow-Firbob	41	12	3rd.
4 B. Nellist	Open	Yellow-Firbob	41	6	
5 C. Gray	Open	Green-Admiral Beatty	37	4	
6 M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	Green-Surprise	36	7	1st Maiden.
7 D. Bint	Maiden	Yellow-Woodpecker	36	3	2nd Maiden.
8 A. Clark	Open	Green-Surprise	34	22	
9 R. Potter	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	32	23	3rd Maiden.
10 R. W. Bennison	Open	Red-Lord Derby	32	20	
11 A. T. Cowen	Open	Yellow-Leveller	31	18	
12 F. Stonehouse	Open	Red-Lord Derby	30	24	
13 J. Moore	Maiden	Yellow-Firbob	30	5	
14 F. Beswick	Open	Red-Lord Derby	29	4	
15 T. W. Letham	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	28	20	
16 W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	Green-Surprise	28	3	
17 G. Thompson	Open	Yellow-Prince Charles	27	6	
18 F. Fletcher	Maiden	Green-Surprise	26	23	
19 M. Pickering (Mrs)	Open	Green-Surprise	26	9	
20 T. Fletcher	Maiden	Red-London	26	8	
21 J. Bennison (Mrs)	Open	Red-London	26	2	
22 T. Lenton	Maiden	Green-Surprise	24	4	
23 E. P. Exley	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	23	24	
E. Whitwell	Maiden	Yellow-Woodpecker	23	24	
25 H. Welford	Maiden	Green-Surprise	21	9	
26 M. H. Stevenson	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	21	8	
27 J. Scales	Maiden	Yellow-Thatcher	20	6	
28 E. Preston	Open	White-Catherine Hartley	20	1	
29 N. Gallon	Maiden	Yellow-Leveller	19	2	
30 W. Moore	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	18	16	
31 R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	Green-Surprise	16	22	
32 Y. Williamson	Maiden	Red-Lord Derby	4	16	

HEAVIEST THREE

Exhibitor	Class	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1 B. Nellist	Open	18	9	20	1st.
2 B. Harland	Open	18	7	10	2nd.
3 F. Beswick	Open	16	8	1	3rd.
4 D. Ventress	Open	16	2	2	
5 D. Bint	Maiden	14	4	-	
6 W. Moore	Maiden	14	-	12	
7 A. Clark	Open	13	12	6	

HEAVIEST SIX

Exhibitor	Class	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1 H. Smith	Open	9	4	4	1st.
2 C. Gray	Open	8	13	22	2nd.
3 D. Ventress	Open	8	4	9	3rd.
4 J. Ward	Open	8	2	20	
5 D. Bint	Maiden	7	9	6	
6 W. Moore	Maiden	7	8	18	
7 W. Spenceley (Mrs)	Maiden	7	5	21	
8 J. Moore	Maiden	7	5	19	
9 W. Letham	Maiden	7	5	9	
10 M. Clark (Mrs)	Maiden	7	2	21	
11 F. Stonehouse	Open	7	2	-	
12 A. Clark	Open	7	-	16	
13 F. Fletcher	Maiden	6	15	6	
14 R. Potter	Maiden	6	13	-	
15 P. Redway	Maiden	6	9	16	

MAIDEN SIX

Exhibitor	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1 D. Bint	7	9	6	1st.
2 W. Moore	7	8	18	
3 W. Spenceley (Mrs)	7	5	21	
4 J. Moore	7	5	19	
5 W. Letham	7	5	9	
6 M. Clark (Mrs)	7	2	21	
7 F. Fletcher	6	15	6	
8 R. Potter	6	13	-	
9 P. Redway	6	9	16	

FOUR COLOURS

Exhibitor	Class	OZ	DRAMS	GRAINS	PRIZE/S
1 W. Moore	Maiden	4	14	21	1st.
2 M. E. Stevenson	Maiden	4	11	17	
3 E. Preston	Open	3	14	21	
4 R. E. Fletcher	Maiden	3	14	2	
5 F. Scarth	Maiden	3	11	7	

A BRIEF HISTORY

Growing gooseberries on a competitive basis seems to have started in Lancashire, Cheshire and the Midlands, where the moist climate favoured gooseberries. The first Gooseberry Clubs were being formed around the Manchester area by the 1740's. Weavers in the Textile Industry were particularly keen on developing new varieties of gooseberry, as well as growing ever larger specimens for their Annual Shows.

The first National Register of Gooseberry Show results was produced in 1786 and was to be an annual publication, listing all shows and prize winners. By 1831 there were some 722 varieties of gooseberry and in 1845 a total of 171 Gooseberry Shows were held. Between 1786 and the 1880's the size of prize winning berries had trebled, but the records of today are only marginally heavier than they were over 100 years ago.

The mania for growing enormous gooseberries began to die out during the latter half of the nineteenth century, perhaps due to changes in the way of life of the Weavers, as power driven looms replaced the handloom. The National Register of 1893 lists 73 shows, mostly named after the Public House where they were traditionally held, with a National Show held at the Botanical Gardens, Manchester. The 1915 National Register lists only 8 shows, the National Show being a Holmes Chapel. It is thought that World War I brought this near final demise of the Gooseberry Show. Not only did the majority of Gooseberry Shows become extinct, but so too did many of the different varieties of gooseberry. Regrettably, many of the prize winning varieties of the early days have long since been lost for ever.

Of the nine shows in existence today, only two are survivors from the 1893 National Register and the earlier heyday of the Gooseberry Show. Holmes Chapel is the oldest of the shows in the Cheshire area, and together with the seven other shows in that area its results are published annually by the Mid-Cheshire Gooseberry Show Association.

The Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society was established in 1800, but regrettably, records of early shows have not as yet been traced. The earliest local results actually relate to the Whitby Gooseberry Show held at the White Horse and Griffen Hotel in Church Street, Whitby in 1856; that show being their sixteenth annual event.

The oldest known records of the Egton Bridge Show are for 1858, when Mr. J. Hoggarth won with a Red berry of the "Wonderful" variety, which weighed in at 23dwts and 22grains. The show at that time was held at the Royal Oak Inn, now a private house, close to the present-day Horse Shoe Hotel and the stepping stones over the river.

Newspapers of 1861 refer to the Egton Bridge Horticultural Show, complete with an Egton Bridge Brass Band, though this appears to have been separate to the Gooseberry Show. In 1869, however, the Gooseberry Show changed its name to the Esk Vale Gooseberry Show and was held in the Station Hotel, Egton Bridge - better known today as the Postgate Inn. It is not known why the name or venue was changed, though it is possibly related to attempts to attract more members from the surrounding villages after Egton Bridge's railway station was opened in 1865.

In 1872 the Esk Vale Gooseberry Show moved to the Tunnel Inn at Grosmont. Grosmont was then a rail junction and so the Tunnel Inn

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would be even more accessible than the Station Hotel in Egton Bridge. By 1876 the show had reverted to its Egton Bridge name, and was back at its original venue, namely the Royal Oak Inn at Egton Bridge.

In later years the Horse Shoe Hotel was the home of the Annual Show, with the event taking place on St. Thomas's Island which is still part of the Horse Shoe Hotel's grounds. The traditional link between the Gooseberry Show and the local Inn is still maintained through the venue used for Committee Meetings. The Show itself though, has for a number of years been held in the Village School.

Prizes are allocated purely on weight. Traditionally Gooseberry Shows used in the Troy weights (as used by Jewellers) with 24grains to 1penny-weight, 20pennyweights to an ounce and 12ounces to a Troy Pound. All the old shows used this system, and the Cheshire Shows still do. In 1937 though, the Egton Bridge Society invested in a new oil damped balance and switched to the Avoirdupois weights with 27.34grains to 1dram, 16drams to lounce and 16ounces to the Avoirdupois pound. This makes direct comparison of weights difficult, but a grain in Troy is the same as a grain Avoirdupois so it can be done!

If anyone has access to results or information about the Egton Bridge Gooseberry Show for any year prior to 1931, the Secretary will be very pleased to hear from you.

YEAR	EXHIBITOR	GOOSEBERRY		ACTUAL WEIGHT	
				DRAWS	GRAINS
1953	R. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	1
1954	R. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	23	27
1955	A. Spenceley	White	Princess	21	5
			Royal		
1956	Mrs. W. Harland	Red	Blutcher	24	3
1957	T. W. Ventress	White	Lord	26	23
			Kitchener		
1958	R. Harland	Red	Lloyd George	25	17
1959	T. W. Ventress	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	4
1960	G. Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	22
1961	G. Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	26
1962	C. Sanderson	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	24
1963	F. Hart	Red	Lord Derby	24	15
1964	J. E. Row	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	7
1965	S. Dowson	Red	Lord Derby	23	2
1966	J. C. Gray	Green	Surprise	21	18
1967	G. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	19	22
1968	R. W. Bennison	White	Princess	25	20
			Royal		
1969	C. Sanderson	Red	London	18	23
1970	A. Agar	Yellow	Woodpecker	23	27
1971	J. Whitwell	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	4
1972	W. Graham	White	Transparent	21	3
1973	A. Clark	Green	Surprise	21	22
1974	L. Coppenhall	White	Lord	27	10
			Kitchener		
1975	W. Graham	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	16
1976	T. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	22	11
1977	W. Graham	Yellow	Woodpecker	22	0
1978	W. Graham	Green	Surprise	21	12
1979	W. Graham	Red	London	23	18
1980	J. Ward	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	1
1981	H. Smith	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	14
1982	R. T. Bennison	Red	Lord Derby	30	9
1983	F. Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	19	4
1984	F. Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	13
1985	B. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	22
1986	D. Swales	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	20
1987	C. Gray	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	4
1988	B. Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	11

ALLOCATION OF PRIZES

Prizes 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, be 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).

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.

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.

Help the Judges and Weighmen!

If members were able to clearly identify the colour categories of the berries they enter and even identify the individual variety, it would help!! If you are not sure of the colour or variety, then our Judges will decide.

If you have your own scales at home, you might like to identify which are your heaviest berries in each category.

We only weigh your heaviest red berry, your heaviest yellow, your heaviest green and your heaviest white, therefore, for sections one/two/three/four of the Show you need only enter four berries - your heaviest in each colour.

We only weigh your heaviest twins, therefore, for sections five and six of the Show, you need only enter one set of twins.

For section seven, we need your heaviest twelve berries. As only one of your individual berries can take a prize in sections one to four, then the other three berries from that section could be included in the heaviest twelve - if they are heavy enough! Therefore, 13 individual berries, plus one pair of twins, is the minimum number of berries needed to compete in all sections of the Show - as sections eight to ten use berries that have not been successful in earlier sections of the Show.

We appreciate that many members will not be able to accurately identify the colour category of their berries, in which case it is better to bring them rather than leave them at home. We appreciate that many members will not be able to accurately weigh their berries, in which case it is better to bring all your contenders than leave them at home. And we appreciate that berries do burst while travelling to the Show, in which case you need some spares.

However, it would help our Judges and Weighmen, and speed up the weighing process, if those members who were able to, did the following:-

- i) Clearly identify the berries they enter.
- ii) Indicate which are the berries to be weighed in the various sections of the Show.
- iii) Reduce the total number of berries entered, bearing in mind how many berries are required for the various categories.

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