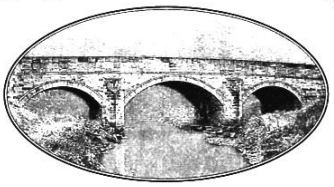
Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society



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RESULTS REGISTER 2026

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2026 TROPHY WINNERS

R Harland Challenge Cup	(Champion Berry)	P Fishpool
Colin Gray Memorial Trophy	(Champion Grower)	JA Leng
Dr & Mrs Hyatt Rosebowl	(Heaviest Maiden)	P Riley
Black CAT Trophy	(Heaviest Red)	P Fishpool
Bryan Nellist Trophy	(Heaviest Yellow)	B Nellist
J & A Hart Cup	(Heaviest Green)	GP Watson
Bennison Trophy	(Heaviest White)	JA Leng
T W Ventress Plate	(Heaviest Twins)	P Riley
Miss May Novice Cup	(Maiden Twins)	P Riley
J E Raw Challenge Cup	(Heaviest Twelve)	JA Leng
H Welford Cup	(Heaviest Six)	P Riley
J Spenceley Memorial Cup	(Maiden Six)	P Riley
R D Swales Memorial Cup	(Four Colours)	Mrs A Hart
Marrar Cup	(Best Beaten Berry)	L Warhurst

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Register of Results 2026

	Exhibitor	Class	Colour	Gooseberry	Dr-Gr.	Prize
1	P Fishpool	Open	Red	Kingfisher	29.06	Champion Berry, First Red
2	B Nellist	Open	Yellow	Millennium	27.27	First Yellow
3	P Riley	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	27.15	Second Yellow, First Maiden
4	JA Leng	Open	White	Belmarsh	26.00	First White
5	TW Legg	Open	White	Belmarsh	25.05	Second White
6	JA Leng	Open	Yellow	Millennium	25.01	
7	PW Bennison	Open	Yellow	Montrose	25.00	Third Yellow
8=	GP Watson	Open	Green	Bank View	24.10	First Green
8=	L Warhurst	Open	Yellow	Millennium	24.10	Best Beaten Berry
10	P Stonehouse	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	24.03	Second Maiden
11	P Riley	Maiden	Green	Bank View	23.05	
12	JA Leng	Open	Green	Bank View	22.15	
13	GP Watson	Open	Yellow	Millennium	22.04	
14	J Hart	Open	White	Belmarsh	22.00	Third White
15	A Hall	Open	Red	Lloyd George	21.22	Second Red
16	P Fishpool	Open	Yellow	Millennium	21.17	
17	A Hall	Open	White	Belmarsh	21.14	
18	A Hall	Open	Yellow	Millennium	21.10	
19	C Milns	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	21.09	Third Maiden
20	B Nellist	Open	White	Belmarsh	21.07	
21	P Fishpool	Open	Green	Surprise	21.06	
22	P Riley	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	21.05	
23	B Nellist	Open	Red	Kingfisher	21.04	
24	TW Legg	Open	Yellow	Woodpecker	21.01	
25=	GP Watson	Open	Red	Lloyd George	20.20	
25=	TW Legg	Open	Red	Lord Derby	20.20	
27	J Hart	Open	Yellow	Millennium	20.15	
28	GP Watson	Open	White	Belmarsh	20.09	
29	JA Leng	Open	Red	Blackden Gem	19.24	
30	P Stonehouse	Maiden	White	Belmarsh	19.22	
31	C Plummer	Open	Red	Lloyd George	19.21	Third Red
32	A Eddon	Open	Yellow	Millennium	19.00	
33=	TW Legg	Open	Green	Surprise	18.21	
33=	Mrs A Hart	Open	White	Belmarsh	18.21	
35	PW Bennison	Open	Red	Christine	18.10	
36	A Hall	Open	Green	Bank View	18.07	
37	PW Bennison	Open	Green	Bank View	17.17	
38	P Fishpool	Open	White	Belmarsh	17.16	
39	M de Kretser	Open	Red	Lloyd George	17.09	
40	P Riley	Maiden	White	Mr Chairman	17.06	
41	M de Kretser	Open	Yellow	Millennium	17.04	
42	J Hart	Open	Red	Lloyd George	16.22	
43	Mrs A Hart	Open	Red	Kingfisher	16.19	
44	P Lofthouse	Maiden	Red	Kingfisher	16.04	
45	Mrs A Hart	Open	Yellow	Millennium	16.00	
46	D Fishpool	Maiden	Green	Bank View	15.16	Second Green
47=	J Hart	Open	Green	Woodside	15.11	
47=	C Milns	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	15.11	

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	Exhibitor	Class	Colour	Gooseberry	Dr-Gr.	Prize
49	D Fishpool	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	15.09	
50	P Lofthouse	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	15.03	
51	M de Kretser	Open	Green	Bank View	14.20	Third Green
52	D Fishpool	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	14.16	
53	P Lofthouse	Maiden	Green	Woodside	13.23	
54	C Plummer	Open	Green	Surprise	13.22	
55	P Lofthouse	Maiden	White	Newton Wonder	13.12	
56	Mrs A Hart	Open	Green	Woodside	13.04	
57	M Hart	Open	Red	Kingfisher	12.21	
58	S Passmore	Maiden	Yellow	Woodpecker	12.18	
59	V Wilson	Maiden	White	Belmarsh	12.16	
60	D Fishpool	Maiden	White	Belmarsh	12.11	
61	M Hart	Open	Yellow	Millennium	11.25	
62	C Plummer	Open	White	Fascination	11.20	
63	M de Kretser	Open	White	Newton Wonder	11.13	
64	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	Green	Surprise	10.22	
65	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	Red	Lord Derby	10.05	
66	PW Bennison	Open	White	Princess Royal	9.13	
67	M Keith	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	9.03	
68	M Keith	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	8.22	
69	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	White	Newton Wonder	7.16	
70	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	6.06	

Notes:

1. Seedling refers to an unnamed berry, grown from seed, which has not yet been named. A grower can name a seedling if it produces a berry weighing at least 25 pennyweights (just under 21 drams, 26 grains) in two years. A seedling that is named is referred to as “going out”.

Twin Gooseberries

	Exhibitor	Class	Colour	Gooseberry	Dr-Gr.	Prize
1	P Riley	Maiden	Yellow	Millennium	40.09	First Twins, First Maiden Twins
2	JA Leng	Open	Green	Bank View	37.06	Second Twins
3	A Hall	Open	White	Belmarsh	36.10	Third Twins
4	B Nellist	Open	Yellow	Montrose	36.02	
5	GP Watson	Open	White	Belmarsh	34.14	
6	TW Legg	Open	White	Newton Wonder	34.11	
7	P Fishpool	Open	Red	Kingfisher	32.14	
8	P Stonehouse	Maiden	White	Belmarsh	28.19	Second Maiden Twins
9	M de Kretser	Open	Red	Just Betty	24.09	
10	C Milns	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	23.04	Third Maiden Twins
11	A Eddon	Open	Yellow	Millennium	22.24	
12	D Fishpool	Maiden	Red	Lloyd George	22.21	
13=	M Hart	Open	Red	Kingfisher	21.11	
13=	P Lofthouse	Maiden	Red	Kingfisher	21.11	
15	PW Bennison	Open	Green	Bank View	21.01	
16	J Hart	Open	Green	Woodside	19.26	
17	Mrs A Hart	Open	Yellow	Millennium	18.12	
18	V Wilson	Maiden	White	Belmarsh	15.21	
19	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	Red	Just Betty	14.19	

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Heaviest Twelve

	Exhibitor	Class	Ounces	Drams	Grains	Prize
1	JA Leng	Open	17	10	13	Heaviest Twelve
2	P Riley	Maiden	17	9	17	Second Heaviest Twelve
3	B Nellist	Open	17	4	14	Third Heaviest Twelve
4	A Hall	Open	16	8	13	
5	GP Watson	Open	16	1	1	
6	PW Bennison	Open	15	11	13	
7	TW Legg	Open	15	9	19	
8	P Stonehouse	Maiden	14	11	21	
9	P Fishpool	Open	14	2	15	
10	J Hart	Open	13	13	9	

Heaviest Six/Maiden Six

	Exhibitor	Class	Ounces	Drams	Grains	Prize
1	P Riley	Maiden	8	13	22	Heaviest Six, Maiden Six
2	A Hall	Open	8	8	18	Second Heaviest Six
3	PW Bennison	Open	8	8	17	Third Heaviest Six
4	GP Watson	Open	8	6	8	
5	L Warhurst	Open	8	5	21	
6	TW Legg	Open	7	15	24	
7	P Stonehouse	Maiden	7	12	12	
8	P Fishpool	Open	7	10	13	
9	J Hart	Open	7	6	7	

Four Colours

	Exhibitor	Class	Ounces	Drams	Grains	Prize
1	Mrs A Hart	Open	3	3	13	First Four Colours
2	P Lofthouse	Maiden	2	12	19	
3	Miss E Fishpool	Maiden	1	8	5	

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Champion Grower

	Grower	Red	Yellow	Green	White	Twins	Twelve	Points
1	JA Leng	4	8	8	10	9	10	49
2	P Riley	8	9	9	1	10	9	46
3=	A Hall	9	2	5	7	8	7	38
3=	B Nellist	7	10		6	7	8	38
5	GP Watson	6	4	10	5	6	6	37
6	TW Legg	5		6	9	5	4	29
7	P Fishpool	10	3	7	2	4	2	28
8	PW Bennison	2	7	4			5	18
9	P Stonehouse		5		4	3	3	15
10	J Hart			2	8		1	11
11	L Warhurst		6					6
12	M de Kretser	1		1		2		4
13=	C Plummer	3						3
13=	D Fishpool			3				3
13=	Mrs A Hart				3			3
16	C Milns		1			1		2

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Record Breaking Berries

The following are believed to be the heaviest berries ever shown at Egton Bridge in each category:-

Category	Exhibitor	Gooseberry	Drams	Grains	Year
Champion Berry (Note 1)	GP Watson	Yellow – Millennium	36	24	2025
Heaviest Red	GP Watson	Red – Kingfisher	33	24	2025
Heaviest Yellow	GP Watson	Yellow - Millennium	36	24	2025
Heaviest Green	GP Watson	Green - Seedling	35	15	2025
Heaviest White	GP Watson	White - Belmarsh	31	1	2019
Maiden Champion	N Pickering	Yellow-Woodpecker	31	5	2011
Best Beaten Berry	L Warhurst	Yellow - Millennium	31	10	2025
Open Twins	GP Watson	Green - Seedling	58	17	2025
Maiden Twins	N Pickering	Yellow- Woodpecker	43	21	2011
		Oz	**Drams**	**Grains**	**Year**
Heaviest Twelve	GP Watson	23	2	9	2019
Heaviest Six	JA Leng	11	2	6	2025
Maiden Six	N Pickering	10	6	18	2011
Four Colours	A Clark	5	5	19	1994
Champion Grower	GP Watson	60 points out of 60			2022

World Records

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

Category	Exhibitor	Show	Gooseberry	Drams	Grains	Year
Heaviest Berry (note 1)	GP Watson	Egton Bridge	Millennium	36	24	2025
Heaviest Red	GP Watson	Egton Bridge	Kingfisher	33	24	2025
Heaviest Yellow (note 1)	GP Watson	Egton Bridge	Millennium	36	24	2025
Heaviest Green	GP Watson	Egton Bridge	Seedling	35	15	2025
Heaviest White	K. Archer	Lower Withington	Mr Chairman	33	22	2004
Heaviest Twins	GP Watson	Egton Bridge	Seedling (Green)	58	17	2025

Notes:

1. **Graeme Watson's 2025 winning berry is officially the Guinness™ World Record**.

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50 Years of Champion Berries at Egton Bridge

Year	Exhibitor	Colour	Berry	Drams	Grains
1974	L Coppenhall	White	Lord Kitchener	27	10
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	RW 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
1989	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	2
1990	C Gray	Yellow	Firbob	28	22
1991	C Gray	White	Transparent	28	8
1992	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	6
1993	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	12
1994	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	31	22
1995	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	17
1996	Miss M Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	6
1997	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	11
1998	C Gray	Yellow	Firbob	25	20
1999	B Nellist	Green	Bank View	29	13
2000	H Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	16
2001	No show due to foot and mouth disease				
2002	G Bielby	Yellow	Woodpecker	33	21
2003	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	10
2004	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	2
2005	GP Watson	Red	Lord Derby	28	6
2006	G Bielby	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	9
2007	N Ashley	Green	Surprise	28	17
2008	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	18
2009	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	35	0
2010	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	15
2011	J Hart	Yellow	Montrose	32	20
2012	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	21
2013	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	13
2014	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	6
2015	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	31	6
2016	GP Watson	Yellow	Montrose	26	16
2017	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	31	11
2018	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	32	21
2019	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	36	12
2020	No show due to COVID-19 pandemic				
2021	B. Nellist	White	Belmarsh	26	18
2022	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	30	12
2023	GP Watson	White	Belmarsh	29	5
2024	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	26	5
2025	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	36	24

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Subscriptions

The annual membership subscription is £5.

Membership fees for next season could have been paid at this year's show. Many members do this, and we find it very helpful.

Membership fees for 2027 can be paid now;

1. By bank transfer (preferred due to bank charges) to:
   Account number: 11030418, Sort code: 40-46-24, Account name: Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Show; or
2. by post to the Secretary or the Treasurer (cheques payable to "Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society"); or
3. in person to any member of the Committee.

They must be paid before the first Tuesday after Easter Tuesday 2027, see rules 3 and 14.

Donations of £20 or more will constitute a vice presidency and will be recognised in the results register. Vice presidents are entitled to two tea tickets if applied for on show day.

Donations of £10 will constitute a patronage and will be recognised in the results register. Patrons are entitled to one tea ticket if applied for on show day.

Help the Judges and Weighmen!

If members are able to 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 the 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 berry, your heaviest green and your heaviest white therefore, for sections one, two, three and 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 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 to bring 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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