Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society Champions

The following is a list of all of the Egton Bridge Gooseberry Show Champions. Some of the records have been lost over time, hence the gaps. The Society is continuing to conduct research from archive sources to try and fill in the gaps and it is hoped to be able to complete this task in the coming years. The principal sources used are The Whitby Gazette and the Gooseberry Growers Register.

Note on weights

Currently the berries are weighed on an oil-damped, twin-pan scale, which has been in use since 1937. Avoirdupois weights are used, 27.34 grains is equal to 1 dram; 16 drams to 1 ounce. Prior to 1937 ‘troy’ weights were used (24 grains to 1 pennyweight, 20 pennyweights to an ounce and 12 ounces to a troy pound) this latter system is still used at the Cheshire clubs. In the following table the weights shown in the grey shaded areas are the actual recorded weights from the show that year. For years before 1937 these have been converted to Avoirdupois weights to allow direct comparisons. For ease all of the weights have also been converted into Avoirdupois ounces and metric grams. At the end of this document is more detailed information on the different weight systems used and the conversion between them.

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Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society Champions since 1800

Year	Exhibitor	Colour	Berry	Drams dr	Grains gr	Pennyweights dwt	Grains gr	grams	Ounces
1800									
1801									
1802									
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1821									
1822									
1823									
1824									
1825	James Harrison	Red	Sir John	15	19	17	21	27.8	0.98
1826	James Harrison	Red	Roaring Lion	13	19	15	14	24.2	0.85
1827	Matthew Hutchinson	Red	Overall	16	24	19	6	29.9	1.05
1828	John Yeoman	Red	Roaring Lion	17	12	19	21	30.9	1.09
1829	George Barker	Red	Roaring Lion	14	22	16	21	26.2	0.92
1830	John Yeoman	Red	Roaring Lion	19	21	22	13	35.0	1.24
1831	John Yeoman	Red		18	4	20	16	32.1	1.13
1832									
1833									
1834	G Harrison	Red	Sir John	19	24	22	16	35.2	1.24
1835									
1836									
1837									
1838	James Harrison	Red	Wonderful	18	24	21	12.5	33.4	1.18
1839	James Harrison	Red	Wonderful	17	22	20	7	31.5	1.11
1840									
1841									
1842									
1843	John Williamson	Yellow	Gunner	19	26	22	18	35.3	1.25
1844									
1845									
1846									
1847									
1848									
1849									
1850									
1851									

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1852									
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1854	James Harrison	Red	Wonderful	23	4	26	9	41.0	1.45
1855	James Harrison	Red	London	19	4	21	20	33.9	1.20
1856	Robert Tyers	Red	Companion	16	24	19	6	29.9	1.05
1857	Robert Tyreman	Red	Companion	18	8	20	20	32.4	1.14
1858	J Hoggarth	Red	Wonderful	20	27	23	22	37.2	1.31
1859	J Hoggarth		Leonard	18	20	21	8	33.1	1.17
1860									
1861	T Satenby	Red	Wonderful	16	13	18	19	29.2	1.03
1862	G Barker	Red	London	18	12	21	0	32.6	1.15
1863	W Harrison	Red	London	18	12	21	0	32.6	1.15
1864	W Bennison	Red	London	22	6	25	8	39.4	1.39
1865	T Hogarth	Yellow	Drill						
1866									
1867									
1868	G Barker	Red	London	18	12	21	0	32.6	1.15
1869	Mr Underwood	White							
1870	W Redman	Red							
1871	R Pearson	Green		24	18	28	2	43.6	1.54
1872	G Harrison	Red							
1873	J Lawson	Yellow	Leveller	17	7	19	16	30.6	1.08
1874	J Hoggarth	Yellow	Leader	21	18	24	16	38.3	1.35
1875	W Tyreman	Red	Yorks Champion	22	8	25	10	39.5	1.39
1876	R Pearson	Yellow	Leveller	16	21	19	3	29.7	1.05
1877	J Shaw	Yellow	Leveller	17	20	20	5	31.4	1.11
1878	G Barker	Yellow	Mount Pleasant	23	2	26	7	40.8	1.44
1879	W Stanforth	Red	Clayton	18	14	21	2	32.8	1.16
1880	W Breckon	Yellow	Ringer	18	8	20	20	32.4	1.14
1881	Mr Staniforth	Yellow	Ringer	19	8	22	0	34.2	1.21
1882	W Stanforth	Red	London	23	16	26	21	41.8	1.47
1883									
1884	W Stanforth	Yellow	Leveller	22	8	25	10	39.5	1.39
1885	D Peaeson	Yellow	Leveller	17	24	20	9	31.7	1.12
1886	Mr Stamford	Red	London	23	16	26	21	41.8	1.47
1887	W Stanforth	Green	Plunder	19	2	21	18	33.8	1.19
1888	W Stanforth	Yellow	Ringer	20	16	23	11	36.4	1.29
1889	G Barker	Red	London	23	19	27	0	41.9	1.48
1890	C Knaggs	Red	Bobby	26	24	30	15	47.6	1.68
1891	WH Hugill	Red	Bobby	20	16	23	11	36.4	1.29
1892	J Shaw	Yellow	Ringer	26	4	29	19	46.3	1.63
1893	W Bird	Red	London	24	12	27	20	43.2	1.53
1894	W Stanforth	White	Princess Royal	23	17	26	22	41.8	1.48
1895	J Shaw	White	Faithfull	22	1	25	3	39.0	1.38
1896	W Stanforth	Red	Lord Derby	26	14	30	5	46.9	1.66
1897	F Harrison	Red	Bobby	19	2	21	18	33.8	1.19
1898	W Harland	Red	London	24	15	27	23	43.4	1.53
1899	W Harland	Yellow	Ringer	18	27	21	15	33.6	1.19
1900	P Jackson	White	Princess Royal	24	6	27	14	42.9	1.51
1901	J Branch	Red	Collis Lane	24	8	27	16	43.0	1.52
1902	G Holmes	Yellow	Ringer	19	0	21	16	33.7	1.19
1903	W Harland	White	Transparent	19	20	22	12	35.0	1.23
1904	W Harland	Red	Jumbo	25	0	28	12	44.3	1.56
1905	W Harland	Green	Surprise	21	25	24	23	38.8	1.37
1906	W Bennison	Red	Lord Derby	21	24	24	22	38.7	1.37

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1907	W Bennison	Yellow	Thatcher	23	10	26	15	41.4	1.46
1908	T Hutchinson	Red	Jumbo	23	22	27	3	42.1	1.49
1909	J Branch	White	Princess Royal	24	19	28	3	43.7	1.54
1910	W Bennison	White	Princess Royal	21	8	24	6	37.7	1.33
1911	W Bennison	White	Princess Royal	21	14	24	12	38.1	1.34
1912	P Jackson	Green	Surprise	23	12	26	17	41.5	1.46
1913	W Bennison	Yellow	Ringer	22	24	26	2	40.5	1.43
1914	W Bennison	Green	Surprise	23	21	27	2	42.1	1.48
1915	P Jackson	Green	Surprise	21	21	24	19	38.5	1.36
1916									
1917	R Welford								
1918	J Branch								
1919	R Welford	Red	Lord Derby	21	7	24	5	37.6	1.33
1920	JW Hill	Red	Lord Derby	21	5	24	3	37.5	1.32
1921	W Bennison	Red	Lord Derby	26	20	30	11	47.3	1.67
1922	W Bennison	Yellow	Thatcher	17	24	20	9	31.7	1.12
1923	J Branch	Red	Lord Derby	19	18	22	10	34.8	1.23
1924									
1925	W Bennison	Green	Surprise	19	15	22	7	34.6	1.22
1926	R Welford	White	Princess Royal	26	1	29	16	46.1	1.63
1927	R Welford	Red	Lord Derby	20	22	23	17	36.8	1.30
1928	R Welford	White	Princess Royal	21	11	24	9	37.9	1.34
1929	W Carr	Yellow	Thatcher	23	5	26	10	41.0	1.45
1930	W Bennison	Green	Surprise	17	18	20	3	31.3	1.10
1931	Mrs Bell	Green	Surprise	25	0	28	12	44.3	1.56
1932	Mrs Bell	Yellow	Thatcher	19	22	22	14	35.1	1.24
1933	G Welford	Green	Surprise	26	19	30	10	47.3	1.67
1934	Mrs Bell	Red	Lord Derby	23	11	26	16	41.4	1.46
1935	Mrs Bell	Red	Lord Derby	23	21	27	2	42.1	1.48
1936	Mrs Bell	Red	Lord Derby	25	21	29	9	45.6	1.61
1937	R Harland	White	Princess Royal	22	24			40.5	1.43
1938	R Harland	Green	Surprise	27	4			48.0	1.69
1939	R Harland	White	Princess Royal	27	8			48.3	1.70
1940	R Harland	Red	Lord Derby	18	13			32.7	1.15
1941	R Harland	White	Princess Royal	16	18			29.5	1.04
1942	R Harland	White	Princess Royal	23	6			41.1	1.45
1943	A Spenceley	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	19			43.7	1.54
1944	MW Watson	White	Princess Royal	24	2			42.6	1.50
1945	J White	White	Lord Kitchener	25	17			45.4	1.60
1946	A Atkins	Red	Lord Derby	23	22			42.1	1.49
1947	H Mackwell	Red	London	22	22			40.4	1.42
1948	Mrs Readman	Red	Lord Derby	21	17			38.3	1.35
1949	D Moore	White	Lord Kitchener	24	23			44.0	1.55
1950	G Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	19	22			35.1	1.24
1951	TW Ventress	White	Lord Kitchener	19	12			34.4	1.21
1952	TW Ventress	White	Transparent	30	8			53.6	1.89
1953	R Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	1			44.3	1.56
1954	R Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	23	27			42.5	1.50
1955	A Spenceley	White	Princess Royal	21	5			37.5	1.32
1956	Mrs W Harland	Red	Blutcher	24	3			42.7	1.51
1957	TW Ventress	White	Lord Kitchener	26	23			47.5	1.68
1958	R Harland	Red	Lloyd George	25	17			45.4	1.60
1959	TW Ventress	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	4			44.5	1.57
1960	G Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	22			38.6	1.36
1961	G Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	26			44.2	1.56

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1962	C Sanderson	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	24			38.7	1.37
1963	F Hart	Red	Lord Derby	24	15			43.5	1.53
1964	JE Raw	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	7			46.5	1.64
1965	S Dowson	Red	Lord Derby	23	2			40.8	1.44
1966	JC Gray	Green	Surprise	21	18			38.3	1.35
1967	G Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	19	22			35.1	1.24
1968	RW Bennison	White	Princess Royal	25	20			45.5	1.61
1969	C Sanderson	Red	London	18	23			33.4	1.18
1970	A Agar	Yellow	Woodpecker	23	27			42.5	1.50
1971	J Whitwell	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	4			37.4	1.32
1972	W Graham	White	Transparent	21	3			37.4	1.32
1973	A Clark	Green	Surprise	21	22			38.6	1.36
1974	L Coppenhall	White	Lord Kitchener	27	10			48.4	1.71
1975	W Graham	Yellow	Woodpecker	21	16			38.2	1.35
1976	T Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	22	11			39.7	1.40
1977	W Graham	Yellow	Woodpecker	22	0			38.9	1.37
1978	W Graham	Green	Surprise	21	12			37.9	1.34
1979	W Graham	Red	London	23	18			41.9	1.48
1980	J Ward	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	1			46.1	1.63
1981	H Smith	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	14			45.2	1.59
1982	RW Bennison	Red	Lord Derby	30	9			53.7	1.89
1983	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	19	4			33.9	1.20
1984	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	13			46.9	1.65
1985	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	22			54.5	1.92
1986	D Swales	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	20			43.8	1.54
1987	C Gray	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	4			49.8	1.76
1988	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	11			52.0	1.84
1989	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	24	2			42.6	1.50
1990	C Gray	Yellow	Firbob	28	22			51.0	1.80
1991	C Gray	White	Transparent	28	8			50.1	1.77
1992	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	6			48.2	1.70
1993	F Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	12			50.3	1.78
1994	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	31	22			56.3	1.99
1995	B Harland	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	17			52.4	1.85
1996	Miss M Beswick	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	6			48.2	1.70
1997	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	26	11			46.7	1.65
1998	C Gray	Yellow	Firbob	25	20			45.5	1.61
1999	B Nellist	Green	Bank View	29	13			52.2	1.84
2000	H Welford	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	16			48.8	1.72
2001	No show due to foot and mouth disease							0.0	0.00
2002	G Bielby	Yellow	Woodpecker	33	21			59.8	2.11
2003	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	10			53.7	1.90
2004	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	28	2			49.7	1.75
2005	GP Watson	Red	Lord Derby	28	6			49.9	1.76
2006	G Bielby	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	9			48.4	1.71
2007	N Ashley	Green	Surprise	28	17			50.7	1.79
2008	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	27	18			49.0	1.73
2009	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	35	0			62.0	2.19
2010	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	15			45.2	1.60
2011	J Hart	Yellow	Montrose	32	20			57.9	2.04
2012	B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	25	21			45.6	1.61
2013	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	29	13			52.2	1.84
2014	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	30	6			53.5	1.89
2015	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	31	6			55.3	1.95
2016	GP Watson	Yellow	Montrose	26	16			47.1	1.66

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2017	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	31	11			55.6	1.96
2018	GP Watson	Yellow	Woodpecker	32	21			58.0	2.05
2019	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	36	12			64.5	2.28
2020	No show due to COVID-19 pandemic								
2021	B Nellist	White	Belmarsh	26	18			47.2	1.66
2022	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	30	12			53.9	1.90
2023	GP Watson	White	Belmarsh	29	5			51.7	1.82
2024	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	26	5			46.3	1.63
2025	GP Watson	Yellow	Millennium	36	24			65.3	2.30
2026	P Fishpool	Red	Kingfisher	29	6			51.7	1.82

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Weight Conversions

The following table gives the relationship between Grains, Drams Ounces and Pounds for the Avoirdupois system of weights as used by Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society:

Avoirdupois (or Averdepois)		**Grains**	**Drams**	**Ounces**	**Pounds**	Metric
		gr	**dr**	**oz (avdp)**	**lb (avdp)**	
Grains	gr	1				64.8 mg
Drams	dr	27.344	1			1.77 g
Ounces	oz (avdp)	437.5	16	1		28.35 g
Pounds	lb (avdp)	7000	256	16	1	453.59 g

The following table gives the relationship between Grains, Pennyweights, Ounces and Pounds for the Troy system of weights:

Troy (precious metal and bullion)		**Grains**	**Penny-weights**	**Ounces**	**Pounds**	Metric
		gr	**dwt**	**oz (Troy)**	**lb (Troy)**	
Grains	gr	1				64.8 mg
Penny-weights	dwt	24	1			1.56 g
Ounces	oz (Troy)	480	20	1		31.10 g
Pounds	lb (Troy)	5760	240	12	1	373.24 g

The important point to note is that the “Grain” is the same in both systems and so constitutes the common link.

The two systems can be summarised as follows:

1 pennyweight (dwt) = 24 grains

1 dram (dr) = 27.34 grains

So 1 pennyweight = (24/27.34) = 0.88 dram (approx. 7/8 dram)

and 1 dram = (27.34/24) = 1.14 dwt (approx. 1 and 1/7th of a pennyweight)

There are 437.5 grains in an ounce Avoirdupois

and 480 grains in an ounce Troy

So 1 Troy oz = 1.097 Avoirdupois oz.

or 1 Troy oz approximately equals nearly 1 oz Avoirdupois plus a tenth of an oz Avoirdupois

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Just to confuse matters there is a third system of measurement that is sometimes used in old reports, the Apothecary scale. This is summarised below:

Apothecary (Pharmacy etc.)		**Grains**	**Scruples**	**Drachms**	**Ounces**	**Pounds**	Metric
		gr	**scr**	**dr**	**oz (Troy)**	**lb (Troy)**	
Grains	gr	1					64.8 mg
Scruples	scr	20	1				0.78 g
Drachms	dr	60	3	1			3.89 g
Ounces	oz (Troy)	480	24	8	1		31.10 g
Pounds	lb (Troy)	5760	288	96	12	1	373.24 g

1 pennyweight (dwt) = 24 grains

1 drachm (dr apoth) = 20 grains

so 1 penyweight = 1.2 drachms, i.e. 1 drachm plus a fifth of a drachm

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