

**Leamington Spa Courier**  
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LEEK WOOTTON.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW. – The first exhibition of this society, which has recently been established, was held in a field adjoining Mr Nick's residence, on Wednesday last. Great praise is due to Mr Augustus Wise for his endeavours to encourage useful and ornamental gardening in this parish, and it is through his exertions that this society was formed, and he has laboured most indefatigably to bring the show to a successful issue. We are glad to be able to state that it was attended with great success, and that the display of fruit, vegetables, &c. was excellent. The president is Mr Wise M.P.; patrons, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Right Hon. The Earl of Clarendon, Lord Charles Bertie Percy, and Mr Charles Treplin; Lady Patronesses: Mrs Wise, and Mrs Colville; treasurer, Mr J. Nicks; secretary, Mr Augustus Wise; the Committee: the Rev. F. Colville, Rev. M. E. Browne, Mr J. Ledbrook, Mr Ragsdale, Mr Perkins, Mr Burbury, Mr Jaggard, and Mr T. Moore. At the entrance to the grounds from the village was erected a large ornamental arch, on which were the words, "Leek Wootton Flower Show" in large letters on a white ground; over the gateway leading to Mr Nicks's house, where refreshments were bountifully supplied to visitors, was the device painted in various coloured letters, "Success to the Leek Wootton Horticultural Flower Show, and welcome to its supporters." Flags were hoisted on the top of the Church tower, and at other places in the village. The vegetables, fruit, flowers, &c. shown by the cottagers was exceedingly good, considering the very dry season we have had. Miss Lewis won the first prize for the best design in fruit, which was very tastefully arranged, and greatly admired. A little girl named Mary Smith won the first prize for a nosegay of wild flowers. Mr George Wise exhibited, not for competition, some very fine potato onions. A very handsome model garden was shown by Miss Ledbrook, of the Woodloes, but not for competition, and was considered by some superior to any that were exhibited. Thos. Schofield won a prize for a model garden, and he would have been awarded the first prize, we are informed, had he not used many everlasting flowers. Mr Thos. Moore won the second prize for a model

garden; and a very handsome one was exhibited by Miss Colville, but not for competition. Others were also exhibited. There were also two remarkably fine supers of honey shown. The exhibition of plants &c., was very good. Mr H. C. Wise's gardener, Mr Capers, exhibited a variety of plants, including some fine specimens of caladium chantinii, belegonias, maranta zebrine, caladium pictum, caladium wightii, New Zealand flax, caladium houletti, culadium biciolor splendum, caladium balleyenii dracænas gymnogamma chrysophylla fern, gymnogamma sulphuren, cyperus alternifolius varigatus, &c. Lord Percy's gardener, Mr Griffiths, exhibited some excellent specimens of numeas, caladiums nymphifolios, fuschias, balsams, zoual geraniums, dracaenas, exotic ferns, nephrolepis exaltalas, platyceraum alcecornie, double geraniums, schimenes, new coleus veitchii. His Lordship was the only contributor in the way of heaths. He also exhibited two very handsome variegated maizes, &c. Mr Spiers, gardener to Mr Treplin, also showed some fine llantanas, balsams, justecias, speciosas, fuschias, hanging baskets laden with floral gems, tradescantia, zebrine, &c. The judges were – Mr E. Butler, gardener to Mr R. Greaves, Cliff House, Warwick; and Mr E. Perkins, Leamington Nursery. The prizes were distributed by Mr H. C. Wise, M.P. Among those present we noticed – Mr H. C. Wise, M.P., and Mrs and Miss Wise, Mr George Wise, Mr Augustus Wise, Major Shuckburgh, Colonel Wise, the Hon. Mrs Harper, Rev. Verney Cave, Rev. Mr Colville, Mr and Mrs Ledbrook, Mr and Mrs Glover, Rev. Mr Jarrett, Misses Ledbrook (2), Mr Jordan, sen., Miss Jordan, Mr and Mrs Willis, Mr Darby, Mr and Mrs Burgess, Mrs and Miss Eastwood, Mr Winter, Mr Clarke, Misses Frost, Mr and Mrs Moore, Messrs T. and J. M. Moore, Mr Nunn, Mr W Ballard, Mrs Gascoyne, Mrs and Miss Wallers, Mr Muddeman, Mr and Mrs Hughes, Mr and Mrs Green, Misses Harbournes (2), Miss Richardson, Mr and Mrs Turney, Mr and Mrs Taylor, &c. The band of the First Warwick Militia was engaged, and discoursed some excellent music during the afternoon. In the evening dancing and other amusements were indulged in.

The following is the prize list:-

#### HONORARY MEMBER'S

TICKETS. – Mr John Ledbrook, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, cherries, apricots, currants white, spring sown onions, kidney potatoes; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, winter sown onions, round potatoes. Mr G. Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, apples, white gooseberries. Mr John Nicks, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, greenhouse plants, dahlias, British ferns, marigolds, red currants, black currants, red gooseberries, cabbages, carrots, red celery, winter sown onions, vegetable marrows, kidney and round potatoes, rhubarb, garden herbs, and French beans; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, spring sown onions, cucumbers; extra prize, British ferns and grasses. Mr Thomas Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, plums, winter onions; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, greenhouse plants, basket of flowers, kidney potatoes, model flower garden. Miss Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, model flower garden, basket of flowers, best design in fruit. Mr Ragsdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, winter onions. Mrs Gilbert, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, scarlet runners and parsley. Thomas Lynes, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, cucumbers.

BLUE TICKET CLASS. – James Hancox, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, greenhouse plants, fuschias, geraniums, British ferns, dahlias, carnations, nosegay of garden flowers, broad beans, scarlet runners, carrots, spring onions, parsnips, vegetable marrows, radishes, rhubarb, collection of garden herbs; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, lettuces, model garden; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, kidney potatoes; extra prize, balsam. Richard Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, cabbages. John Wallin, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, round potatoes. Thomas Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, spring sown onions. George Hope, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, celery and rhubarb. William Bull, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, red gooseberries. William Weston, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, apples. William Liggins, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, cabbages and winter onions. William Jenkins, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, celery and lettuces. Frederick Webb, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, peas; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, broad beans; extra prize, greenhouse plants, apricots. George Reaves, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, cabbages; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, celery and winter onions. Peter Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, greenhouse plants. James Spiers, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, balsams; extra prize, fuschias. Mark Bicknill, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, stocks, spring onions, parsley, kidney and round potatoes, turnips; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, nosegay of garden flowers, scarlet runners, carrots; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, parsnips. Joseph Lynes, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, eschallotts; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, parsnips. William Hobbins, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, cherries; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, broad beans; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, vegetable marrows. Charles Clarke, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, lettuces. Thomas Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, round potatoes. Robert Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, peas, kidney potatoes; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, round

potatoes. William Harwood, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, long pod beans; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, scarlet runners. George Clarke, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, white gooseberries. Samuel Hawkes, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, white currants, green gooseberries. John Flecknoe, extra prize, model garden. Thomas Scholefield, extra prize, model garden.

EXTRA PRIZES. – Given by H. C. Wise, Esq., M.P., for the best cultivated and neatly kept allotment garden, being the property of the donor, with its hedges, where these abut on such allotment. 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 5s., and a spade, James Hancox; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 4s., and a fork, William Hobbins; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, 3s. 6d., and a rake, George Hope; 4<sup>th</sup> prize, 3s., and a hoe, George Reaves.

PRIZES BY THE COMMITTEE. – For the best cropped, best cultivate, and neatly kept garden, occupied by cottagers, not being eligible to compete for the prizes given by H. C. Wise, Esq., M.P. 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 5s., and a spade, Mark Bicknell; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 4s., and a fork, Joseph Wilkins; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, 3s. 6d., and a rake, Robert Ash; 4<sup>th</sup> prize, 3s., and a hoe, Charles King.

WHITE TICKET CLASS, OR CHILDREN'S CLASS. – Elizabeth Reaves, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, garland of wild flowers. Alice Fellows, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, garland of wild flowers. Mary Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, nosegay of wild flowers. Carelia Capers, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, nosegay of wild flowers. Sarah Mason, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, wild flowers, assorted. Joseph Lines, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, collection of grasses; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, wild flowers assorted. Arthur Hancox, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for different kinds of grasses.