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SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

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# "Welcome to the Show!"

from Chairperson Ed Hutchinson

"From all the 31-strong Bishop Wilton Show Committee, firstly thank you for attending this - the 127<sup>th</sup> Show! We really value your support, without which we could not continue.

Our goal is to bring to you a unique and very special day out of entertainment, competition, education and fun for all ages.

This has not changed since the original Bishop Wilton Show way back in 1897.

So, from all of the Show Committee, we would like to again thank you for attending the Show and Craft Fair and hope you can make it an annual event in your calendar for 2025 and beyond."



Have a fabulous day!

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## View from the Handicraft Tent



*The Handicraft Tent is organised by Bishop Wilton WI Members. Various trophies including the Dorothy Denton Cup, the Gazette & Herald Cup and the Ruth Walker Memorial Trophy are up for grabs if you enter your handiwork; you do*

*not need to be a member of the WI to get involved! The best entry in the Preserve and Curds section will be awarded the Mrs Ann Rudsdale trophy, kindly donated by her family in memory of a much missed villager. The tent is considered a highlight of the show for the spectacular demonstrations of a variety of skills and crafts.*

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**The thrill of the judging** is obviously a bonus for entrants but actually the inspiration of the amazing entries over such diverse handicrafts and seeing skills of such high quality is the real reward for all of us.

So thank you to all our entrants and we look forward to seeing this year's amazing work.

The Judging will commence at **10.30 am** and the tents have to be closed for a while whilst the entries are assessed... so do make sure to come over when

  
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## SECRET TO SUCCESS

The secret to success in breadmaking is “**good strong flour and good yeast (dried or fresh) with a heap of practice and patience!** In summary - ingredients and attention to detail,” says Michelle Wilkinson, **winner** of the 125<sup>th</sup> Bishop Wilton Show class for handmade loaf of bread.



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# Challenge of THE BEAST

Look out for returning runners from about 10.20am onwards - those brave enough to have taken on the 7-mile cross country trail race that starts from Bishop Wilton Showground Main Ring at 9.30am.



The new traffic-free course (with stunning views over the Vale of York and beyond) contains climbs, lovely descents and the "Beast!" - **a short**

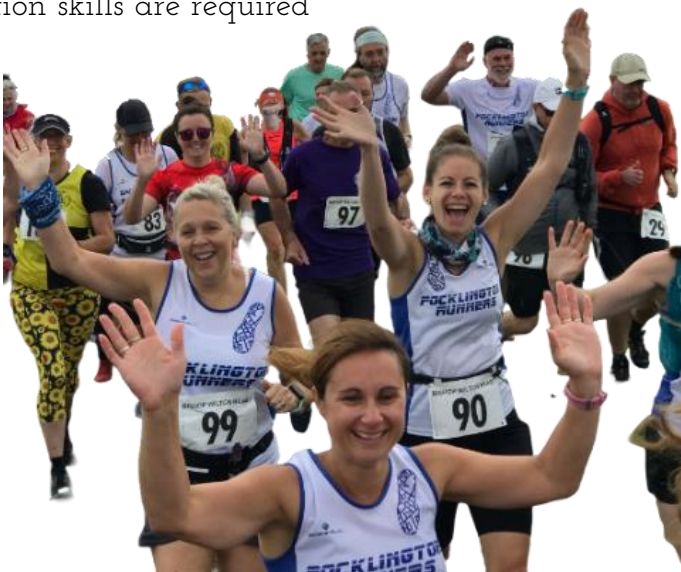
**but steep hill...** but don't worry - the runners get the pleasure of going **down** it before charging back up!

A good challenge for the experienced runner, but also a great introduction to running off road for the first timer. No navigation skills are required

Main  
Ring @  
9.30am

and there is no cut off time... so no excuse not to get involved next year, if you can get a place *before they sell out!*

Do come and ask for more information at the finish area on the show field.



Race held under UK Athletic rules. Over 18s only.





## POCKLINGTON RUNNERS

Our club recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is always welcoming new people. We punch well above our weight in local competitions like the East Yorkshire X Country League and York District 10k Summer League

We host the sell-out **Snake Lane 10** mile road race every February.

We're proud sponsors of the **Bishop Wilton "Beast"** – our sort of challenge!

We pride ourselves on inclusivity, catering for all ages and abilities. Our **Junior Section** is **free** for all 12 to 17 year olds and we're keen to support beginners with **encouragement** and **motivation**.

But we're not all about racing.....

Just as important to us are our **social events**, "away runs", fundraising, **supporting local good causes** and weekend runs.

Check out our Facebook Page and when you're ready to give us a go get in touch.  
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# What the Judges are looking for in the COUNTRY TIPPLE CLASS

*An interview with longstanding judge Joe Moore.*

## **How many judges are there?**

For the Country Tipple section, always at least 2, sometimes 3.

## **How many entries are there usually?**

At the most about 50 total. The majority of those are in the alcoholic classes. The most popular class is Sloe Gin; last year about 40% of the entries were in that category.



## **How much do you drink?**

It depends on the category... if it is a spirit-based drink, normally a shot between the two of us... for beer or non-alcoholic entries, often half a glass.

## **Talk us through the judging process.**

We do it class by class, trying to mix up the spirit-based classes with the others. Every entry is assessed on specific criteria, including presentation, colour, transparency, smell, viscosity, taste and aftertaste. In the larger sections we shortlist the exceptional ones and then revisit those to decide the prize order. From all the category winners, we then choose the overall Best in Class. It takes about 90-120 minutes in total.

## **Is there anything you would advise for those wanting to enter next year?**

We like different! Recent winners include a raspberry gin and a vanilla vodka as well as some unique sloe recipes with unusual botanicals.

## **How do you feel afterwards?!**

Well... some of us go home and fall asleep, others stumble around the rest of the show and others actually attempt to play sport (it's the cricket season), usually with pretty "average" results!

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# Farming Through the Ages

The journey from horses powering farm machinery through to the complex, nearly-autonomous machines we have today is a fascinating one, and Bishow Wilton Show attendees historically enjoyed looking at all the latest developments!

Main  
Ring @  
3.45pm



*Viewing  
(clockwise) a  
tractor, animal  
feed processor,  
tractor, trailed  
combine  
harvester,  
tractor, manure  
spreader, feed  
processor,  
plough and a  
potato digger at  
a previous  
Bishop Wilton  
Show.*

This year we focus on potato cultivation. The Yorkshire Wolds are “high health area” for seed potato production. Too much water is the



enemy of seed potatoes; the free draining soils, drier than average weather and the hill breezes help to prevent fungal infection and leads to disease free tubers. Many of us will feel our backs aching



when we remember autumn days spent spud picking, but how things have changed. We've searched barns across the area to bring a together a showcase of how potato cultivation has changed through the years.



Mike Stringer is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to farm here at High Callis, where the show is held. He says,

"It is interesting to see that much of the progress over the past 70 years has involved a vast increase in size yet many of the basic design features are virtually unchanged.

Check out the Horticulture tent for Murton Park's display of *even older farm equipment!*

With large fields, long days and often only short periods of suitable weather in which to get work done it is easy to see why modern machines have grown to the size they are, even if there are trade-offs with **issues such as soil compaction.**

Many of the new machines now come with driver aids which *almost* allow

them to drive themselves. Who knows, if we repeat this exercise at the show in another 70 years there is a good chance we may see smaller machines back again... but possibly working autonomously.

That may be the future but *there is a little bit of me that thinks that something could be lost from the countryside if this happens."*

Want more?! See what beautiful farm machinery you can find in the Vintage Vehicles area.







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# Family Fun

We have a **Bubbleologist** in attendance who will teach you how to make *the most humungous* bubbles... as well as the interactive **Guiding Sparks Circus Workshop...** along with **Axe Throwing** and **Archery** for slightly more grown-up children!



Children's  
Tent @  
4.30pm

Remember to collect your trophies and prizes at the Tent class prizegiving - for your wonderful art,

collage, handwriting, textiles and photography entries - at 4.30pm in the Children's Tent.

Plus... **The Purple Pig Company** are back with a variety of gorgeous animals to get up-close and personal with.



Main  
Ring @  
1.30pm

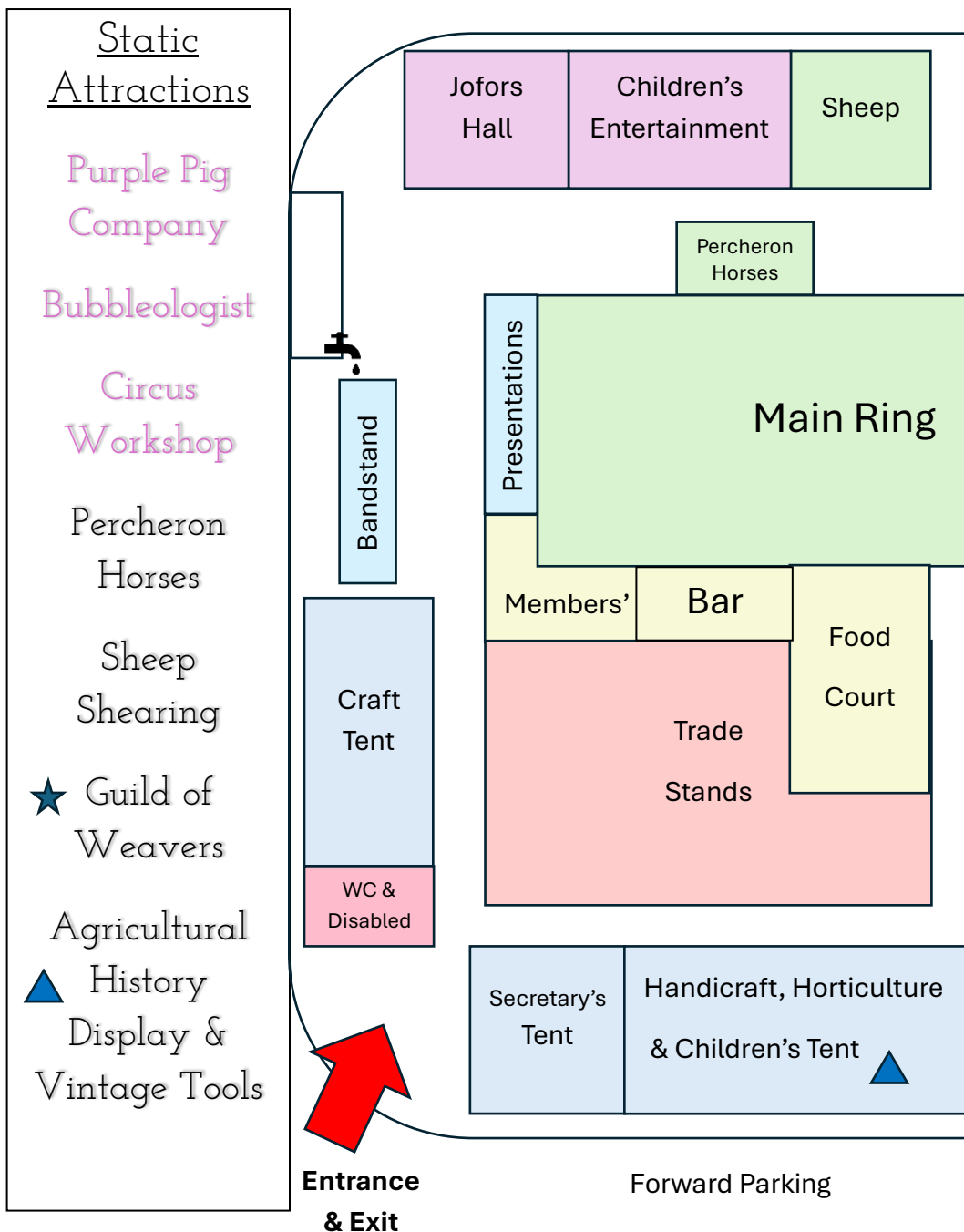
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WHAT IT TAKES TO  
WIN?!**

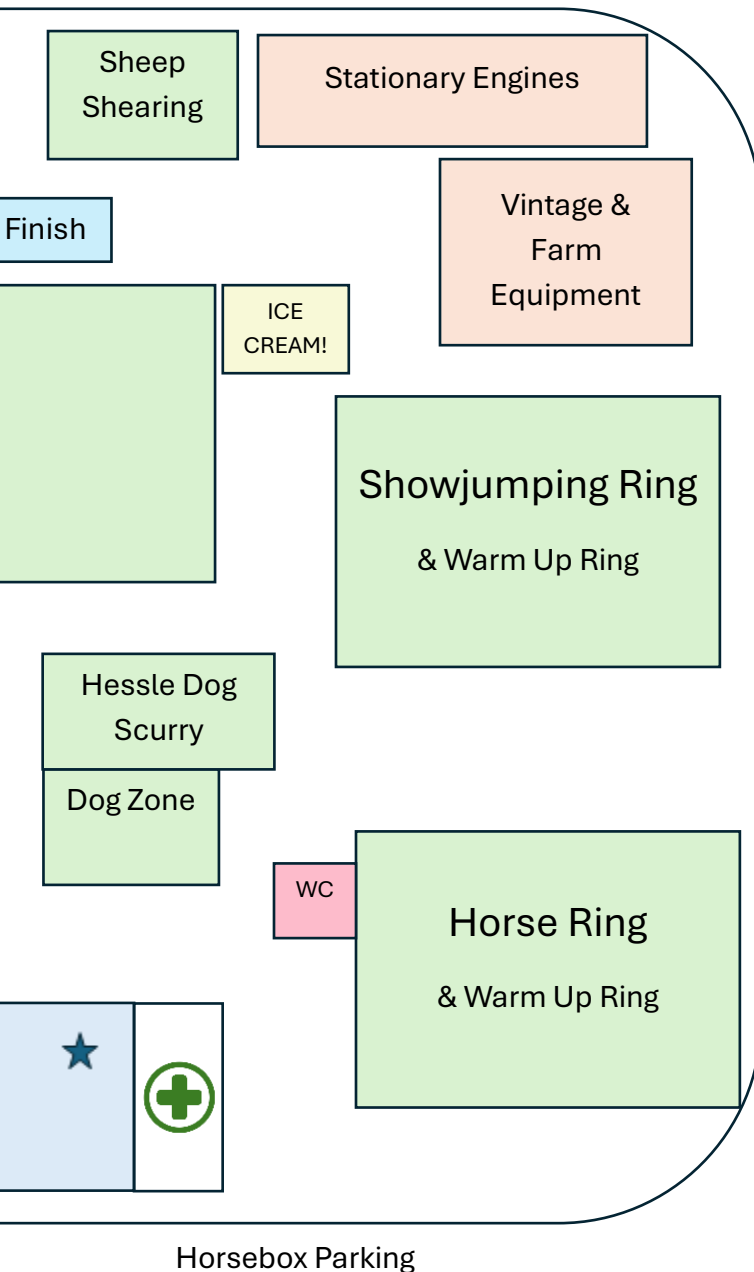
The classic  
Children's Sports are  
back!

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sack races... they are  
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## SECRET TO SUCCESS



Allan Wilkinson  
- winner of the  
125<sup>th</sup> Bishop  
Wilton Show  
class for  
homemade  
compost - says the  
secret to success is  
**"knowing your  
compost  
content and  
ensuring the  
undesirables  
don't go in by  
mistake... with  
lots of regular  
turning.**

*Be patient and  
practice."*

## View from the Horticultural Tent

There's a buzz in  
the air as the  
horticultural tent  
prepares for show day... and now it's  
arrived! The preparations are over, the  
entrants are in, the judging begins!



For the entrants there is now a *nervous wait*  
while the tent is closed... for the visitor an  
eagerness to view the exhibits and marvel at  
the standard, then realise, "*I could do that!*"

So hold that thought for next year; feel the good  
vibes and have some fun!





There's a new division this year just for the youngsters and there is something for everyone, whether it's:

- Growing your favourite veg or flowers,
- Creating a floral display, a planted container or a vase of pristine blooms,
- Brewing a tasty tipple our judges love to judge,
- Being a proud "feather parent" with a prizewinning plate of eggs, or
- Showcasing your farming prowess with the winning bale, barley or oats.



Mandy Warry says,

***"There's a real buzz when those coloured prizewinner cards are revealed... especially for the younger entrants!"***

If you haven't entered this year, be inspired for next year. Don't be shy - your entry is a piece of the jigsaw that creates an awesome display and makes the show for everyone.

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# Spotlight on the Vintage Vehicles

Competition for the *Tim Sherbourne Shield* for “Best in Show” (aka “Vehicle the Judge would most like to take home”) is likely to be fierce this year.

Won in 2023 by David Chappell, with his **Alpha Romeo** sports car, the 2022 winner was the beautiful **1960 Rover** pictured below.

Main  
Ring @  
12.15pm

*“Hotly anticipated this year  
- a sighting of a 1990  
**Marcos Mantua** owned by  
John Yardley.”*

Check out all the Vehicles as they parade around the Main Ring at 12.15pm.

The oldest car at the Show last year was an Austin 7 from 1935... *what is the oldest vehicle you can find today?*

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR CAR CLASSIFICATIONS?

“VETERAN car” = pre-WW1

“VINTAGE car” = pre-WW2

“CLASSIC car” = 50+ years old

“MODERN CLASSIC” = 25+ years old

## CAN YOU SPOT:

A 1966 MGB  
Roadster



A 1992 Peugeot 205  
CTI Convertible?



## Horsey Highlights

With In-Hand, Ridden and Showjumping classes - both affiliated and unaffiliated - and a huge number of trophies at stake, there will be action in the Horse Ring from 9.30am onwards.

In the Main Ring, the "Handy horse/pony" class involves a **high-stakes course of hazards and obstacles**, guaranteed to entertain from 10am.

*Good luck to all the riders!*

Keep an eye out for the eagerly-anticipated and always enjoyable

### **"Fancy Dress"**

class in the Main Ring at 11.30am ish.



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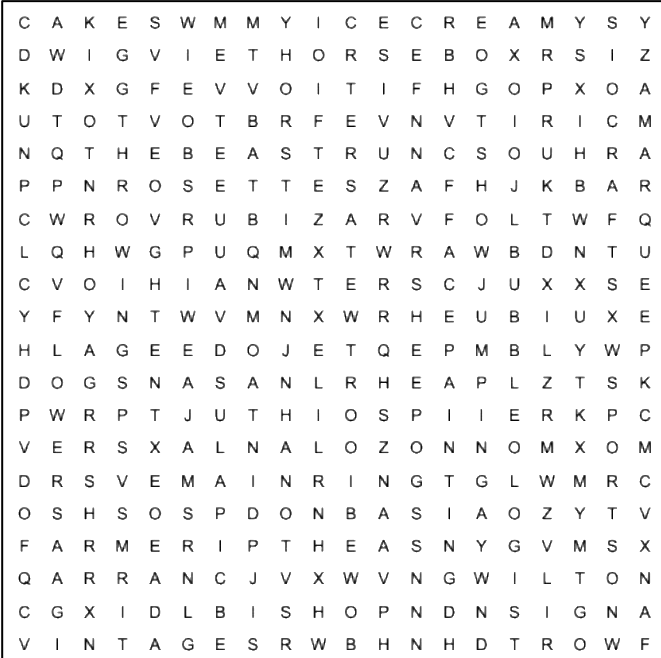
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Willie Wobblesword, the Bard of the Wolds, is writing about the Bishop Wilton Show, but he has lost his words. Can you help him find them? They are all things you will find on the showground....



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- Rockin' Deke Rivers- Red Hot Rockabilly and Wild Rock'n'Roll, with a Yorkshire twist, hit the main stage (bandstand!) at the Show about **1.15pm**
- The Habitual Drunkards - Jon Benton and Tony Rogers will be returning to the bar (*along with any other habitual drunkards we assume*), playing from **4pm onwards**.



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# What the Judge is looking for

## in the SHEEP CLASSES

There are various sheep classes for our judge – Mr Charles Marwood from Whenby – to assess, including Pure Native Breed, Pure Continental Breed and Young Handler sections.

In Butchers' Lamb classes the **degree of muscling** (the thickness through the leg, width between rear legs, shape over the rack of the animal) and **degree of finish** (frame size and degree of maturity) will be the most important traits.

However, in Breeding Ewe classes the **balance** (wide and deep at the rear and tight and trim through the front end), **frame size** and **structural correctness** will have greater weight.



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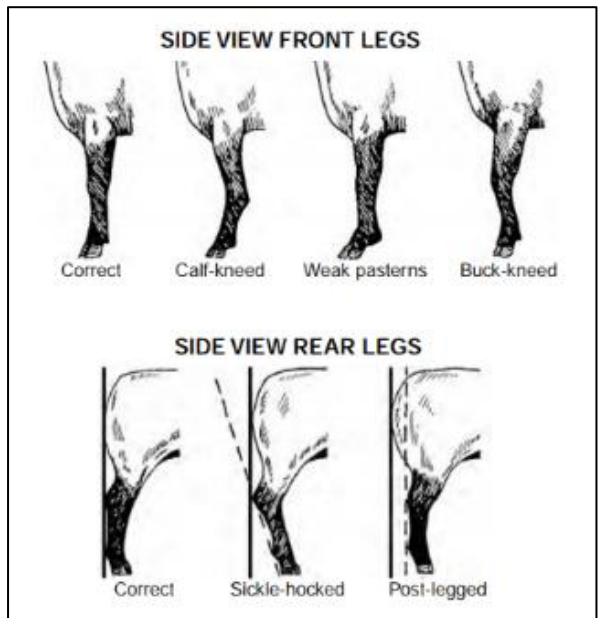
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When looking at soundness and structural correctness, judges often work through the 5 "T's," which are:

1. **Toes** - pasterns, fetlock, knees, hocks and leg profile.
2. **Teeth** - at lip / mouth profile, jawline.
3. **Testicles**
4. **Teats**
5. **Type** - unique breed standard features.

The judge will have an idea of what "correct" looks like in his mind's eye (as shown in the diagram above, for legs) and will place the class based on the volume of the important traits.

**Sheep  
Judging  
@ 10am**



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@ 3pm



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## 2025 SHOW JUDGES

**Horse Classes:** N Hudson; L A Stewart;  
S Dace-Hughes; K Stringer

**Show Jumping:** D Jones; B Jones

**Vintage Vehicles:** To be confirmed

**Dogs:** A Moll (Wicstun Vets)

**Sheep:** S Beachell (Driffield)

**Vegetables & Fruit:** K Houseman; M Smith

**Country Tipple:** J Moore

**House Plants & Flowers:** N Miller

**Flower Arrangements:** C Kendra

**Farm Produce:** M Megginson

**Produce:** L Philips

**Children's Produce:** V Booth

**Handicrafts:** J Drake

**Photography:** P Hughes

**Cookery:** E Wray; A Daniel

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**Children's Classes:** L Grant



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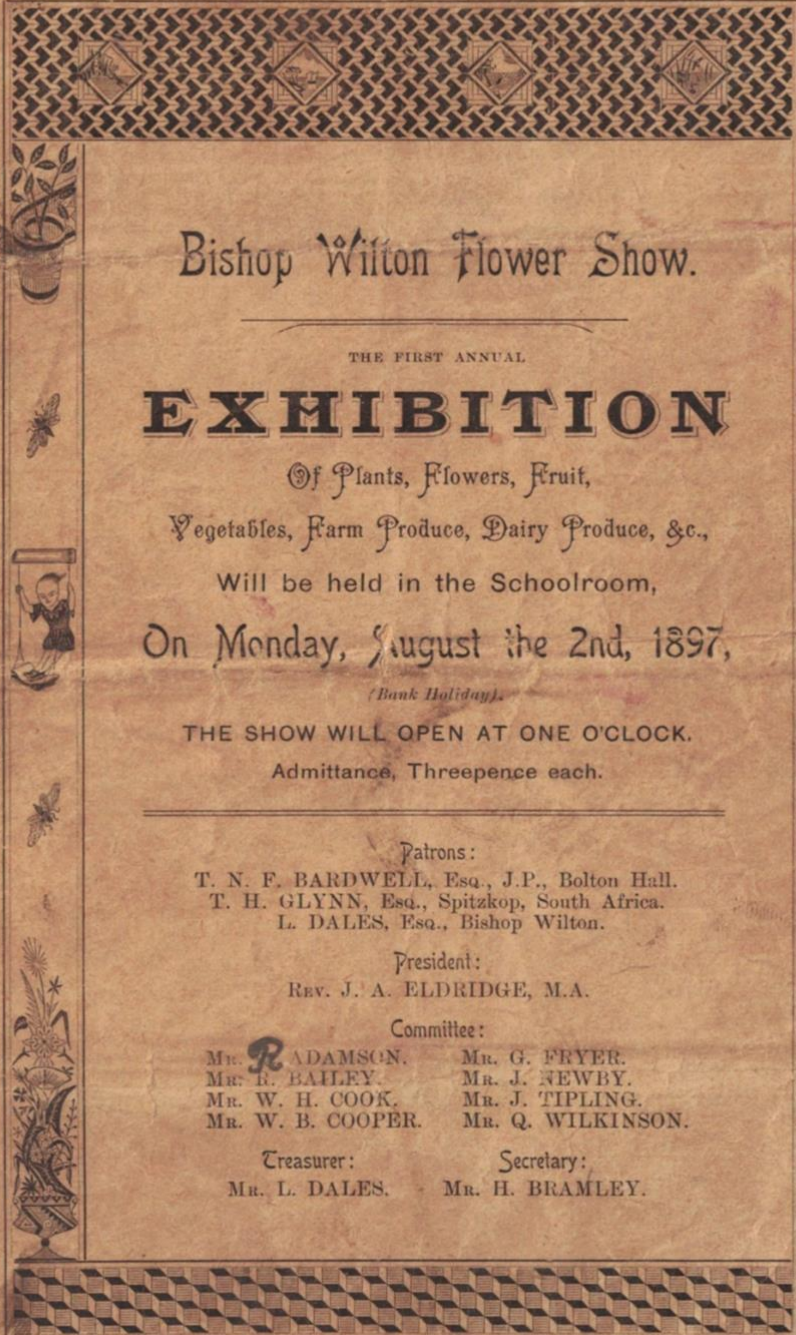
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	MAIN RING	AROUND THE SHOWGROUND
0930	The Beast - Start	
1000	Unaffiliated Horse & Pony Classes, including: - "Handy Pony" - Equitation - Fancy Dress.	Sheep Judging @ <i>Sheep Zone</i>
1020		The Beast - runners start returning @ <i>Beast FINISH</i>
1030		Judging commences @ <i>Tents</i>
1115ish		Sheep Agility @ <i>Sheep Zone</i>
1200	The Beast - Presentation	Malton White Star Brass Band @ <i>Bandstand</i>
1215	Vintage Parade	
1300	Percheron Horses	Rockin' Deke Rivers @ <i>Bandstand</i>
TBC		Tents Re-Open!
1330	Children's Sports	
1445	Jofo's Hall	
1515	Highmoor Bloodhounds (TBC)	Judging of Dog Show @ <i>Dog Zone</i>
1545	Farming Through the Ages	
1600		Habitual Drunkards ( <i>the band</i> ) @ <i>the Bar</i>
1630		Prizegiving @ <i>Children's Tent</i>
1645	Welly/Egg throwing competition!	