



Public Admission from 1:30pm

Check out our competitions on our website

ADMISSION:

Adults £ 3.00

Children (5-14 years) £1.00

O.A.P. £ 2.00



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Park Free**



Letter From The Chairman

*On behalf of the Show Committee, volunteer helpers and sponsors, we welcome you to our
2026 Aldermaston & Wasing Show.*

The Show has been held during the first weekend in September since 1942, and for very many years, made its home at the Old Mill, Aldermaston in wonderful surroundings, and we thank them for their continuing support and hospitality. We hope that you enjoy the attractions and activities prepared and presented for you by the Show Committee and that you have a wonderful time.

We aim to support local charities, and this year we are pleased to welcome **Tadley Elderly Day Care** and **PALS**, a Newbury based children's & young adults charity. They both have stands at the Show where you can find out about the vital work they do and how the money we raise for them will be used.

I hope they don't mind, but I must mention the new Show Committee who came forward three years ago to rescue and rejuvenate the Show. They have all worked extremely well together, updating the Show website, Schedule and entry system for craft tables and competitions, and have organised and booked attractions for this year and pulled everything together, ready for the big day! Please join me in thanking them for their time, commitment, energy and enthusiasm which has enabled our special community event to continue.

As I write this, in anticipation of this year's Show, I can scarcely believe how fast this year has gone. After such a very wet start to the year we've endured five unprecedented heatwaves and no rain to speak of since May! Its made growing produce for the Show difficult and I only hope that we have enough water in which to run the Duck Derby!!

We are very appreciative of our sponsors, old and new who enable the Show to take place each year. Many are local firms who, despite having to cope with running their businesses in these difficult times, still support us, so please do support them. Many have sponsored the Duck Derby cash prizes, so by buying a ticket you not only help our two charities, but you also have a good chance of winning up to £ 290!!

Finally, I must appeal for those of you who can, to get involved with the Show. Either by helping on the day or by putting it together beforehand or putting it all away afterwards. There's no need to join the Committee, we just need a few extra pairs of hands for a few hours each year on or around the Show Day. Please let us know if you'd like to help.

Wishing you all a wonderful day!

Clive Vare

Chairman of the Show Committee





The Old Mill

Reading, Berkshire Arlott Est. 1939

With panoramic river views, streams and steeped in traditional charm with its original oak beams, sluices and water wheel The Old Mill is a tranquil riverside setting in 22 acres of countryside, making it one of the most picturesque venues in Royal Berkshire.



How can we help?

Whether you are planning a Wedding & Reception, Private function, Corporate day out, Celebration of life or a day out fishing you should find all you need on our website. If you want to find out more then please ring us or contact us to arrange a visit so that you can view the venue first hand.

Find Out More...

www.theoldmillaldermaston.co.uk
enquiries@theoldmillaldermaston.co.uk

Thanks to the Arlott Family

Since 1963, for 61 of the Show's 81 years, the Arlott family have generously welcomed us to the picturesque grounds of The Old Mill – the beautiful setting that has become so closely associated with the Aldermaston & Wasing Show.



The Arlott family's connection to The Old Mill stretches back generations. Robin's grandmother mother, Evelyn, first rented and later purchased the Mill from the Keyser family, before passing it on to her son Benjamin (Benny) who together with his wife Effie continued to build up the successful business

Today, with the support of their mother Diane, the Mill is run by the fourth generation of Arlotts – Jack, Evie, Edward and Nadia. Jack now proudly follows in his father's footsteps by serving on the Show Committee.

The 5th generation is already with us too: Effie and William Arlott were the first to arrive, and Theodore Arlott-Hay growing the generations last year, all possible future committee members, though their official duties are (thankfully!) still many years away.

The Aldermaston & Wasing Show remains a cherished highlight of our community calendar. Without the generosity of the Arlott family, and the dedication of the many volunteers who give their time each year, it could not continue to thrive as the much-loved event it is today

The late Robin Arlott was at the heart of the Show for decades. Not only did he host the event, but he also played a leading role on the committee, serving as chairman for many years and taking part in numerous events with great enthusiasm. Robin sadly passed away in 2021, but his energy, commitment and lasting contribution will always be remembered with deep gratitude. We could never thank him, and his wife Diane, enough for all they have given to our historic Show.



The History of the Aldermaston & Wasing Produce Show



Winners from the past: Sarah Urquhart, John Vanstone, David Luker, Julia Porter, Pam Hall, Ben Arlott and Don Sims...

Up until 1874, when it was abolished, a Fair was held every year in The Street, Aldermaston – which may explain why this main road through the old village is so unusually wide.

In the dark days of 1943, villagers came together to stage the very first Produce Show. At that time, the focus was on “digging for Victory,” so the exhibits were mainly home-grown vegetables, with cookery, floral and other creations included where wartime restrictions allowed.

The show was an immediate success and the competition to produce the very best in each category has remained fierce ever since.

Originally held in the field behind The Hinds Head pub, the Show moved after 20 years to its current home in the magnificent grounds of The Old Mill, just north of the village. By September 2026, the Show will have celebrated its 83rd year. The only times it has not been held in its usual form were in 1997 – when it was cancelled on the day of Princess Diana’s funeral – and in 2020, when, due to the pandemic, a virtual show was held instead. Each year, the Show offers families a wide variety of attractions, displays and events, with something new always added to keep the day fresh. Charities are also chosen annually to benefit from the money raised.

Over the decades, countless photographs have been taken of the festivities, from the ever-popular Duck Derby on the mill stream, to children’s races, egg-throwing contests, dog shows and falconry displays. Of course, at the heart of it all are the “Produce” competitions, where cups and trophies are proudly awarded to the winners – a tradition that continues to this day.



Judging is a serious business. Above, Katrina McCrossan and Pat Wickham assess cookery entries.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Any changes or additions will be announced on Show Day

NB: See overleaf, Page 8 for Site Map

107 Separate Competitions Displayed in the Marquee

Bar and Tea Room Open @ The Old Mill

Children's Slides & Bouncy Castle

Craft Displays & Stalls

Dog Championship

Duck Derby

Egg-Throwing Competition

Ice Cream van

Pizza Van

Waffle and Milkshake bar

Tadley Concert Brass

Vintage Cars & Classic Cars

Coconut Shy & Crockery Smash

Tombola

Mr Muddles Magic Mayhem

Bratwurst van

Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue

Breaking Barriers Dance Group

Silver Swans Dance Group

Stalls from this year's chosen charities:

Tadley Elderly Day Care

PALS

Timetable of Main Events

NB: Times on the day may vary slightly
Aldermaston & Wasing Show Life Member ceremonies and presentations will take place in the Main Arena throughout the afternoon.

8.00am

Show tent opens for exhibits to be delivered & displayed

11.30am

Last entries submitted

12.00pm

Show tent closes for judging

1.30pm

Gates open to the public

1.30pm

Tadley Concert Brass (In Capri Marquee)

1.55pm

Silver Swans (Main Arena)

2.20pm

Mr.Muddles Magic Mayhem (Smaller Marquee)
Tadley Concert Brass (In Capri Marquee))

2.50pm

Breaking Barriers (Main Arena)

3.05pm

Mr.Muddles Magic Mayhem (Smaller Marquee)
Tadley Concert Brass (In Capri Marquee))

3.25pm

Silver Swans (Main Arena)

3.45pm

Dog Championship (Main Arena)

4.10pm

Children Races & Egg Throwing (Main Arena)

4.45pm

Prize Giving and Grand Raffle Draw (Main Arena)

Now that's the Ticket !!!

£2 per Duck

Duck No:

Aldermaston & Wasing Show

Duck Derby 2026

£40 to Winner of each Heat
Top 10 Ducks go into the Final

Final Winners:
First £250
Second £150
Third £ 75

Donations to 2 charities:
TADLEY ELDERLY DAY CARE - Charity No. 1192821
PALS (West Berkshire) - Charity No. 1083150

Duck Derby to be held at
The Old Mill, Aldermaston



Sunday 6th September 2026 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Promoter: R.Ebrey, c/o The Old Mill, Aldermaston, Berks RG7 4LD



Well Worth A flutter

A very popular event is our Duck Derby,



A split of the profit's from this year's Duck Derby will be shared between **Tadley Elderly Day Care** and **PALS**.

Tickets can be bought online via our website or on the day, next to the bridge.

which brilliantly uses the water courses of The Old Mill to create a magnificent sporting event.

A total of 13 CASH prizes make the winning tickets some of the best investments around.



YOU GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT !!

PROFITS FROM THIS YEAR'S SHOW WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN



Since 1990, Tadley Elderly Day Care has been catering for local people over 55 for a variety of needs including dementia, Parkinson's and those people who feel lonely and isolated. They also cater to clients that are incontinent and have catheters or stoma's. They provide the relevant level of assistance required at mealtimes and inclusion with activities.

Their service gives carers a much needed break and allows them to take some valuable time off. Please visit Tadley Elderly Day Care's stand, and learn more about the valuable service they provide.



Fun • Adventure • Friendship

PALS is a local charity that has been working with children and young people from 5 to 25, who have physical disabilities for nearly 30 years. They offer a wide variety of social and leisure activities, supported by a team of trained volunteers and the PALS manager, who oversees the events.

There are opportunities to take part in residential trips and during the school holidays they can enjoy a wide range of regular activities.

PALS will be at the Show, so please visit their stall to find out more.

Supporting Our Community

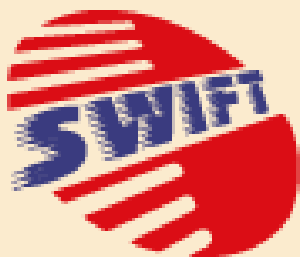
Each year, the Aldermaston & Wasing Show proudly supports two local charities, helping to give back to the community that makes our show so special. If you would like your charity to be considered for future support, please get in touch with our Show Secretary.



A HEARTFELT THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S DUCK DERBY SPONSORS



We are proud to be supported by the following generous businesses and organisations. Their contributions help make the Aldermaston & Wasing Show a highlight of the summer! Sponsors are particularly important to the Duck Derby which is the main charity fundraising event for the Show. Our Duck Derby race sponsors provide the prize money for each race heat and the final race main prizes.



Swift Logistics have been the mainstay sponsors of the Aldermaston & Wasing Show Duck Derby for many years, and once again we are delighted that they are sponsoring the **FIRST PRIZE** at this year's Duck Derby!!

Swift Logistics Group provide UK and international logistic services including express, next-day and medical courier services.

<https://www.swiftlogisticsgroup.co.uk>

CHIC TEAK

Chic Teak is delighted to sponsor the **SECOND PRIZE** at this year's Aldermaston & Wasing Show Duck Derby! Established in 1997, they are a local family-owned Hampshire business specialising in high-quality teak garden furniture.

Their traditionally made benches, tables, chairs and dining sets are constructed from carefully selected A-grade teak and carry a 10-year guarantee.

<https://chic-teak.co.uk>



Amberwood Designs are sponsoring **THIRD PRIZE** at this year's Aldermaston & Wasing Show Duck Derby!!

Based at Youngs Industrial Estate, they offer a wide range of home improvement services across Reading, Newbury, Tadley, and Basingstoke – including doors, windows, conservatories, fascias, soffits, guttering, porches, garage conversions, and more.

<https://www.berkshire-doubleglazing.co.uk/contact/>



We welcome new sponsor Castle Windows this year!

With over 35 years of experience, they offer high-quality windows, doors & conservatories for every property style, enhancing homes across Newbury, Berkshire, and beyond. Castle Windows are certified by FENSA and Master Builder and are dedicated to delivering products that look great, improve security, and are energy efficient.

<https://www.castlewindowsnewbury.co.uk/>



Delphic Brewing supported the Duck Derby in their first year and we are delighted to receive sponsorship again this year!

Founded by Tom Broadbank in 2017, the brewery has grown from a small garage setup in Thatcham to a thriving taproom and brewhouse in Newbury.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of beers – on draught, in cans, or bottles – right where it's brewed.

<https://delphicbrewing.com/>



We are pleased to have INCIC sponsor two Duck Derby Race Heats this year. INCIC is a Community Interest Company working with TrustMark to promote quality, trust, and high standards in domestic work.

Specialising in DFG adaptations for older and less able residents, INCIC helps people stay in their homes safely and comfortably.

<https://www.incic.org.uk/>



We are delighted to have FabuLous-Cakes sponsoring a Duck Derby Heat Race.

FabuLous-Cakes create fabulous, stunning, bespoke cakes for all occasions. With over 23 years of experience, their family-run bakery brings your vision to life – with exquisite design, delicious flavour, & meticulous attention to detail.

<https://www.fabu-lous-cakes.co.uk/>



Once again local company EA Autos is delighted to sponsor a Race Heat at the Aldermaston & Wasing Show and Duck Derby.

Based locally, EA Autos are well known for their friendly and expert vehicle support services. They offer servicing and repair for most makes of vehicle, MOT testing, and 24-hour breakdown and recovery service, 365 days a year.

<http://www.eaautos.com/>



Once again, we are delighted to have Wheelgame support the Duck Derby this year!

Wheelgame Ltd is your local tyre supply and fitting centre. They serve Tadley, Silchester, Pamber Heath, Basingstoke and the surrounding area.

They offer a personal service with local knowledge along with an excellent range of tyre brands to suit all pockets and vehicles.

<https://www.tyresintadley.co.uk>

Aldermaston & Wasing Show:

Officers & Committee

President

Dr Chris Newman

Life Members:

Mr Jeremy Bownlee, Chris Newman, Dave Shirt, Peter Olderidge, Fay Vanstone

Committee

Chair: Clive Vare

Vice Chair: Chris Boott

Secretary: Jodie Leonard/ Erin Shephard-Price

Treasurer: Rob Ebrey

Committee Members

Jack Arlott-Hay

Chris Boott

Laura Buchan

Clive Vare

James Leonard

Rob Ebrey

Jodie Leonard

Aarish Pandya

Erin Shephard-Price

Judges

Vegetables:

Jane Geater, Grahame Collins

Floral:

Rhona Tucker

Open Division Cookery:

Christina Booth

Children's Cookery:

Christina Booth

Homecraft Division Cookery:

Christina Booth

Children's Division:

Emma Miller

Crafts:

Ursula Waechter

Photography:

Ange Boott

Best-Dressed Flower Pot:

The Arlott Family

LIFE MEMBERS

This year we are delighted to recognise four individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the Show over many years. Their dedication, hard work and support have helped shape the Show we know and enjoy today. Please join us in celebrating them.

Life Member awards will be presented in the main arena throughout the afternoon.



Picture: Chris presenting trophies in 2007

Chris Newman

Chris is a keen gardener and jam maker and has been associated with the show for around 40 years as an exhibitor, committee member, steward, Chairman (2015-2017) and two terms as President (2007-2010, 2025-2026).



Picture: Dave, the trophy winner in 2015

Dave Shirt

The records show David has done sterling work as Treasurer for the show for the last 20+ years, maintaining the books and keeping the show financially healthy. A very keen gardener, allotment owner & exhibitor there have been few years when David has not won something at the show.



Picture: Peter in 2006 as Chairman & Photographer with Richard Benyon and a young Jack Arlott-Hay

Peter Olderidge

Peter has been associated with the Show for 3 decades or more he was Chairman (2004 to 2010), Vice President (2011-2024) and a committee member. In the last quarter of a century he has excelled at marketing the show, creating annual brochures and permanent signs. At the same time being the resident photographer for many years.



Picture: 2015 Fay presenting a trophy to Ernie Nobes

Fay Vanstone

Fay has been associated with the Aldermaston & Wasing show for the best part of 50 years culminating with 13 years as President from 2011-2024. She and her family have been enthusiastic exhibitors and she herself has spent many years stewarding and helping organise the dance we used to have in the marquee.

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S SPONSORS

Every year, the Aldermaston & Wasing Show brings together the heart of our community, celebrating local produce, family fun, creative crafts, and cherished traditions. None of this would be possible without the generosity and dedication of our sponsors

By supporting the Show, our sponsors help keep these traditions alive – fostering family memories, showcasing the best of local talent, and strengthening the bonds that make our community so special. We are deeply grateful for their invaluable support and look forward to continuing this partnership year after year.



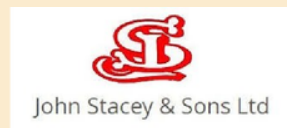
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Raffle Prizes



Prize	Donor
Wild Swim & Sauna for Two	Wasing 1759
£50 voucher	Lifemarque
Family Voucher for 4 people	Buckleberry Farm Park
£20 Voucher	Harry's Coffee Shop
Free Dance Lesson	Burghfield Dance Club
7 day Free Pass	Willink leisure Centre
7 Day Free Pass	Willink leisure Centre
£45 cake voucher	Fabulous Cakes
Christmas Wreath Making worth £75	Sonnong Flowers
Audi F1 Team Merchandise	Marshall Newbury Audi
6 tickets to Grand Pier Weston	Regency Purchasing
6 Bottles of wine	Carlsberg
6 Bottles of wine	The Old Mill
Bottle Of Champagne and Umbrella	Jon Stacey
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And more

**Grab your tickets at the Raffle Stand, Tickets Drawn after the
Prize Giving-**



Congratulations to Last Year's Winners

CUP	CLASS	WINNER
Open Cup	Best Cut Flower in Open Division	CHRIS FRANKLIN
Open Challenge Cup	Highest number of Points in Open Division	CHRIS FRANKLIN
President's Trophy	Best Exhibit in Open Senior Division	JIM WATCHORN
President's Bowl	Best Exhibit in Homecraft Division	CHRISTOPHER NEWMAN
Champion's Challenge Cup	Highest Points in Open Senior Division	CHRIS FRANKLIN
The Arlott Cup	Second Highest Points in Open Senior Division	JIM WATCHORN
Challenge Trophy	Best Exhibit in Open Senior Division (Class 20)	CHRIS FRANKLIN
Challenge Cup	Best Exhibit in Open Division (Class 18)	CHRIS FRANKLIN
Championship Cup	Highest Points in Open Junior Division	JIM WATCHORN
Junior Challenge Cup	Second Highest Points in Open Junior Division	RUPERT SHEPHARD-PRICE
Challenge Vase	Highest Points in Homecraft Division	ELLA STARNES
Challenge Trophy	Second Highest Points in Homecraft Division	TIFFANY EBREY
Children's Cup	Highest Points Children' Division	PHILIPPA GRIFFIN WESTWOOD
Children's Challenge Cup	Second Highest Points Children' Division	RUPERT SHEPHARD-PRICE
Children's Championship Cup	Highest Points for Child from Village	RUPERT SHEPHARD-PRICE
Floral Cup	Highest Points in Flower Arranging	TIFFANY EBREY
Bertie Summer Salver	Best Niche (Class 66)	PHOEBE LANEY
Charlie Woodley Onion Trophy	Open Junior division only	MARGARET ADAMS
Peter Tull Memorial Cup	Garden in a Seed Tray	RUPERT SHEPHARD-PRICE
Childrens Cookery Cup	Best Exhibit in all Children's Divisions	ROBYN LEONARD
Barbara Hart Craft Challenge Cup	Best Craft Exhibit	ELLA STARNES
Boott Challenge Trophy	Best Adult Exhibit	CYNTHIA NEWMAN
Boott Challenge Cup	Best Childrens Exhibit – Senior Division	ELLA STARNES
Boott Challenge Plate	Best Childrens Exhibit – Junior Division	EVIE WATCHORN
Jenny Franklin	Best Fruit Cake	MELONY BUSH
Banksian Medal	Highest Total Points from all Horticultural Classes (NOT WON IN LAST 2 YEARS)	JIM WATCHORN
The Diggers Cup	Best Scarecrow across Junior and Senior	ANGELA BOOTT



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year's show

