

## Hamble Flower Shows

Over the years Hamble has seen many flower shows, particularly after the Second World War connected with the large employment businesses in the village. The heyday of Hamble's flower shows was during the 1920s, in the months of July or August, when community leaders organised shows for the village, usually with sports events and associated with the regatta. They were mostly held in Mr Bartlett's field next to Manor Farm, but sometimes on the Village Green or Hamble House Meadow.

The eighth annual flower show in 1928 was held on the first day (Friday) of the regatta with the sailing events and included the following events:

Cottagers' Classes - Basket of garden flowers. Annual flowers. Sweet peas. Cut roses. Ramblers. Collection of vegetables. Potatoes. Spring onions. Carrots. Turnips. Beetroot. Parsnips. Marrow. Beans – Broad. Runner. Kidney. Peas. Lettuce. Cabbage. Cauliflower. Rhubarb. Soft Fruit. Herbs. Apples. Soft fruit. Best kept stocked kitchen garden. Best allotment.

Gardeners' Classes - Potatoes. Tomatoes. Beans. Peas. Carrots. Sweet peas. Soft fruit. Collection of vegetables. Beetroot. Perennials. Turnips. Cabbage. Cut roses.

Open Classes - Potatoes. Tomatoes. Cucumbers. Runner beans. Peas. Carrots. Onions. Gladioli. Stocks. Cut roses. Carnations. Dahlias. Collection of vegetables. Perennials. Honey. Apples. Collection of roses. Collection of fruit. Collection of vegetables.

Special Classes - Eggs. Boys' handicraft. Colour drawing, boys under 12. Colour drawing, boys 11 to 16. Knitting, girls under 11. Fancy needlework, girls under 18. Hand-made shirt, girls under 18. Linen tea cloth. Basket of wild flowers, children under 14. Bunch of wild flowers, children under 14.

Home industry - Knitted garment. Needlework (fancy). Hand-made garment. Dish of boiled potatoes. Jam. Marmalade. Fruit cake. Bread. Bottled fruit. Cooked vegetables. Pot plant. Best kept flower garden.

Sports feature - 50 yards, girls under 12. 50 yards, boys under 12. 100 yards, girls 12 to 15. 100 yards, boys 12 to 15. Ladies' egg and spoon race. High jump, boys 12 to 15. High jump, girls 12 to 15. Potato race. Relay race, under 15. Girl Guides' race in uniform. Boy Scouts' race in uniform. Sack race for men. 100 yards open. Veterans' 100 yards. Tug o' War (Yachtsmen against Gardeners). Rangers' race. Obstacle race, boys under 16. Obstacle race men. Open tug o'war. 100 yards, Cubs of Hamble troop. 100 yards, Rovers of Hamble troop.