

EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

(FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

Our speaker this month was Rodney Cundick who gave a fascinating talk about growing vegetables for showing. He has won many prizes across the region in produce shows including at Frome Cheese Show and Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show.

His techniques for winning are many and varied including covering his onions with talcum powder to help the skins dry without shrinking and cracking; planting your long carrots, beetroot and parsnips in old plastic drums having first made deep holes with an iron bar and filling them with sand to ensure that the produce grows straight.

Another top tip if intending to show runner beans is to wrap them in a damp tea towel and leave them in the bath overnight before the show. When showing potatoes always ensure that their eyes are facing the judge having cleaned them thoroughly with cotton wool buds (the potatoes not the judge).

We left the meeting feeling that anyone interested in diy could easily succeed at growing vegetables for showing as some of the tools in the growing toolbox included plastic damp proof course, pipe wrap, and superglue!

The club are planning a number of visits this coming summer and full details can be found on the village website www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/gardening.

Our next meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 5th** March when James and Matthew from Avonfield Nurseries will be talking about “Conifers, Heathers, and Perennials for all year round colour”. **Note this is not our normal evening.**