

PATTISHALL & DISTRICT PRODUCE SHOW 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

With two weeks to go to the Show the committee were concerned, as only a handful of entries had been received. As the deadline for entries approached, envelopes fluttered through letter boxes, spirits rose and the show was definitely on after a lapse of seventeen years. In fact we had so many entries that extra tables were collected from Cold Higham School. In the end there were nearly 400 entries. As the doors opened at eight in the morning we welcomed a steady stream of exhibitors that practically ended as a stampede towards the deadline of 10 o' clock. A 'Produce Special' of locally sourced bangers, bacon & free range eggs were on sale and proved to be a morning breakfast treat. Meanwhile giant pumpkins rubbed shoulders with giant cookies, massive marrows jostled with homemade chutneys, along with the hotly contested Men Only Victoria sponges!

By ten the Parish Hall was full of wonderful exhibits, all awaiting the seven judges, who in turn were most diligent in their deliberations and were impressed by the standard of the entries. But spare a thought for the judge of the most disgusting but edible sandwich, which was not only marked on visual presentation but also on taste! It was intended that doors would open to the public at noon but owing to the number and the quality of the entries the doors to the hall did not open to nearly 1 o' clock. Eager entrants flooded in, gasps of delight followed, laughter and chatter filled the hall and everybody became a self appointed judge as they walked round the laden tables.

The 'Produce Cafe' was busy selling burgers, cakes and endless cups of tea with all proceeds going to help the Show, along with The Bouncy Castle and the raffle so thank you to Chris, Sarah and Marilyn respectively for their support and to all who helped to make the Produce Show such an enjoyable success. There were several stands supporting the show selling tasty treats, jewellery, clothes and cards, cheese, books and beautiful works of art. We were also pleased to welcome a stand promoting the Towcester Museum, also run by volunteers like ourselves, and well worth a visit.

Johnnie Amos, Radio Northampton's Gardening Expert kindly awarded the prizes and to reiterate his own words; "All are winners as the display of the entries is a great testament to the talent and enthusiasm of those who live in the parish."

LIST OF CUP WINNERS AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION

MISS OLNEY CUP Overall Winner	John Darby
THE HORACE BATES MEMORIAL CUP Winner of Fruit and Vegetable sections	John Darby
THE GARDENING CLUB CUP Winner of the Plant and Flower section	John and Rachel Wollett
FLORAL ART CUP Winner of Floral Art section	John Stretton
THE JOHN'S MOTORS CUP Winner of the Handicrafts section	Mary Lambert
THE BARRY EVANS CUP Overall winner of the Eggs section	John Darby

THE EASTCOTE ARMS CUP
Winner of the Cookery section

Chris Sander

CHILDRENS SECTION

Under 5s

Scout Mullen

6 – 8s

Ruby Collins

9 – 11s

Adel Simackova

OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN EACH SECTION

CHILDREN'S	Jack Gardner	Giant cookie
PHOTOGRAPHY	Don Phillips	Rose
ART	Elsie Merris-Osborne	Jack Russell
FLOWERS & FLORAL ART	John Stretton	Hanging basket
HANDICRAFTS	Mary Lambert	Animal artist
EGGS	John Darby	3 matching eggs
COOKERY	Holly Loynd	Celebration cake
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT	John Stretton	Tomatoes

We would like to thank all who donated cups and would be delighted to hear from organisations and individuals who would also support the show by donating a trophy.

The committee are already enthused about next year's show on:

Sunday 13 September 2015

We would welcome any new members to join them to help ensure this event remains a fixture in our parish calendar. Your comments on the event would be greatly appreciated; please email these to katebartlett@btinternet.com

With our sincere thanks

Kate Bartlett, Phil Bates, Helen Burt, Barry Evans, Iris Illingworth, Val Steel & Lee Wood