

2016 Flower Show Report

This year's Show was considered by all to be one of the best. The Committee have received numerous compliments and it was particularly pleasing to have lots of these from young families attending the show for the first time. Some visitors who were staying in a local B & B visiting the area and only heard about the Show on the Saturday morning were so impressed they have booked to come again next year!

The Show was opened by Wendy Yandell co-organiser of the Portishead Carnival and the blessing was conducted by the new Rector, The Reverend Rob Eastwood-Dewing.

We had perfect weather on both the Saturday and Sunday, dry and not too hot which helped to bring in good crowds and create a great atmosphere. Arena events included Seb Miller with his Meerkats, Raptorcare, Avon Alpaca's, Fluffy Retreat Ferret Racing, Graham Walker of Gamegoer provided a Gundog, Hawk and Ferret Display. Music was provided by the very popular Somerset Paddies and the Hipcats, with Portishead Town Band providing the music for Songs of Praise. Punch and Judy were particularly popular with over 300 children and parents watching at one point - Pete Milson (Mr Punch) said that it appeared that the parents were enjoying the Show as much as the children.

The number of exhibitors and exhibits were up for horticultural, handicraft, art and cookery, with 309 exhibitors and 1,528 exhibits, in addition to 330 photographs. The standard of entries across all classes was excellent.

Some of the handicraft exhibits attracted much praise with requests for contact details as visitors wanted to buy the items or order something specific - this could be the start of a cottage industry for some!

The cups were presented by a number of Committee members and two of the Portishead Carnival Princesses, Yasmine Pepperell and Daisy Waymouth.

We had a few new faces at the awards ceremony and congratulations go to the many cup winners including:

Finally, the Committee want to thank everyone who volunteered to help at the Show, be they Ground Stewards, Kitchen Staff, Gate Stewards or Car Park attendants! We could not run the Show without your Support and we really do appreciate your invaluable contribution to the success of the Show.

Linda Hodgetts

General Secretary, Portishead Horticultural Society

CUP WINNERS LIST Flower, Horticultural, Handicraft and Trade:

Liz Burden won the Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal.

Sue Haysom - The John Daws Cup

Graham Mizen - The H Poole Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup, The A V Harris Cup

Jane Pagano - Arthur Knight Challenge Cup, Albright and Wilson Perpetual Challenge Cup, The Smith Perpetual Challenge, The Stone Perpetual Challenge Cup, The Burden Cup, The Martin Janes Memorial Cup, The Parsons Perpetual Challenge Cup, The A V Harris Cup

Daisy Bickley - The H E Pugsley Perpetual Challenge Cup

Elizabeth Coles - The Stan Cook Trophy

Louise Potter - L G Roynon Memorial Cup

Les Hadley – Millard Rose Bowl

Judith Sack – ASG Security Services Challenge Cup & A P Burt Perpetual Challenge Cup

Mary Gilbert, Linda Hodgetts, Janice Plows, Daphne Dennis - The A G Skyrme Memorial Trophy

Brian Coles - The H Willoughy Lyle Memorial Cup, The W T H Gill Perpetual Challenge Cup, The Kenneth Goble Perpetual Challenge Cup

Robert Smith - The Rotary Club of Portishead Cup

J D Maddocks – ASG Security Services Trophy, The Poole Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup, Archie Ferriman Cup, The Meaney Family Cup, The Frank Calcraft Memorial Trophy, The C J Stacey Perpetual Challenge Cup, The William Tripp Perpetual Challenge Cup

North Weston Allotment Association - The Anglian Windows Perpetual Challenge Cup

Geoffrey Harris - The Rollings Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Richard Plows – The John Langdon Perpetual Challenge Cup

Les Howland - The W Hunt Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Lindsay Smith - The Tom Pugsley Perpetual Challenge Cup

Roz Mizen - Mrs M H Pugsley Perpetual Challenge Cup

Jane Emery – The Portishead Floral Art Society Figurine Trophy, The Bryan Parsons Shield, The Rollason Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Bethany Davies - The S A Parker Perpetual Challenge Cup

Amy Lee-Jones – The H A Bessant Perpetual Challenge Cup, The Hancock Perpetual Challenge Cup,

Emma Seers - The Burden Perpetual Challenge Cup

Amy Moss - The John Hill Memorial Cup

Alice Baker - The Axa Assurance Shield

Trinity School - The Primary School Cup

Ruth Sperring – The Marjorie Wilson Salver

Ruby Farnell & Elizaeth Fielden – The Hancock Perpetual Challenge Cup

Doreen Peake – The Barry Walters Memorial Trophy, The North Somerset Mercurty Perpetual Challenge Cup

Zoe Pallot – The Jessie Fowler Knitting Cup

Daisy Bickley - The Portishead Photography Cup

Yvonne Ellis – The Portishead Town Council Cup

Ronald Beynon – The Rectory Perpetual Cup & The Leos Perpetual Challenge Cup

Pam Bluer – The Fothergill Seeds Cup

Les Hadley - The Leos Perpetual Challenge Cup

Committee Cup - Elaine Hall and Rose Skuse

Metal Yard Art – The Weston Daily Press Challenge Cup

Gardeners Delight Nursery– The Betom Trophy

Kitchen Garden Plant Centre – The Mary Fielden Cup

Max Carey Woodturning Trust - The Townswomens Guild Perpetual Challenge Cup