

## **2018 PORTISHEAD FLOWER SHOW REPORT**

The Show was held on Saturday the 28 & Sunday 29 July 2018 and was opened by Emma Britton from BBC Radio Bristol with the blessing from Richard Evans of Vintage Church and a bouquet was presented to Emma By Charlotte Radakin, the Carnival Flower Princess.

2018 will be remembered for the hot weather and lack of rain, particularly in July and this inevitably had an impact on the number of Horticultural exhibits. Despite this we had 336 exhibitors who put in a total of 1,618 exhibits - 396 photographs, 866 adult exhibits, 294 childrens and 62 Senior Citizens.

The handicraft and cookery classes were, as ever, well supported - particularly the children's classes. Whilst exhibitor numbers were down the Society were pleased to see a lot of new exhibitors (58) with some of them being fortunate enough to win a cup for their efforts and it was lovely to see their reaction at the Award Ceremony. Details of the cup winners can be found at the end of the Report.

Despite the hot weather the horticultural tent was still ablaze with colour and the quality of the exhibits was outstanding. This was also true in the handicraft tent.

Unfortunately for the Committee the stunning summer weather of 2018 decided to break on the Saturday which resulted in weather forecasts predicting heavy wind and rain on both days. The conditions on the Saturday were not as predicted and the 2,000 plus visitors who attended were able to enjoy a packed programme of Arena Events which included Oreo the Raccoon and his Animal Friends, Black Mountain Falconry, M & M Gundogs, Punch and Judy, Sperring's Ponies, a floral art demonstration and the Harlem Rhythm Cats.

Sadly the adverse weather and particularly the dire forecast from the BBC inevitably meant that visitors who may have come to the Show stayed away and our gate numbers were significantly down on previous years and this was particularly evident on the Sunday. As it transpired whilst we did have some wind

this had largely disappeared by the time the Show started and what rain we did have arrived late and blew through very quickly.

Not to be outdone by the windy conditions the Committee endeavoured to assist those Traders who were struggling to keep their gazebo's up on the Sunday morning by asking other traders to move around to accommodate them in the marquees. Our Arena Events - The Quack Pack, Punch and Judy and Companion Dog Show were largely unaffected and went ahead as planned, although we did have to cancel the bouncy castle and donkey rides. The Refreshment Tent was used as the venue for the Chicken Teddy's Band and we were delighted when the sun came out for The North Somerset Samba Band who were able to perform in the main Arena.

Notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions, we have received much praise for the Show and its organisation and I have provided an example of this:

*"What a great weekend; having lived in Portishead for some 12 years myself and my family have seen lots of information about the flower show but never came along. Well we have missed out; the show is a quintessential British market town spectacular. My misconceptions were a boring, drab, old persons event – embarrassing I was very wrong. The event is for all ages and has something for everyone. Family days out are no longer plentiful as entertainment drifts further towards technology or putting kids in a play area for parent to watch – try the flower show we did and we enjoyed it very much"*

*Berkeley Harris – Portishead resident*

We were fortunate enough to attract a large range of Trade Stands, to such an extent that we had to turn away some of the trade applications as we had run out of space. We are indebted to the traders who support the Show and hope to welcome them back in future years, when hopefully the weather will be kinder to them and us.

Finally, the Committee want to thank everyone who volunteered at the show - the Ground Stewards, Kitchen Staff, Gate Stewards and 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. Thank you.

Linda Hodgetts  
General Secretary

## **2018 CUP WINNERS**

**The Royal Horticultural Society's BANKSIAN MEDAL was awarded to Jane Pagano who had the highest total of cash prizes in Classes 1-77**

### **FLOWERS**

THE JOHN DAWS CUP for best Novice Dahlias - KELVIN BUSH.

THE H. POOLE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP awarded for the best Dahlias as in the Show - GRAHAM MIZEN.

THE MILLARD ROSE BOWL will be awarded for Novice - Sweet Peas - KELVIN BUSH.

THE ALBRIGHT & WILSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for Sweet Peas - MIKE BEAVAN

THE A.S.G. SECURITY SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP best floral display of Roses - ANNETTE HENNESSY

THE A.P. BURT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Roses 69 and 70 - ANNETTE HENNESSY.

THE H.E. PUGSLEY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Antirrhinums - PAT BIDDER.

THE A.S.G. SECURITY SERVICES TROPHY - Carnations and Pinks - JANE PAGANO.

THE SMITH PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Annuals - JANE PAGANO.

THE STONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP -Vase mixed garden flowers - JANE PAGANO.

THE BURDEN TROPHY - Hydrangea - JANE PAGANO.

THE MARTIN JANES MEMORIAL CUP -Vase mixed shrubs - JANE PAGANO.

## **PLANTS**

THE JOHN LANGDON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Fuchsia - RICHARD PLOWS

THE E STAN COOK TROPHY - Cacti - KIM WELLS

THE L.G. ROYNON MEMORIAL CUP - Begonias - RICHARD PLOWS.

THE A.G. SKYRME MEMORIAL TROPHY highest number of points RICHARD PLOWS.

## **FLOWER DISPLAYS**

THE ROTARY CLUB of PORTISHEAD CUP - best hanging basket - LOUISE POTTER

THE ANGLIAN WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - best allotment exhibit - NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE A.V. HARRIS CUP - the winner of the Blue Ribbon for the floral exhibits - GRAHAM MIZEN.

## **VEGETABLES and AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**

THE POOLE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Tomatoes - J D MADDOCKS

THE JOHN CAREY MEMORIAL TROPHY - Beans - BARRIE WRIGHT

THE W.T.H. GILL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Vegetables - LINDA WRIGHT

THE H. WILLOUGHBY LYLE MEMORIAL CUP - most points in the novice Vegetable Classes - KELVIN BUSH.

THE ARCHIE FERRIMAN CUP - Vegetable Collection - BRIAN COLES.

THE MEANEY FAMILY CUP - most points in the Open Vegetable classes - J D MADDOCKS.

THE FRANK CALCRAFT MEMORIAL TROPHY - "The Master Gardener of Portishead" - J D MADDOCKS

THE ROLLINGS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the winner of the Blue Ribbon in the Vegetable section - ROBERT SMITH.

## **FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

THE TOM PUGSLEY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - best floral arrangement submitted by a novice - DIANA LEWIS.

THE MRS M.H. PUGSLEY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP best exhibit in Classes 319 to 325 inclusive - ROSEMARY LITTLE.

THE PORTISHEAD FLORAL ART SOCIETY MODERN TROPHY will be awarded for the best contemporary arrangement - ROSEMARY LITTLE.

THE PORTISHEAD FLORAL ART SOCIETY FIGURINE TROPHY Best Petite/Miniature Exhibit in the Show - JANE EMERY.

THE BRYAN PARSONS SHIELD - winner of the Blue Ribbon for floral exhibits - ROSEMARY LITTLE .

THE ROLLASON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - most points in floral exhibits - ROSEMARY LITTLE

## **FRUIT**

THE W. HUNT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY - winner of the Blue Ribbon in the Fruit section - LES HOWLAND.

## **CLASS POINTS COMPETITIONS ADULTS**

THE W.T.H. GILL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Novice Classes - KELVIN BUSH

THE KENNETH GOBLE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to a First Time Portishead Flower Show exhibitor who gains the most points - JO FITCHETT.

THE PARSONS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Members Classes- JANE PAGANO.

THE C.J. STACEY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the Open Classes. J D MADDOCKS

THE WILLIAM TRIPP PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most first prizes in Classes 1-286- . J D MADDOCKS

## **CLASS POINTS COMPETITIONS CHILDREN**

THE S.A. PARKER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - Highest number of points - AMY-LEE JONES.

THE H.A. BESSANT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - highest number of points in Classes 482 - 497 - MABEL GRANT.

THE BURDEN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP highest number of points in Classes 500 - 515 - MEGAN SMITH.

THE JOHN HILL MEMORIAL CUP - Best exhibit made from fruit, vegetables and berries - RUBIN GROHMANN.

THE AXA ASSURANCE SHIELD - highest number of points in Classes 516 - 527 - NOAH SMITH

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP awarded to the primary school whose pupils win the most points in the children's classes - ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **COOKERY**

THE MAJORIE WILSON SALVER- best Victoria Sandwich - SALLY WRIGHT

THE HANCOCK PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - best Fruit Cake Children under 16 - AMY WELLS.

THE HANCOCK PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - best Fruit Cake - ZAK KETCHER

THE BARRY WALTERS BOWL - most points in preserves classes - RUTH BRUTON.

THE NORTH SOMERSET MERCURY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - highest number of points in the Cookery Classes - ROSE SKUSE

## **HANDICRAFT AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

THE JESSIE FOWLER KNITTING CUP - best Knitting Exhibit in the Show - SHIRLEY BIRD

THE PHS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP - highest number of points in this section - JENNY BEYNON.

PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL CUP - Best Art Exhibit - ANDREA POMROY

THE RECTORY CUP - best hard material handicraft in class 401 - MADDIES COLES

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

THE GEORGE EDWARDS PERPETUAL MEMORIAL CUP - Best Senior Handwriting - F LEEPER

THE FOTHERGILL SEED CUP - Best Handwriting - 446 - J D MADDOCKS.

THE LEOS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - the highest number of points in Senior Citizens classes - LES HADLEY

## **TRADE EXHIBITS**

THE WESTERN DAILY PRESS CHALLENGE CUP - best non horticultural Trade exhibit - MY SWEET TREATS.

THE BETOM TROPHY - best Inside Horticultural Trade exhibit - SAMSCAPE TROPICAL AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANTS.

THE MARY FIELDEN CUP - best outside horticultural trade exhibit - KITCHEN GARDEN PLANT CENTRE.

THE TOWNSWOMEN' S GUILD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - best non-Trade exhibit - MAX CAREY WOODTURNING TRUST.

## **PORTISHEAD FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE CUP**

GEORGINA MEECH was awarded the Cup for her fantastic efforts in raising the Society's media profile on Facebook, Twitter, etc.... in addition to her usual role of organising the Judges.