

## **HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2025**

We are thrilled that our plea for more support for the newly renamed Horticultural and Culinary Show was answered by the village! Our entrants went up from 23 to 45 in 2024! Entries went from 147 to 271. Well done Walberswick!!

We were also pleased that many of the new entrants were excited to win certificates and a trophy. It also encouraged old-hands to up their game for next year. So we expect this year's show to be exciting and hotly contested. Why not encourage a friend to give it a try?

Cups were won by the following:

Winyard Cup for a Man—Chris Hosea

Marian Beard Flower Cup—Diana Wright

Iris Blois Memorial for a Woman— Suzzie Godfrey

Flower Bowl—Helen Riches

CC Gold Cup—Suzzie Godfrey

Wittenbury Victor Ludorum—Suzzie Godfrey

David Webb Memorial—Gordon Beard

Harvey Memorial—Suzzie Godfrey

Best in Show—Suzzie Godfrey (Harvey Memorial display)

Rice Crispy cakes (under 10's)-Winston Whiting

Rice Crispy cakes (11-16's)-Cherry Sutton

Face on a plate (11-16's) —Cherry Sutton

Horticultural Poster Design—Cherry Sutton

The show this year is on July 19th. Schedules have been distributed and are on the village website. You can also see hints and information at <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net> and our new instagram page: walberswick.show. Check out the new items in our classes.

We used to get our judges from an organisation called SHAPA which no longer exists. As a result it is getting more difficult to get judges for the show. If anyone knows of someone suitable please let us know. One judge does the culinary so a former home

economics teacher or someone who has worked in the food industry would be ideal.

The other judge does fruit, vegetables, and flowers. So we need someone who grows these things or knows about what is expected.

They only need to give us a couple of hours on the Saturday between 11:00 and 1:00. We can offer a small fee.

Last year we sent £710 raised from our seedling sale in May to the RNLI. Thanks to all who donated and purchased plants.

This year the seedling sale will be on May 24th from 10:00-1:00. Any donations of seedlings appreciated to be dropped off from 9:00. Proceeds this year are going to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Please remember both events are cash only.

As always, please ask any of the committee members if you have any questions. See you soon!