

HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

Our first Horticultural Show since Covid sidelined us was a great success. We had 206 entries from 32 entrants, many first time exhibitors. One year I would love to report it was a perfect growing season, but again, Mother Nature hit us with challenging drought conditions. Despite that, villagers managed to give us an impressive display. Among the hotly contested categories were the showstopper lemon sandwich cake and focaccia bread.

Cups were won by the following:

Winyard Cup for a Man—Joint winners, Gordon Beard and Paul Bradley

Iris Blois Memorial for a Woman— Betsy Lemmon

Harvey Memorial—Suzzie Godfrey

Flower Bowl—Helen Riches

CC Gold Cup—Suzzie Godfrey

Wittenbury Victor Ludorum— Betsy Lemmon

David Webb Memorial—Betsy Lemmon

Best in Show—Mary Godfrey

Favourite Wrap 8-12 years old—Cherry Sutton

Horticultural Poster Design—Cherry Sutton

Flower Arrangement—Sophie Hosea

Congratulations to all our winners and entrants!

This year we are adding a new cup in memory of Marian Beard. Marian was a keen competitor and among other things, won the Harvey Memorial Trophy 7 years in a row. The Marian Beard Flower Cup will cover the flower and plant category. The Iris Blois Memorial Cup will now be for only fruit and vegetables.

Thanks to all who donated plants for our sale in aid of the Ukrainian Refugees. We had an amazing variety of flower and vegetable plants on offer. Despite the intermittent rain, we had a good turnout of generous buyers. We sent a cheque for £814.60 to the Red Cross Ukrainian Refugee fund. What an amazing result!! Some of the leftover flower plants found a home outside the village Tuck Shop. Leftover vegetable plants were gratefully received by an organisation in Lowestoft which has provided allotments for the refugees.

The Horticultural Committee was thrilled with the results and will have this event again this year in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. So please donate your unwanted plants to our stall outside the Village Hall on Saturday May 27th. We will be there from 10am -2pm selling plants. We ask that you give a generous donation for your purchases which we will send to the EAAA. Who knows? You might just get plants that produce terrific entries for the Horticultural Show!

This year the Horticultural Show is scheduled for Saturday July 22nd. We look forward to welcoming back our regular exhibitors and many first-timers. The schedule has been distributed in the Village News and is on the Walberswick website. We have extra schedules if anyone needs another. If there are any questions please ask one of the committee members: Betsy Lemmon, Suzzie Godfrey, Paul Bradley, Diana Wright and Nicky Thorpe.