

HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

Once again, the Horticultural Show was successful.

Cups were won by the following:

Winyard Cup for a Man— Gordon Beard
Marian Beard Flower Cup—Betsy Lemmon
Iris Blois Memorial for a Woman— Suzzie Godfrey
Flower Bowl—Helen Riches & Diana Wright joint winners
CC Gold Cup—Suzzie Godfrey
Wittenbury Victor Ludorum—Suzzie Godfrey
David Webb Memorial—Gordon Beard
Harvey Memorial—Suzzie Godfrey
Best in Show—Suzzie Godfrey (peas)
Animal made out of a vegetable—Edie Flatt
Horticultural Poster Design—Oscar Flatt

Congratulations to all our winners and entrants!

The committee is concerned that the number of entrants and therefore entries has continued to fall to the extent we fear the Horticultural Show may be in danger of ending. It would be a true shame to lose this unique English village tradition. Therefore the committee is making an effort to encourage more people to participate.

-We have extended the junior classes to 16 years of age and there will be a cash prize for first place in each category.

-We have revamped some categories and made sizes larger for pot plants .

-In order to make the show less intimidating, Diana Wright has been writing informative paragraphs in the Village News

-We now have an extended section on the Walberswick website where Diana is working hard writing monthly blogs about various categories—how to present them and useful hints about gardening in general . As the show gets closer, she will present more information to “demystify” what is expected. It really isn't complicated!

Please have a look at <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net>

As usual, you can contact any of the committee members with any questions.

Several first time entrants last year were pleased to win a certificate and indicated they would be back with more entries this year. So please if you haven't entered before or for a few years, try to enter just one thing. We think that once you take the plunge, you will see it is all a bit of fun and become hooked! That's how all of us got started.

Thanks to all who donated plants for our sale in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We had an amazing variety of flower and vegetable plants on offer. We had a good turnout of generous buyers enabling us to send a cheque for £437.20 to the EEA.

The Horticultural Committee was thrilled with the results and will have this event again this year in aid of the RNLI. So please donate your unwanted plants to our stall outside the Village Hall, under the thatched seat, on Sunday May 26th from 9:30. We will be there from 10:30am - 1pm selling plants. We ask that you give a generous donation for your purchases which

we will send to the RNLI. 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 20th. 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 check the Walberswick website or ask one of the committee members: Betsy Lemmon, Suzzie Godfrey, Paul Bradley, Diana Wright and Nicky Thorpe.