



Grendon Show Report 2025

Let me start this report on how popular the show is with locals and others from outlying villages. Deborah and her amazing lady helpers did an amazing job with supplying teas and cakes . I heard that they were run off their feet. Well done to them all and as the takings go to the church they deserve every penny. I heard one of the number of councillors who came, was very complementary with the home made battenburg. Also we got the impression that the youngsters enjoyed entering their decorated Potato Heads and bringing in a Lego Model that they put together at home. Apart from being judged they all went home with a red, blue or yellow rosettes depicting WELL DONE in the centre.

We, the Committee were not sure what to expect regarding vegetables etc. that would be gracing the Village Hall after the extraordinary hot weather, but again, we were not disappointed. Yes, the vegetables were down but there were still some exceptional items.

Nigel Huckle brought the biggest and best cauliflower that we had only dreamt of ---consequently he got best in show and he gave the cauliflower for the auction. There was only one entry for class 1, which is for vegetables and fruit on a board, so no competition for Maureen Caddick to win The Jack Underwood Cup, but she is very proud to have won it. He also won the Roy McLester cup for the best vegetable. The person who had been working hard to produce show vegetables was our very own Tim Cawley. He won The George Crawford Cup for collecting most points in classes 2-21a. The most perfect bunch of grapes got a best in show rosette for Sally Pennycate.

There were some super photos in 3 sections---Shadows, Market Day and Military which won Sherrie Gregory a Best in Show rosette. Although Deborah Rush was busy organising the cake making and teas she found time to produce a stunning flower arrangement in the VE Day class, so well done for winning The Floral Cup. The entries for the 3 floral classes were very well supported and some of the arrangements in unusual containers certainly raised the bar in imagination. The Grendon Show Cup for the cut flower section was won by Maureen Caddick, who also won a

Best in Show rosette for her dahlia.

The Cookery and Preserve classes were very well supported. 7 loaves of bread, (sorry no fishes), 6 Bakewell Tarts, 7 x4 cheese scones and 6 treacle tarts in the Men only class. That was won by John Crabtree. Dr Marie Midgley won the W.I. Cup for her baking and preserves. All were beautifully presented and looked very appetising.

The Family Trophy was won by the Kennard Family. That was Emma, Mark and Evie. Between them they collected points in various classes. Well done to them.

And then we come to the Handicraft classes. There were some beautiful entrants and it showed that there is a lot of talent in our local villages. But the winner of the Village Hall Cup went to Kate Woodward. Winning that was the icing on the cake as her grand-daughter did very well with her entries in the childrens classes and also won with a truss of tomatoes in the adult classes.

We can happily say that again the Grendon Garden Show was a success. It also showed that the success of the show brings in our local councillors. Councillor Martin Griffiths popped in for a cup of tea in the morning. Sarah Bool came in the afternoon. Sarah is thea very popular Conservative MP for South Northamptonshire and enjoys coming to the show. She also presented the prizes. After the presentations Paul Wiseman stepped into the breach and enjoyed squeezing as much money as he could when he auctioned the baskets of show produce. Irchester councillors Jon-Paul Carr enjoyed the afternoon as well as Tom Partridge-Underwood.

Hopefully see you all in 2026.