

## GRENDON SHOW REPORT 2023



My word, where do I start. Receiving the entries on Friday evening, prior to the show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, we were starting to realise that we were going to have a busy day.

On the day, when everyone started to lay out their produce etc. the committee were kept busy moving entries and conjuring up more table space. When it was time for judging to start, the hall looked fantastic. An array of colour, the smell of fresh

flowers and the imagination of the waft of recent baking. I think I counted 13 tea loaves, (that kept the judge busy), beautifully decorated cupcakes, loaves of bread, flapjacks and a very competitive class for the men—cheese scones, which was won by John Crabtree. With the inclusion of the preserves, Ann Williams won the W.I. Cup.

Everybody was welcomed to the show when it opened, by Councillor Martin Griffiths.

The vegetables, once again were amazing. Nigel Huckle and Clive Beven won 4 of the cups for their beautifully presented fruit and vegetables, but they were challenged all the way by a 1<sup>st</sup> time entry from a local who grows vegetables for her own pleasure in the Grendon allotments. There was a good entry for the family trophy which was won by The Heron Family. A most beautiful harvest arrangement was made by Deborah Rush which helped her to win the Floral Art Cup. The handicraft classes had some incredible entries from some very talented people. The judges choice was Pat Lewis, who won The Village Hall Cup. Although we have classes for children, we found that youngsters enjoy entering the adult classes. They are very important to us so they all have a present to take home. Another popular section of the show is the photographic corner. A choice of 3 subjects were very well supported, and Trevor Higgs collected the winning prize. We had a lovely assortment of donated raffle prizes which was drawn by our local vicar, Reverend Morna Simpson.

Of course we all love the prize giving, so when that is done, another highlight of the afternoon is the auction of the produce. This is a very successful way to sell the produce to anyone who Sue Smith can squeeze a bit of money from. Very many thanks go to Sue for her enthusiasm and humour even though we had the hottest day. Also many thanks to all the ladies that got together from The Church and The Fishwives to do the teas, cakes and cleverly supplied iced water, cool drinks and ice creams. The money from that goes to the church.

The committee will make a donation to a charity of our choice when we get together for a post-show meeting.

Maureen