

GRENDON SHOW REPORT 2022



On Thursday 8th September, having heard that our beloved Queen had died suddenly, brought on a period of uncertainty about going ahead with our show—or not. Thankfully, with much deliberation, we decided to go ahead. It is the year of our 40th Grendon Show, and we celebrated that milestone by asking Isabel Gillet, our long standing driving force of the show, to attend. Isabel is now retired from the show so she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked for all the work she has done by being at the helm to keep it going.

With the desperate gardening weather this year, we didn't expect the entries to be very high. How wrong we were. The support and enthusiasm was quite amazing. Having a number of new families in the village it was great to see new faces enjoying the community spirit that they found with the show.

Councillor Martin Griffiths was with us to welcome everyone, and he led the community into a 1 minute silence as a mark of respect for our Queen and her family. Martin Griffiths then presented the prizes.

The entries were the highest for a number of years. Nigel Huckle swept the board with his superb vegetables, flowers and fruit. He won the Jack Underwood cup, the George Crawford cup and the Roy McLester cup. Deborah Rush won the Floral Art cup for her entry. Deservedly won with a platinum jubilee floral arrangement.

The W.I. Cup was won by Maureen Caddick.

All the work that Juliet Jarvis put into the show was rewarded with the Grendon Show cup.

An intricately stitched picture took the Village Hall cup. That was won by Kate Woodward

The Crabtree Family won the Family Trophy, and John Crabtree won the wooden spoon for his Lemon Drizzle cake. Not only that, he won the chocolate cake as well. So that was a great input to help win the Family Trophy.

Trevor Higgs won the Novice class with his sponge cake and also won one of the categories in the photo section.

A lot of adult classes were entered by children and they were all rewarded with a prize. And there were some very cleverly decorated cupcakes in the children classes.

Then, once again, our very own Sue Smith took to the floor, again to squeeze as much money out of folks from the auction of the produce in the show.

Brilliantly and sweetly done, everyone was very generous. Thank you so much. The weather was certainly on our side as everyone was able to be outside, overflowing from the marquee, very kindly loaned by the Denton family, to enjoy the tea and homemade cakes, which were produced and served by members of Grendon Church.

Of course nothing gets done without all of the helpers, be it setting up the day before or all that needs to be done prior and during, and after the show

Thank you everyone. You are all amazing.

And of course our judges. What a task they all had.

Linda Vickerman

Brenda Bold

Margaret Finch

Many thanks from the committee.

The raffle, which had a star prize of a champagne hamper, was fantastically supported. Thanks to Juliet Jarvis for donating it.

When we have our meeting, in the very near future, we will decide which local charity to support.





