

# **Wickham Market Annual Village Show**

## **Village Show report for the APM April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### **2024 73<sup>rd</sup> Village Show Theme of Bees**

We held another fabulous show over the first weekend of August ably assisted by a team of volunteers and with a wonderful display of entries.

We had a very welcome number of entrants (79) with 421 entries from the 101 different classes which easily filled the hall space. Our local beekeeper Mr Hall has a display outside which provided much interest and helped to entice the public into the main event as they were passing the hall.

There was a wonderful set of (bee related) entries from our Primary School children. We have congratulated the school and Jo Harris (Head) and attended the prize giving with Cllr Sally Noble on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Noble also presented the trophies at the Show on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

The Show Committee is a little short of members, but we managed to get the show planned. We missed our Chair Alan Manley, his massive work input and methodical way of pulling together all the tasks needed. However together with the judges and helpers over the weekend, we managed to produce a great show, which was enjoyed by plenty of visitors on both days.

### **Financial Report for 2024**

The summary report (not included), from Rosemary Hammond-West was submitted to the CIO last December. The figures give a comparison between the last show held in 2023 and the 2024 Show.

We made an overall profit in 2024 of £911. Both the raffle and tombola were very well supported. Refreshments are very popular and raise good funds too.

Our main chef Philip Wilsher had decided to step down for 2025 after many years of providing tasty lunches and refreshments. We are now mourning his sudden, sad passing and have sent condolences to Philips family. We are optimistic that we have found a new lead caterer for 2025, Philips advice and records will be invaluable. This will incur further cost to be taken from 2024 profit.

Although a substantial profit was generated from the 2024 show, the Village Show is also very much a community activity, helping to draw people together in friendly competition and socialising over the weekend. Our profit will soon be transferred to the WM village hall CIO once we are clear what outgoings will be in 2025. We are hoping to secure a small grant too.

### **2025 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Show Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August 2025**

The Hall is booked for next year's show, from 3.00 pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 12:30 pm inclusive. The show will take place over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

HELP will be needed for set up and running over the weekend and we will issue a call out soon!

The theme of the Show is to be announced to the wider public very soon .... **The Seaside!**

We do hope that the 2025 Show will be well supported and be as successful as 2023 and 2024.

Anne Westover (Acting Chair Village Show Committee)

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Committee:**

Rosemary Hammond West, Jenny Labbett, Ali Montgomery, Alison Calvesbert Rearden, Gloria Creasey.