

Village Show Report for the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 14th April 2023

Village Show activities since the 71st Village Show held in 2019

In the 2019 show we had 361 entries for the 101 different classes with 68 individuals entering (up from 60 in 2018). The show was well attended over the two days giving enjoyment to the visitors who attended.

We made an overall profit of £1265.17, which was donated to the Village Hall refurbishment funds.

We were preparing for the 2020 show when the pandemic hit which meant we had to cancel it. For the same reason the 2021 Show was cancelled. In 2022 Covid was locally high when the decision had to be made if we should put on a Show, so unfortunately it had to be cancelled again.

We did try to keep the vision of the Show alive in 2021 by staging a Tombola and photographic competition on the Hill on the first Saturday in August to raise funds for the Hall refurbishment. We donated £239.35 to the fund. We repeated the Tombola again in August 2022 and donated a further profit of £280 to the refurbishment fund.

2023 Show

We are pleased to say that we will be having a full two day Show this year on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August 2023.

The theme for this year's Show is the same as we were going to use for the 2020 Show namely "Trees" and what they do for us, with specific entry classes dedicated to the theme.

The Show has classes for Vegetables and Flowers, Floral Art, Confectionary, Preserves and Liquors, Handicrafts and Photography. There are also junior and young exhibitor classes.

The Primary School have their own section to enter independent of the main Show entries. Their submissions make for a very colourful display in the committee room of the Hall.

Potsford Farm will be with us once again selling their produce and crafts outside the Hall. Their display is very helpful in drawing people across the car park to see what is happening.

We do not charge for entry but rely on donations, a tombola, and visitors purchasing tickets for a wonderful raffle.

The Schedule and Entry Form has been printed and copies may be obtained from the R&S Hardware, Post Office, Library, Suffolk Sense and Inspirations.

Notices have been placed around the village advertising the Schedule's availability, and we hope that there will be renewed interest in the Show from previous entrants and the local population. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbours to enter and come along to this year's Show.

There are a few copies in the Hall entrance lobby for anyone who wishes to take one this evening. As usual, the Primary school will be given copies for the pupils to take home at the end of May/early June.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for the help they give in arranging the Show and also the other volunteers who come along on the set up days to help.

Primarily, it is a fun competition for all those who participate and also for visitors to enjoy a long established community event.

Thank you.

Alan Manley (Chairman Village Show Committee)