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DOGMERSFIELD WINCHFIELD & CROOKHAM VILLAGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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The editor wishes it known that photos from the flower show included herein are chosen for the photo's impact within the newsletter rather than the judge's decision about the items.

Between issues of our twice-yearly newsletters, updated information on events/visits can be found on the Society's website :
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The Society wishes to thank member David Jackson for continuing to act as our webmaster.

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With grateful thanks to Mike Carrington & colleagues for the fete photographs they took for the society in 2023. Thanks also to other contributors who supplied photographs with their reports.



From our Chairman

As is the norm the committee spent many meetings since last year's show planning and getting attractions, show stalls and many other aspects ready for this year's Flower Show and Fete.

Three of the Committee were new to the job. Gillian Clark our Secretary, Jen Potter our Treasurer and Janine Strikland Tea Tent Manager and had to learn the ropes in their duties at the fete. I am pleased that all coped very well, in particular Janine having to rejig the location of the burger stall element of the tea tent and I am told they enjoyed themselves.

Always the weather is the defining factor and this year the forecast was for high winds and rain. We spent the Thursday and Friday setting up with all the very gallant helpers. On Friday afternoon the rain came and gave us a good soaking. On the Saturday people were saying that in essence the show should be cancelled putting me into a situation to decide. Of course my reaction was to consider all the hard work that had been done by so many people over a long time. A lot of work had been put into all the show marquee exhibits especially the children and preparation by the main attractions like the Animal Farm, the Ferrets Display team etc.etc. So much would be lost so I stuck my neck out and decided the show must go on.

Due to the chance of rain we held the Prize Giving in the Main Marquee. Our usual prize presenter, Julie White, was so busy with sales on her popular knitting stall, our President John Lamb kindly stepped in and carried out the task on her behalf.

Luckily the weather was not too bad and according to the gate takings and the money taken on the plant stall, tea tent etc. we did OK. I had to chuckle when one chappie who was all for cancelling the show on the Friday morning came up to me on Saturday afternoon and said you did the right thing Brian.

The weather did put off understandably the many Enthusiasts Cars who attended yearly but we still had many, as you will see from photos in this Newsletter, attend. We had one motorbike attend, a Triumph Trident, and of course he was presented with the Best in Show Plate.

We put a lot of effort into the advertising for the Barn Dance via contacts with various Barn Dance supporters group and twitter etc. and the attendance was up to 60 plus. It was a great success and we

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covered the cost of the band and Caller and the raffle. This is the first time we have been able to do this. Many dancers said they would be there next year and the band has been booked already.

We of course are yet again very grateful for all the generous sponsors who help us put on a very enjoyable show for one and all and the use of Pilcot Farm as one of the main benefits to the show which of course is down to Alf White and his family. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our talks which were listed in the Show Schedule and elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Cheers

Brian Leversha



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The Committee is very grateful for the support to the Show again this year by the following local businesses and organisations, with particular thanks to one of our villagers.

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Trophy Winners 2023

NAME	FOR	DIVIS'N	CLASS	WINNER 2023
The President's Trophy	President's Choice	ALL	ALL	Alison Silvester
R.H.S. Banksian Medal	Most Cash In Horticultural Classes	A		Philippa Withers
Sandars Trophy	Best Collection Of Vegetables	A	1	Maria Amatt
Gray Cup	Novelty Collection Of Vegetables	A	2	Philippa Withers
Lesley White Trophy	Best Vegetable Exhibit	A	3 to 25	Lucinda Evans
Dogmersfield Cricket Club Cup	Family Collection Of Produce	A	28	Tracy Stone
Lister Plate	Best Exhibit In Division D Classes 100-107	D	100 - 107	Anabelle Paterson
Crookham Village Stores Cup	Most Original And Imaginative Entry	D	108 - 115	Alena Paterson
Foster & Heanes Childrens Challenge Cup	Best Exhibit In Division	D	ALL	Maria Korotenko
Manorial Children's Trophy	Most Points In Childrens Division	D	ALL	Maria Korotenko
Gough Trophy	Best Pot Plant	A	37-42	Martin Squibb
Hazel Croft Tankard	Best Cactus Or Succulent	A	43	Alison Silvester
Terry Minter Cup	Best Roses	A	44	Paula Brazier
Napier Clavering Trophy	Best Bowl Of Roses	A	45	Paula Brazier
Gough Trophy	Best Single Rose	A	46	Carol Leversha
Foster & Heanes Trophy	Best Dahlia Exhibit	A	47	Amanda Leathers
Debbie Frosdick Memorial Plate	Best Lily	A	49	Jackie Cresswell
Topp Cup	Best Gladiolus Spike	A	50	Not Awarded
Trevor-Jones Cup	Best Sweet Pea Exhibit	A	54/55	Joan And Roger Jones

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NAME	FOR	DIVIS'N	CLASS	WINNER 2023
Kenyon Trophy	Most Points In Division A	A	ALL	Stephen And Marion Cook
Silver Jubilee Plate	Best Arrangement Of Flowers And Foliage In Basket	B	60	Not Awarded
Kirwan-Taylor Cup	Best Flower Arrangement	B	ALL	Carol Leversha
Domestic Trophy	Best Exhibit In Division C, Classes 89-95	C	89-95	Samantha Chisnall
Daegmar Mohair Cup	Best Item Of Childrens Handicraft	E	120	Alena Paterson
Pilcot Farm Trophy	Best Item Of Handicraft	E	121122	Celia Smallbone
Eve Crawley Perpetual Bowl	Best Needlecraft Exhibit	E	123	Ann Gilley
Thirkettle Cup	Best Exhibit In Division C, Classes 82-85	C	82-85	Jen Potter
Sylvia Hebdon Trophy	Best Adult Photograph	E	126	Roger Cansdale
Brazier Plate	Best Motor Bike			Peter Bradley (Triumph Triton)
Brazier Trophy	Best Motor Car			Neil Gilfillan (Mission 1000 Streamliner)



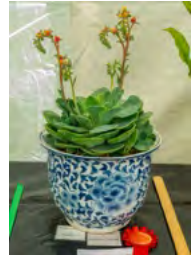
Flower Show Winning Entries

Rule 9 States: Classes with three or less entries will normally be eligible for one prize only. Classes with four entries will normally be eligible for two prizes only.

This will not apply to Division D and Division E Classes 120 and 125.

Class	Division A	Entries	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Vegetables, four varieties	1	Maria Amatt	N/A	N/A
2	Vegetables, One of a kind	3	Philippa Withers	Stephen and Marion Cook	Maria Amatt
3	Potatoes	8	Philippa Withers	Emma Shaw	Norman Stone
4	Onions	3	Carol Leversha	Joan and Roger Jones	Stephen and Marion Cook
5	Carrots	2	Emma Shaw	M. C. Hitchcock	N/A
6	Beans, Runner	1	Joan and Roger Jones	N/A	N/A
7	Beans, Dwarf French	5	Joyce Brown	Emma Shaw	M. C. Hitchcock
8	Beans, Broad	2	Philippa Withers	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A
9	Cabbages	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Cauliflowers	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	Calabrese	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	Peas	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
13	Beetroot	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
14	Radishes	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Tomatoes, Regular Fruited	1	Philippa Withers	N/A	N/A
16	Tomatoes, Small Fruited	4	Philippa Withers	Lynne Hardy	Sue Kenaghan
17	Mange Tout	3	M. C. Hitchcock	Stephen and Marion Cook	Maria Amatt
18	Lettuce	1	Carol Leversha	N/A	N/A
19	Shallots - exhibition 30mm +	2	Stephen and Marion Cook	Maria Amatt	N/A

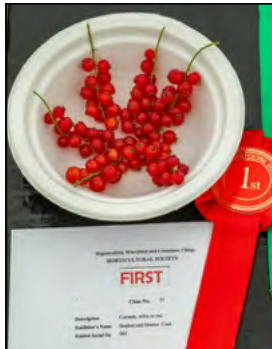
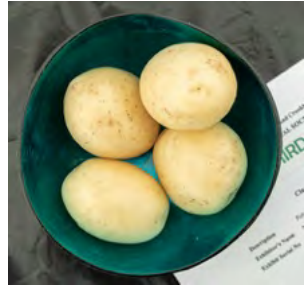
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Class Division A	Entri es	1st	2nd	3rd
20 Shallots Pickling ≤30mm	2	Stephen and Marion Cook	Lynne Hardy	N/A
21 Cucumbers	8	Lucinda Evans	M. C. Hitchcock	Philippa Withers
22 Marrows, Max 14 ins.	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
23 Courgettes	4	M. C. Hitchcock	Stephen and Marion Cook	Joan and Roger Jones
24 Rhubarb sticks	5	Jen Potter	Emma Shaw	Robert Masters
25 Any vegetable other than the above	8	Philippa Withers and Helen and Paul Baker	Joyce Brown	Joyce Brown
26 Garden curiosity	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
27 Labelled collection of herbs	3	Jackie Cresswell	Ann Lyford	Heather Miller
28 A family collection of produce	1	Tracy Stone	N/A	N/A
29 Raspberries with stalks	2	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
30 Currants, black, 6 sprays	3	Mark Howell	Ann Lyford	Stephen and Marion Cook
31 Currants, white or red	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
32 Gooseberries, with stalks	5	Jen Potter	Philippa Withers	Ann Lyford
33 Strawberries, with stalks	2	Lucinda Evans	Andris Grinbergs	N/A
34 Apples, one variety	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
35 Collection of fruit, any variety	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
36 Any other fruit	3	M. C. Hitchcock	Philippa Withers	Barnabas Balint
37 Pot Plant, max 5" pot	2	Jenny Thomas	Sue Smith	N/A
38 Pot Plant, over 5" pot	3	Jenny Thomas	Helen and Paul Baker	Jen Potter
39 Potted Fuchsia	5	Alison Silvester	Jen Potter	Helen and Paul Baker
40 Pot Geranium/ Pelargonium	1	Philippa Withers	N/A	N/A

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Class Division A	Entri es	1st	2nd	3rd
41 Potted Begonia	4	Martin Squibb	Alison Silvester	Helen and Paul Baker
42 Pot plant, Fern or Foliar	4	Emma Shaw	Joyce Brown	Helen and Paul Baker
43 Cactus or Succulent	2	Alison Silvester	Helen and Paul Baker	N/A
44 Roses, 3 Sprays or Stems	5	Paula Brazier	Lucinda Evans	Helen and Paul Baker
45 Bowl of Roses	2	Paula Brazier	Lucinda Evans	N/A
46 Specimen Rose	6	Carol Leversha	Paula Brazier	Andris Grinbergs
47 Vase of Dahlias	2	Amanda Leathers	Donna Gray	N/A
48 Dahlia, Specimen Bloom	6	Donna Gray	Lynne Hardy	Amanda Leathers
49 Lily, one stem	7	Jackie Cresswell	Ann Lyford	Anita Patterson
50 Gladiolus one Spike	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
51 Grdn Flowers, Four varieties	5	M. C. Hitchcock	Amanda Leathers	Helen and Paul Baker
52 Vase of mixed garden flowers	7	Alison Silvester	Paula Brazier	Helen and Paul Baker
53 Flowering Shrubs, Cut stems	1	Amanda Leathers	N/A	N/A
54 Sweet peas, Six stems	3	Sue Kenaghan	Tracy Stone	Philippa Withers
55 Vase or Bowl of Sweet Peas	4	Joan and Roger Jones	Helen and Paul Baker	Joan and Roger Jones

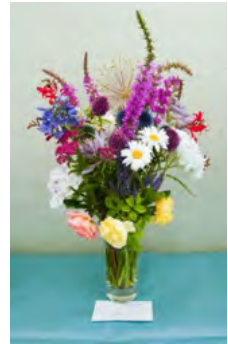
Division A Total Entries

156



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Class Division B	Entri es	1st	2nd	3rd
60 Floral Arrangement: "A Country Basket"	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
61 Floral Arrangement: "Layered Spaces"	5	Carol Leversha	Ann and Dudley Ings	Sue Gibbons
62 Floral Arrangement: "Collecting Memories"	3	Ann and Dudley Ings	Carol Leversha	Marina Dewey
63 Floral Arrangement: "Garden Party Ready"	2	Sue Gibbons	Ann and Dudley Ings	N/A
64 Floral Arrangement: "All wrapped up - Petite"	3	Sue Gibbons	Carol Leversha	Helen Howard
Division B Total Entries			13	



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Class Division C	Entries	1st	2nd	3rd
80 White Wine	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
81 Red Wine	1	Martin Grinham	N/A	N/A
82 Jar of Jam	9	Stephen and Marion Cook	Sheila Thorns	Maria Amatt
83 Jar of Jelly	2	Stephen and Marion Cook	Sheila Thorns	N/A
84 Jar of Marmalade	5	Lucinda Evans	Ann Lyford	Sheila Thorns
85 Jar of Chutney	5	Jen Potter	Philippa Withers	Maria Amatt
86 Jar of Dark Honey	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
87 Jar of Light Honey	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
88 Jar of Soft-Set Honey	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
89 6 Welsh Cakes	4	Jack Walsingham and Helen Hicks	Helen Howard	Claire Kilduff
90 6 Flap Jacks	6	Claire Kilduff	Samantha Chisnall	Jenny Thomas
91 6 Cup Cakes - Any Variety	4	Frances Mangina and Samantha Chisnall	Claire Kilduff	N/A



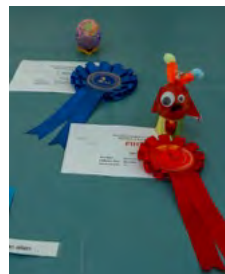
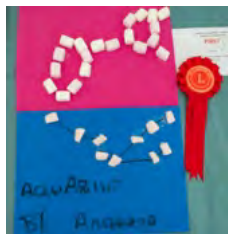
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Class Division C	Entri es	1st	2nd	3rd
92 Wholemeal Loaf	2	Lorna Cook	Gabor Balint	N/A
93 White Loaf	4	Claire Kilduff	Jill Rowe	Lorna Cook and Roger Cansdale
94 A Victoria Sponge Cake	10	Paula Brazier	Mel Martin	Helen Howard
95 Recipe - Marmalade Cake	14	Samantha Chisnall	Paula Brazier	Gabor Balint
96 One Large Egg on a Plate - External Appearance	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
97 One Large Egg on a Plate - Content	1	Stephen and Marion Cook	N/A	N/A
98 One Bantam Egg on a Plate - External Appearance & Content	1	Jill Rowe	N/A	N/A
99 Painted or Decorated Egg	4	Fatima Pantoja	Barnabas Balint	Frances Mangina
Division C Total Entries			73	



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Class Division D	Entri es	1st	2nd	3rd
100 Create a marshmallow constellation	1	Anabelle Paterson	N/A	N/A
101 Create a balloon alien	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
102 Make a footprint rocket picture	1	Anabelle Paterson	N/A	N/A
103 Create a junk model rocket	2	Maria Korotenko	Winston Short	N/A
104 Create a moon scene in a seed tray	1	Winston Short	N/A	N/A
105 Decorate a biscuit as a UFO	1	Maria Korotenko	N/A	N/A
106 Create a model solar system	2	Alena Paterson	Maria Korotenko	N/A
107 Compose a night sky poem	2	Ifana Blake and Alena Paterson	N/A	N/A
108 Bake and decorate a cake as an alien planet	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
109 An Astronaut in Space - any media art	2	Thomas Blake	Jake Howard	N/A
110 Design a space board game	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
111 Sew a constellation	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
112 Decorate an egg as an alien	2	Ifana Blake	Sofia Sanches-Pantoja	N/A
Division D Total Entries			14	



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Class	Division E	Entries	1st	2nd	3rd
120	Children's Handicraft	5	Alena Paterson	Lucy Probert	Ifana Blake
121	Craft, Functional	4	Robert Masters	Olive Masters	Ann and Dudley Ings
122	Art	8	Celia Smallbone	Lynne Hardy	Samantha Chisnall
123	Needlecraft	11	Ann Gilley	Ann Gilley	Jen Potter
124	Knitting or Crochet	2	Ann and Dudley Ings	Samantha Chisnall	N/A
125	Photo (Child) - "Your favourite toy"	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
126	Photo (Adult) - "Your holiday memory"	16	Roger Cansdale	Ann and Dudley Ings	David Jackson
Division E Total Entries			46		



From our Show Entries Managers

The 69th Flower Show and Fete was a tremendous success, with an almost 50% increase in entries to the Show tent! While last year we welcomed 205 entries from 48 exhibitors, this year we had 302 entries from 68 exhibitors. This led to a tent absolutely packed full of exciting and impressive produce, baking, artwork and much more! While the strong winds blew outside, the show tent offered an oasis of calm and splendour thanks to the hard work of our members.

There was a significant increase in entries in Division A (Vegetables, Fruit, and Flowers), up from 99 in 2022 to 156 this year. Of particular note was the potato class, with eight impressive entries here standing members in good stead for the potato competition later in September. We also saw eight entries of new and different produce for the 'any other vegetable' class, which provided fun viewing of rarer staples. The flowers were also stunning, stretching all along the sides of the tent. The President's Cup, awarded by our new President John Lamb, went to Alison Silvester's entry to the Cactus or Succulent class, which had small and beautiful pink and yellow flowers.

The flower arranging in Division B saw a small increase in entries from last year, up by three to 13. These included five entries on the theme of 'layered spaces'. As ever, the imaginative and innovative creations in this division were an impressive spectacle.

Entries to the domestic classes of Division C almost doubled, from 41 in 2022 to 73 this year. Particularly popular classes were the jars of jam (nine entries), Victoria sponge cakes (ten entries), and marmalade cakes (fourteen entries). The judge commented on the high quality of all the entries and was pleased to award the Thirkettle cup for best jar to a delicious chutney by Jen Potter. Having tasted part of every entry, our judge returned home from the show incredibly well-fed!

The Children's entries in Division D remained constant, with fourteen entries, roughly the same as last year. The creativity of the entries around the theme of space produced some truly amazing model astronauts, solar systems, and constellations. Especially fun were the eggs decorated as aliens, some of which came complete with their spaceships! We were excited to see that our youngest entrant was aged three years old and look forward to welcoming more children in the future.

Finally, Division E's handicraft remained popular with 46 entries, up six from last year. The array of crafts showcased the incredible skill of our members, who impressed us with a wide array of drawings,

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paintings, and needlework, among many other media! The photography remains popular too, with sixteen entries on the theme of 'your holiday memory'.

It was a pleasure to see the excitement and joy on the faces of everyone who came into the show tent this year, whether to admire the exhibits or to discover their winnings. We hope that those who entered for the first time enjoyed it and will join us for the next show too. In 2024, we will be celebrating the Society's 70th Flower Show and Fete and look forward to seeing you all there!

Barnabas & Nicole - Show Entries Managers

Report from Craft Marquee



I would like to thank the exhibitors, demonstrators and stall holders who did come, despite a dire weather forecast, we had terrific rain the day before when we were setting up and big winds on Saturday, so much so that several stall holders were unable to attend.

The Spinners and Weavers demonstrated their skills. Watching them weave the wool through a loom was fascinating. They also gave away mini cardboard spinners for people to make their own cord. The finished products were beautiful and soft to touch.

There was a stall selling lots of jigsaws, this was also very popular, and drew quite a happy crowd.

The Lacemakers demonstrated their craft and quite a lot of people "had a go", the designs are intricate and imaginative.

The Fleet and Crookham History Group had large stands with photographs of old Fleet and local area. How Fleet has changed.

"Cottage Crafts" lady was selling her hand knitted toys, they were very popular. The Teddy Bears sold very quickly.

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For the first time the local Photography Group were in the Craft Tent. They had a large stand with lots of photos. What a wonderful subject variety.

The Book Stall, which is usually outside came in the Craft Tent. The Book Stall is always very popular. I think many people went home clutching a "new read", I certainly did.

Despite the wind, the Craft Tent did not blow away, thanks to a strong young man with a mallet! Thank you James.

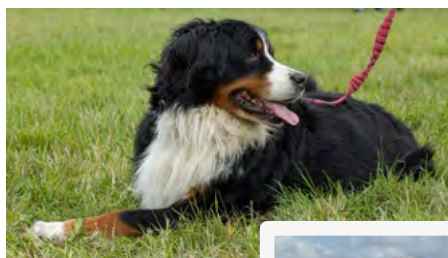
The Fete is always a super event, this year was no exception. See you next year.

Barbara Cairns

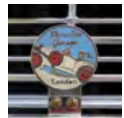


Dog Show

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1 Most Like Owner	Benson (Lina)	Rafa (Anabelle)	Luna (Luca)
2 Nicest Eyes	Ted (Ann)	Luna (Luca)	Wilma (Charlotte)
3 Handsomest Dog	Lester (Fiona)	Ziggy (Caroline)	Sidney (Rosemary)
4 Prettiest Bitch	Layla (Jo Jo)	Twiglet (Mel)	Bella (Helen)
5 Waggiest Tail	Twiglet (Mel)	Buddy (Caroline)	Benson (Linda)
6 Best Veteran	Penny (Janice)	Twiglet (Mel)	N/A
7 Best Rescue	Broc (Phil)	Buzzy (Rupert)	Twiglet (Mel)
BEST IN SHOW	Layla (Jo Jo)		



Photos of Car Enthusiasts



Reports on Winter Talks

Metal Detecting - 13 April 2023

Mark Davison has been a Metal Detector for several years now and has had a lot interesting "finds". He brought some of them with him. He has found medieval coins in our area which included two silver coins of Elizabeth 1 and a groat of Queen Mary, as well as two silver Roman coins.

During his talk he focused mainly on the history of Maori troops who were based in Dogmersfield during the first year of the Second World War. The 28th Maori Battalion was an infantry battalion raised in 1940 and attached to the 2nd New Zealand Division as an extra battalion that was moved between the division's three infantry brigades. It was formed following pressure by the Labour members of Parliament. It was a formidable fighting force. Following the end of hostilities, the battalion contributed personnel to serve in Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force before being disbanded in January 1946.

Mark found a badge which had the inscription of the name of "R. Edwards, of the 28th Maori Battalion". He was keen to learn more about the New Zealand badge and the battalion. He did a lot of research and found that on June 16, 1940, the battalion arrived at Gourock, Scotland, after six weeks at sea. The Maori battalion was then deployed to southern England, where it trained and prepared defences, many at Ewshott Camp, Dogmersfield also Hoddington and Farnham. On arrival in England, Lieutenant Charles Bennet was ordered to organise the battalion's intelligence sections. One of the soldiers chosen to join the section was Te Maonanui-a-Kiwa Ngarimu, who went on to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

Mark Davison was able to track down the son and grandson of Richard Edwards and sent the badge to the grandson in Auckland. He received a reply which said "You're an absolute legend mate and I know the rest of my whanau (family) are going to be so excited about this", it continued saying how pleased the family are to have the badge.

Mr Davison is also keen to hear from anyone who may grant him permission to search their land in Dogmersfield, Pilcot or Winchfield. He can be contacted on 07729 541972

Barbara Cairns

RHS Hampton Court Flower Show 2023

Courtesy of DW&CVHS I set off for Hampton Court on a very hot sunny day parked in Bushy Park short walk to entrance. As always the grounds and gardens looking great all set either side of the long water with fountains and themed gardens laid out with easy access. Flowers displays, clothes to buy and all sorts of hand made items for home and garden, good food stalls so lunch enjoyed under the trees for shade , interesting day with lots to see and experience . Treated myself to hand made wind chimes and looking forward caring for my succulents, overall a great day in a very grand setting.

Elizabeth Fisher



Reports on Garden Visits

Cron dall Open Gardens - 11th June 2023

A wonderful afternoon exploring some beautiful private gardens around Cron dall. Residents with notable gardens allow the general public to wander around admiring them. Some of the gardens are quite extensive with very mature planting and, in some cases, the crystal-clear waters of the River Hart gently pass through.

The Open Gardens event is organised in support of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care & Andover Mind. Visitors are asked to donate the sum of £10 each for which they can visit all 12 gardens. A pit-stop is available in the village hall where delicious home-made cakes and a welcome cuppa were the order of the day. There were also plant sales in the car park.

There were 12 gardens open on the day, 11 planned and one late addition. We received a plan showing the position of each garden with a short description of its merits.

The gardens were as follows:

- 1) Penn Croft Winery, Croft Lane - wetlands & ponds
- 2) Crondall School, Croft Lane - in their allotment they encourage the children to learn about the benefits of a healthy balanced diet. They grow flowers, fruit and vegetables, the produce often going to the school kitchen for their lunches.
- 3) The Malt House, Dippenhall St. - a traditional garden with herbaceous borders, roses, & an organic fruit & veg garden.
- 4) Fanlings, Croft Lane - mostly planted with perennials with a special interest in herbs.
- 5) The Close, Dippenhall St. - a large garden with many trees & pathways.
- 6) The Withies, Pankridge St. - A small bee & butterfly-friendly garden.
- 7) Riversmede, Pankridge St. - A riverside garden full of features, colour and scent.
- 8) Beechmead, Pankridge St. - A woodland garden 'full of surprises'. One 'surprise' was the remains of Crondall Abbey, otherwise known as "Abbeye de Corondelle".
- 9) Itchel House, Itchel Lane - A large garden with interesting trees, shrubs and vegetables.
- 10) Greywell Lodge, Itchel lane - A large wildlife-friendly garden with a large pond.
- 11) The Dormers, Church Street - recently redesigned, a walled Victorian flower garden linked by a rose walk to a larger area of lawn, fruit trees and natural planting. There is also an apothecary garden & large vegetable patch.

A big thank-you to the residents of Crondall for organising a lovely event and for such a good cause.

Paul Gray



AGM Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village, on 9 March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Attendees 29 members

Apologies for Absence were received from - Monique Bolton, Robert and Celia Brook, Sandra Douglas, Bob Hammond, Katy Hicks, Dudley and Ann Ings, Antonio Lloyd, John Negus, Daisy Preston, Clive and Phillipa Withers.

1. Chairman's Welcome. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Last Year's AGM Minutes - these had been circulated.

Proposed by John Lamb, Seconded by John Potter. All Agreed.

3. Chairman's Report:

Sadly our Secretary Donna Gray has decided to stand down as the Secretary. Donna has been a God send in all the many extra jobs she has taken on. We hope we will still get her support and that of Paul and her family as tractor drivers are hard to come by. Thank you Donna

Paul helps us in many ways during the year especially during the Fete weekend.

Thanks to Jill Rowe our Treasurer, who has worked hard to keep the books in order and getting them checked by John Lamb. Jill has also decided to retire from her post but for the moment will still do the delivering on Crondall Road of the Newsletters etc. with Malcolm. Thank you Jill and thank you John for all your help.

Again our Sue organizes the helpers to run all the society stalls. Sue and family run the show raffle and the bottle stall. Sue is also the Wisley passes guardian. She also buys and lays out the food for many of the talks. This task was also taken on by Barbara Cairns, Monique Bolton, Ann Ings, Carol and tonight Donna and of course in some cases their assistants, their ever faithful hubbys.

I am pleased that we have had John & Jen Potter as the membership Secretaries which involves getting out the Newsletters, Membership cards and collecting subs with the help of Sue and Mike Smith, Malcolm Hiscock and Jill Rowe. Rod and Monique Bolton, Nicole le Jeune, Barnabas Balint, Emma Shaw, Carol Leversha and myself.

The task of Entries Managers has been jointly carried out by Nicole and Doctor Barnabas who do a great job. Thank you both.

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The talks organized by Barbara Cairns have been well attended with an average of 35 attendees. I am pleased that we cover all aspects and not just Flowers and plants. The Christmas quiz was again great fun and included the "Who is Santa visiting" competition the winner being presented with the really delightful Xmas cake which was kindly made by Sandra Fishlock. We are grateful to Sandra who also makes the cake we have in the Weigh the Cake stall at the Fete

Mike Smith is our resident barman at the talks and also helps Sue who still kindly buys the wines for the bar and runs the evening's raffle aided by Daisy and in some cases Sylvia

Again Thanks to Barbara Cairns for all her help in sorting these talks out plus all the work Barbara puts into organizing the Craft Tent.

Of course we are also grateful to Barbara who had the further task of arranging the garden visits many members attended and were really enjoyed, and added somewhat to Sue Smith's well stocked Plant Collection. Also putting to the test my BMW's boot capacity.

Daisy ran the fete White Elephant again aided by Guy and Karen.

The flower show tea tent which was run by Carol Leversha and her dedicated team, to whom we are extremely grateful, especially Julia Ambler who yet again took a day's leave to help set up on Friday and with Simon produce the welcome bacon butties on show day and on Sunday morning.. Also thanks to those who kindly donated cakes. Carol has resigned as Tea Tent Manager the post she has held for many years supported by all her friends. Thank you Carol for all the input you have put in over the years.

Les Southall as the Prizes Manager got us sponsors and many prizes for the show raffle. Our plant stall was run by Helen Baker with many of the plants being supplied by Les and Joyce from their greenhouse and Donna also supplied some plants. This made a sizable income which you will see from the accounts. Thank you Les, Joyce. Helen & Donna

The post show newsletter was produced by Ivan Cresswell and it was his first edition he has produced and was well received by our Members Thank you Ivan. As I have said before it pleasing to deliver such a well-produced product. Again our thanks of course must go to those members who delivered the schedules and newsletters. Sue, Emma, Carol, Malcolm and Jill, Nicole and Barnabas, John Lamb John & Jen and of course Rod and Monique We also are very grateful to Mackenzie Smith Estate Agents for sponsoring the newsletters.

I have been carrying out the job as Schedule Manager as we have not had any takers for the role. It is not too difficult a job and if for some reason I have a problem with how advertisers send their artwork David

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Jackson helps out. Again we called on the help of the proof readers, Paul and Donna, John Lamb, Steve Thirkettle and Nicole. Thank you all for your help.

We each year get help with the schedule flower entry show classes, which we have to change, so thanks to Sue Gibbons.

Due to health reasons Peter and Sylvia Leversha could not run the book stall so we asked for help and had a lot of people come forward. Monica Lamb was on hand to guide them. Thank you Monica

Sue Smith, Emma Shaw and Nicole were the collection points for the show entries. We must thank all the judges and their stewards who helped Nicole and Barny run a very well organized flower tent. John Lamb, Sheila Thorns helped in the flower marquee as stewards where needed. Many thanks to all these folk.

David Jackson has been kindly updating the web site for the society and this is a useful aid for people to follow what the society has done and what is in store in the future. David also helps out with running the dog show at the fete and it is becoming very popular. Thanks also to the dog judge Rowen Hill and Eddy Probert Paul and Donna's grandson who did the paperwork. Entries were down due to the hot weather.

John Coombes did an excellent job of Car Park Manager and set up the car park and arranged for the lads to co-ordinate the traffic on the road into the farm. The Air Cadets ran the car park and they did a very good job and we donated some money to them as a thank-you and we gave them signed certificates of appreciation which Donna produced for their portfolios. John was helped in the setup days by Malcolm Hitchcock, Stewart Marks and Michael and Alison Jameson. We are hoping that they will again be helping us this year. John has decided to relinquish his post and we are very grateful and many thanks for all the effort he has put into the job over the years he has been very active in the role.

We are extremely grateful to our anonymous sponsor of the show marquee, also Nick at Auto Panel Craft who sponsored the Mill Cottage Farm Experience, Foster and Heanes for the Bagshot Concert Band, to McCarthy Holden as a major sponsor, and of course the Four Seasons Hotel who sponsored the Tea Tent. Linkup Branding Matters sponsored the Sweeps Dogs Show. These organizations are sponsoring again this year. Paul and Paula Brazier kindly donated the Trophy for the public's favourite car and the Plate for the motorbikes. Thank for that kind gesture.

Crookham Village, Winchfield and Dogmersfield Parish Councils each donated £200 towards the Craft Tent. Thank you.

At last year's show we had many volunteers who gathered for a hard day's work getting all the show stalls and equipment transferred from the storage container to their allocated places on the showground. Our

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thanks must go to all of those who helped in any way to get the show up and running. Also we have had many comments during the year on the enjoyment people get from all our activities and this can only happen with the support and dedication that the committee put in which is backed up by our many, many supporters.

We are thankful to Robert and Celia Brooke who stepped in at the last minute to run the children's games as Ann and Richard Goddard were taken down with covid.

Mike Carrington was the duty photographer for the show for which we are indeed grateful for the great job he did.

Enthusiasts' Cars and Motor Bikes were well attended because of the weather but we did have some newcomers due to the leaflets that had been put out to owners of enthusiasts in car parks and at car shows. Our thanks to Freddie Smith for organising this. Hopefully they will all come again if the weather is the same this year. The motor bikes who had been on a charity run in the morning ending up at our show raised a healthy sum which they donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. A portion of these funds were donated by the Fox and Hounds pub.

Again at this stage I would like to divert from reporting on last year's fête and put out a plea for help on the show week end, helping set up or manning the society stalls for an hour or so --please contact Sue Smith on 850900. We have help and support on the Friday but we need more help on the Sunday.

Yet again we of course must give our thanks to the White family for the use of their lovely farm for the weekend which enables us to put on a show that we all know is second to none. Brian.

4. Approval of the Chairman's Report - Proposed by Rod Bolton, seconded by Karen Ralph.
All Agreed.

5. Jill's Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Show Account

Deficit before sponsorship was £4483 in 2022.

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The difference is not unexpected because 2021 attendance was inflated by a post-lockdown bounce which benefitted many events that summer.

The 2022 figures are comparable with pre-lockdown results Sponsors' generous contributions at £3699 are very slightly up on the previous year and McCarthy Holden repeated their donation of £400. This resulted in the Show deficit being reduced to £384.

General Account

Figures for comparison in the left hand column are from 2021.

Income

Annual subscription income was £7 less than in 2021.

The donations received figure of £1471 includes an unrestricted donation of £880 from Hampshire County Council.

Expenditure

The cost of printing the newsletter was covered by estate agent Mackenzie Smith who kindly continued to sponsor this item.

At 31st December 2022 the cash position of the Society was £769 more than at 1st January 2022.

Thanks are due to John Lamb for his examination of the records on behalf of the membership of the Society.

Jill Rowe

Retiring hon.treasurer

6. Approval of Accounts - Proposed by Carol Leversha. Seconded by Rod Bolton All Agreed.

7. Election of Chairman - Brian Leversha was Proposed by Sandra Douglas. Seconded by John Potter. All Agreed.

8. Election of Secretary - Gillian Clarke was proposed by Brian Leversha. Seconded by John Lamb. All Agreed.

9. Election of Treasurer - Jen Potter was proposed by Carol Leversha. Seconded by Monica Lamb. All Agreed.

10. Election of Committee en bloc - Sue Smith 'Show Manager', Nicole le Jeune and Barnabas Balint 'Entries and Flower Tent Managers'. Barbara Cairns ' Talks, Visits and Craft Tent Manager', John Potter 'Membership Secretary', Ivan Cresswell 'Newsletter Editor', Les Southall 'Show Prizes Manager', Freddie Smith 'Enthusiasts Car Manager' Janine Strickland 'Tea Tent Manager'.

Proposed by Carol Leversha. Seconded by Rod Bolton. All Agreed

11. Consider any motion notified to the Secretary - there were none.

12. Tickets for Hampton Court Flower Show - Brian had prepared the draw from all paid up members, which was drawn by John Lamb. The winners were Steve and Liz Fisher.

13. Any other Business

Brian said we had sadly lost our president and someone needs to be proposed into this honorary position. Carol Leversha proposed John Lamb and this was seconded by Sylvia Leversha. All Agreed. John Lamb said he would be delighted to take on this role.

Ivan - asked that as Newsletter Editor he would like to include more photos. To this end please could members send lots of photos of garden visits to him for inclusion in the newsletter as and when they were taken. He would then be happy to store these for future use.

Sue - mentioned that she has the RHS Wisley discount card which allows two people to enter with a cost discount of 50%.

John Lamb - gave a vote of thanks to Brian and all the committee for their enormous hard work on behalf of the society.

There being no further business the meeting was followed by a short talk by Alan Wilson (potato expert) giving advice on the Fun Potato Growing Competition. Also the opportunity to purchase seed potatoes and advice on what he would be looking for when judging in September.



Newsletter Articles

Whilst it is nice for everyone to get together at our Flower Show and Fete and compare exhibits, as we have two newsletters a year, please send in photographs of some of the more unusual or quirky flowers, fruit, vegetables or even gardens that you have grown or seen during the year.

If you email these in to me with brief covering information, I will do my utmost to include them in our future newsletters—space permitting!

e-mail: editor@dwcvhortsoc.org

Membership Secretary's Report

Currently we have 254 family members with about 1/3 of those under 65 years old. This time last year we had 243 members. Since then, several have moved from the area and given up their membership and sadly some of our long standing members have passed away.

During the last year we have had about 20 new members join our Society and several of those have joined in our activities and answered Brian's call for help to set up and dismantle the show field. A big thank you to all our members who helped with the show. Without your enthusiastic assistance the show would not take place.

Although it's a little early, I would like to remind you all that our low subscriptions are due on 1 January 2024. About half of us now pay by standing order so it's easy for our banks to pay the £7 or £5 annual subscription. If anyone who doesn't pay by standing order and wishes to do so, please contact either myself or Brian for a standing order form. If you are familiar with internet banking the Society's bank details are below:

Dogmersfield, Winchfield and Crookham Village Horticultural Society

Lloyds Bank Fleet Branch
Sort Code 30-93-32
Account Number 00074552

John Potter (Membership Secretary)

Church Crookham Garden Society (CCGS)

The CCGS Sales Shed is situated in the Crookham Memorial Hall car park at the western end of Sandy Lane. Opening times are Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30am between February and September. Please take your DW&CV Horticultural Society membership card along. The range of goods available is extensive, from composts and fertilizers to twine and canes. Most of the goods on offer are at prices that are considerably cheaper than garden centres and DIY shops. Other products that are available include pesticides and herbicides, lawn-care products, ant and slug killers, plant pots and trays, grit and vermiculite.

Due to very limited shelf life, seeds and bulbs are not stocked. Garden tools are not stocked due to low turnover. For further details see website: <http://ccgsoc.org.uk>.

RHS affiliation and discounted entry to RHS

All bona fide gardening clubs and horticultural societies with an annual membership subscription are eligible for affiliation to the RHS. Such clubs and societies should have a remit to promote horticulture at a local level, should hold regular meetings and/ or hold an annual show. The DW&CVHS meets all these criteria and is affiliated to the RHS.

One of the benefits of affiliation is the opportunity to purchase Garden Reduced Price Entry (GRPE) cards. GRPE cards can be used an unlimited number of times during the year and grant up to two people a 50% discount on the normal adult entry rate at any of the four RHS Gardens (except Wisley on Sundays).

Members of the DW&CVHS might like to know that the Society holds a GRPE cards for use by our members. The cards are held by our Chairman, Sue Smith Show Manager, and can be borrowed after payment of a £10 deposit.

Please contact Sue Smith as follows: tel: 01252-850900
e-mail: chairman@dwcvhortsoc.org



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Next year's Show and Fete:

Saturday 20th July 2024

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