



CAPEL ST MARY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Show Exhibitor and/or Plot holder

43rd ANNUAL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW 2020

The Show this year will hopefully be held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September in the village hall. There remains much uncertainty regarding the Coronavirus and until nearer the time we will inform you in case we have to cancel the Show. Except for classes in the Capel Residents section, Show entries are open to all. Please continue to support us by entering your exhibits. This is our 43rd Show and there are a few changes from 2019 as we strive to provide an enjoyable and successful event.

In 2019 we received 617 entries from 74 entrants, that is 18 entries and 15 entrants down on the previous year. When you look at the historical figures these fluctuate from one year to the next. No two years are ever the same. So, what had been good and what had been not so good last year as far as entries are concerned? The Vegetable sections were up by 10, but the mammoth and pumpkins were down by 25, that's a large number in that category. The Longest Runner beans had increased by 5 and Capel residents were on par with 2018. The Floral sections and Flower Arrangements were down by 11 entries. It was pleasing to see an increase in the Family tray, up to 5 entries last year. The great advantage of the family Tray is that as the name suggests, all members of the family can take part as there is a choice of selecting 3 out of 5 items as well as the compulsory vase of Garden Flowers. The Novelty classes are fairly equal to 2018 but the Fruit classes were down by 10. Cookery is very popular and was up by 12, Handicraft was down by 4 but Paintings were up by 5. The Photography classes yo-yo from one year to another. In 2017 we had an all-time low on entries of 44. 2018 they improved dramatically to 91 and 2019 we had 74 entries, down 17 from the previous year. Is it our subjects or something else? Feedback is always welcome. There were changes to the Children's section last year as we divided the 2 classes into 3 classes. It has been difficult to judge a 2/3 year old's work against a 9 years old in the same class or an 11 year old against a 14/15 year old. To make judging fairer, those classes were split into Under 6, 6-10 and 11-16 age groups, making Judging much easier. We were down 9 entries on 2018.

Thank you for entering electronically again with the site opening from 1st August. This has now become the normal way of entering with only 10 entries last year on paper. This year we will not have an open day for paper entries to be delivered to me, however, paper entries will still need to be posted through my door prior to the **closing date of Tuesday 1st September.**

How many of you have noticed our Website. It is constantly being up-dated and added to, do take a look as it is so easy to navigate. Don't forget to have a look at the photographs which if any of you have any of the Show

that you would like to donate or provide a copy, these can be sent to us or you can submit onto our Facebook page.

It is with great sadness that the Garden Club has closed down. As a result we no longer have them as a sponsor for class 73 the Family Tray. The Allotments Association is sponsoring this category this year. We had a new sponsor in 2019, you may have noticed in the Show Schedule, the Sue Gilson Rose Bowl. This was donated by Mike Gilson in memory of his wife. This rose bowl will be presented to the best exhibit in classes 57 & 58, one specimen rose and a vase of 3 roses. Mike explained that his wife always entered the Rose section of the Show.

This year we have carried on the theme of the new style Show Schedule. Just remember we are all metric and have removed all imperial measurements, except for photography print sizes. For the vegetable sections we have now added some hints and tips for showing and presenting vegetables and these have been kindly put together by Andrew Tokely, see our website for details. Group C Class 43 Mammouth Vegetables, we changed to Kohl Rabi last year and have been donated free packets of seeds, thanks to Kings Seeds. These can be collected from the Hut during our opening hours, (or through liaison with Graham Whybrow). Group H Class 73 the Family Tray we would like to encourage more of you to enter this category as mentioned above. The Novelty Award, Group I Class 78, we have added 'or flower' to 'an unusual shaped fruit, vegetable'. In addition, Class 80, 'A selection of Ornamental Gourds' was new last year. Fruit Classes Group J, please name the variety of fruit if known. Flower/Foliage Group K Classes 89-92 have new themes. Cookery Group L Classes 95-96 & 98-102 has a new selection to choose from. Please remember Classes 98 & 99 recipes are provided and can be obtained from our website or from myself. Also on our website we have provided cookery and preserves 'hints and tips for Showing' that you will find helpful. Handicraft Group M Class 104 has a new subject to choose from and a reminder that we have divided 'Any other craft item' into 2 sections, 'hard materials' and 'soft materials'. Group N Paintings again have new subjects, please remember that your work needs to have been completed in the last 18 months. Group O Photography has a new selection of subjects. We have provided 'hints and tips' for showing photographs, see our website for details. The Children's Classes are split into 3 age groups, Under 5, 6-10, 11-16. There are some new ideas to choose from and we have included a picture of vegetables to be downloaded, from our website, (classes 119 and 124).

As in the last 2 years we will not be holding an auction on Sunday after the Show. Any unwanted produce or flowers can be placed in one of the red wheelbarrows outside the fire exit doors of the Hall after the presentations when clearing away. Donations will be taken to a local food bank and Care home. Thanks to Graham Whybrow who will be arranging this.

Our core of regular Sponsors continue to support us but we are always looking for new sponsors. If you know of any local firms that would be prepared to help us, we would be grateful, no matter how large or small a donation.

Please take time to read the Show Schedule and decide what you can enter. If you have any queries or require an additional Show Schedule, please print one off the website or give me a call or email me. Remember to fill in your entry form electronically, the web page will be open a few weeks before the entry deadline on **Tuesday 1st September. www.capelallotments.co.uk/show-entry**

Looking forward to seeing you all with your entries this year.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Russell

Show Secretary