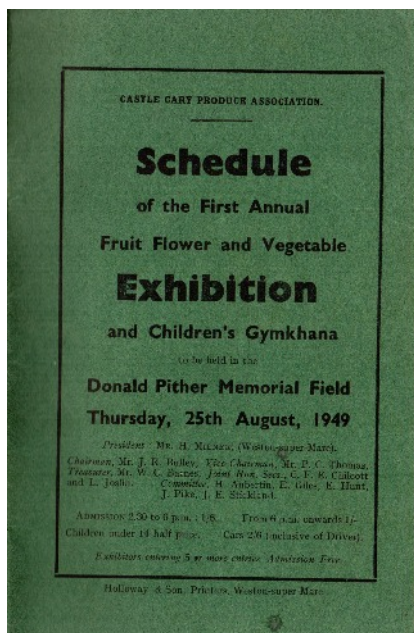


CASTLE CARY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Celebrating the 70th ANNUAL SHOW



1949

August 2018



2018

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INTRODUCTION

The Association holds meetings in the Methodist Church Hall in Castle Cary, usually on the first Thursday of each month, except in January and August. We invite speakers on subjects of general interest as well as on specific gardening topics. The Annual Show is held in Caryford Community Hall at the beginning of August. But how did it all begin?

Although Flower Shows have been held in Castle Cary for well over a century, the first documented show being c1890, the current Flower Show started in 1949. Our longest serving Officer, Janet Huchfield is now our President, but has served in almost all capacities on the Committee over the years. She remembers that at "One time, just after the war, it was very difficult to know where to stage a flower show. Caryford Hall is an ideal, lovely light place." It has been run every year since 1949, and so 2018 marks the 70th Show.

The location has changed over the years, with the first show being held in a marquee. The name has changed too - from being the Castle Cary Produce Association at its inception, to the Castle Cary Gardening Association today. But the show is still going strong, with many of the same classes and Trophies that were awarded in 1949 still being awarded now. Indeed, one of the more 'modern' Trophies the Coronation Cup, was introduced for the Coronation in 1953. The most recent, the Margaret Bush Trophy, was donated by Norman Bush in memory of his wife, Margaret, for her favourite categories. She had been on the Committee for many years.

Let's hope someone will be celebrating the 100th show in 2048. So make a note in your diaries! If you have any information to fill any of the gaps in the story, please do let us know!

Chair

Erica Holt



History: Flower Shows of the Past

Extracts from the Castle Cary Visitor:

August 22nd 1889 (Vol 6, p68)

“The first attempt to hold a flower show in connection with the YMCA was on August 22nd, 1889, at the Town Hall.

President: John Boyd

Secretary: J H Francis”

August 1890 (Vol 6, P 68)

“A second flower Show, on an extended scale, was held in August 1890”

September 1897 (Vol 1, p165)

“Temperance Society. The great attraction in the field (close by “The Pines”, North Street) was a Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show, in a spacious tent, supplied by Mr C Martin. The exhibits were exceedingly good, and by the kindness of Mssrs. J Huntley Thring, J. S Donne, E. Fry, C. W. Hill and F.G Lenon, a large number of beautiful shrubs, plants and ferns were lent for decorative purposes. The Town Band was engaged, and the Yeovil Maypole Dancers performed frequently. Winners in the Wild Flower class were:-

Irene Butt

Beatrice Litman

Lizzie Parsons”

In 1949 the Castle Cary Flower Show started in it's current form.



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TROPHIES.

HAROLD MILNER ROSE BOWL. Kindly presented by Mr. Harold Milner (President). This Rose Bowl will be awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the highest total number of points in classes allotted to members of the Castle Cary Produce Association. Points to count 3, 2, 1.. To be won any three times.

J. PIKE'S SILVER CUP. Offered for the best collection of Vegetables, which *must be grown by the member exhibiting*. To be awarded to members only living in Castle Cary or Ansford. The Committee reserving the right to inspect any garden prior to the Show. To be won three times.

Chamber of Commerce Silver Rose Bowl. Offered for the highest number of points in the Open Classes. The Bowl to be competed for each year.

Cut Glass Salad Bowl and Servers to be presented to the exhibitor obtaining the highest number of points in the open Flower Classes.

SCHEDULE.

Parsley, broken Kale and Carrot tops allowed for garnishing Cauliflowers and Cabbages to have not less than 3 inches of stem Points to be reckoned as follows :—

ALL CLASSES.

1st Prize, 3 Points ; 2nd 2 Points, 3rd 1 Point, H.C. ; $\frac{1}{2}$ Point.

Collections to be judged on the following basis of Points :—

Beans	7	Cabbages	6	Onions	8
Beet	6	Celery	8	Parsnips	6
Carrots	8	Leeks	8	Peas	8
Cauliflowers	8	Marrows	6	Potatoes	8
Turnips	6	Dressing and Arrangement	5		

TOMATOES AND CUCUMBERS EXCLUDED FROM ALL COLLECTIONS

The first schedule shows that there were 4 Trophies, at least two of which are still awarded today. Prize money was 3s for first prize, and entry was 6d per class.

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There were plenty of adverts in the 1949 Schedule!

Location, Location Location!

In the early days the show was held in the Donald Pither Memorial Field, in a marquee until at least the mid-1950's. By the late 1950's the show had moved to the constitutional club. By the mid-1970's the show had moved to Ansford School. And after a stay at the E P Hall, The Park, it moved to its current home (Caryford Community Hall) in 1995.

This shows a glimpse inside the marquee in the early days



Below we see Mr T J Pike with some of his winning exhibits in the early 1950s.





1951 Flower Show Winners:

Bill May, Geoff Laver, Hubert Laver, Grace Yeabsley, Mrs Win Pike, Mr J R Bulley, Jack Pike, George Yeabsley, Len Joslin, Ernie Hunt, Mrs Olive Thomas, Percy Thomas, Lady Parsons



1960s Winners:

Mrs Yeabsley, Janet Hutchfield, Bill Stride, Harold Garrett, Mrs Loxton, Geoff Laver, Paul Sherrill, Mrs Thomas



P C Geoff Laver, 1960s



Presentation of cup to Jack Pike, 1960s



Martin & Barbara Flower



Martin Flower with Ken Coleby, who was show secretary c1975.



Mr. R. D. Sealy (centre) one of the judges at the annual Castle Cary Flower Show presents prize exhibits to committee members Mr. R. Allen, Mr. M. Flower (Chairman), North, and Mr. F. Chancellor at Ansford School on Saturday.

1977 Show, including Ronald Allen, Secretary



Mrs. Molly Otton (centre left) presents the rose bowl for the most points in classes A, B, and C to Mrs. Barbara Flower at Ansford School on Saturday during the annual Castle Cary Flower Show. Also in the picture are the other award winners.

1981 Show



Erica Holt (Chair) presenting President Janet Hutchfield with a plant to thank her for presenting the 2013 cups & awards.



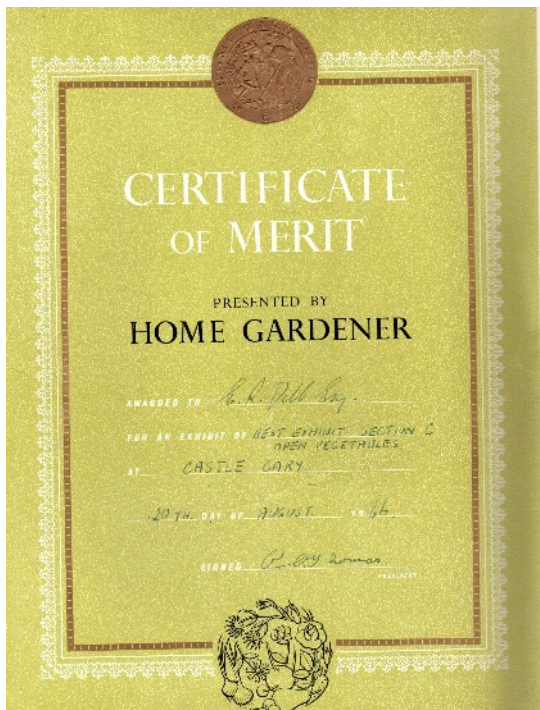
1964-5 Gardening Club Flower show at the Drill Hall



2015 Show Winners



2017 Show Winners



Full house for Gardening Club

There was a "full house" for the monthly meeting of the Castle Cary Gardening Association, held in the Church Room on Friday.

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, Mr. N. J. Hills who hoped there would be many exhibits at the W.I. Bulb Show next month.

The Gardening Quiz arranged for the evening consisted of over 40 questions, each with three possible answers. Mr. Ashdown came first with 22 correct answers, and Mrs. Howarth came second with 21.

Entries in the Spring Show were judged, and those on display were good, but the number of entries was disappointing.

Arrangements of Spring Flowers: 1. Mrs. Hills; 2. Mrs. Trowbridge. Arrangements of dried material: 1. Mrs. Hill; 2. Mrs. Thomas. Pot plant flowering: 1. Mr. F. Chancellor; 2. Mr. C. North; 3. Mr. F. Matthews. Large root vegetable: 1. Mr. F. Chancellor; 2. Mr. Clark.

Tea and biscuits were served by ladies of the Committee.

Before the meeting closed the Chairman said if anyone would like to open their gardens to the public to celebrate "Somerset 81" they should contact Mrs. J. Barnes.

Castle Cary Gardening Association Cup Winners

Chamber of Commerce Rose Bowl

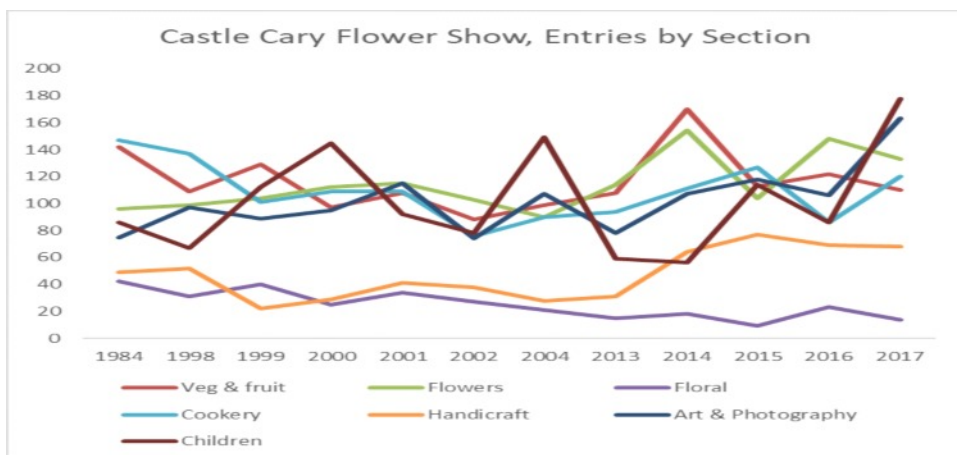
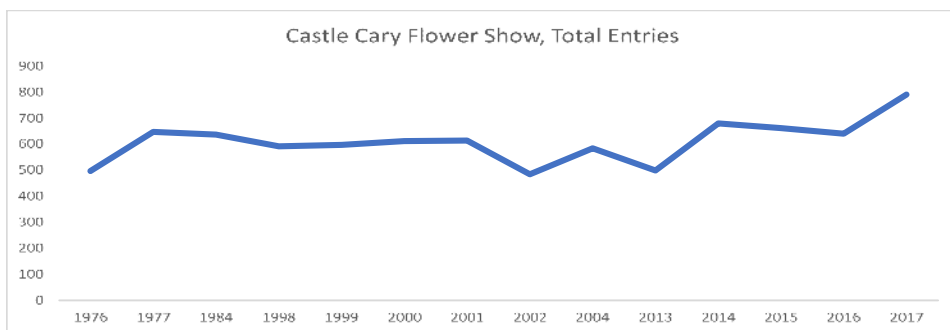
Most points in Veg, Fruit & Flowers

1950	J T Pike	1985	
1951	W May	1986	W J Baber
1952	J T Pike	1987	W J Baber
1953	J T Pike	1988	W J Baber
1954	K J Neugasser	1989	P T Bowring
1955	K J Neugasser	1990	P T Bowring
1956	K J Neugasser	1991	
1957	K J Neugasser	1992	P T Bowring
1958	D Burton	1993	P T Bowring
1959		1994	M Flower
1960		1995	Lt Col P T Bowring
1961	D Burton	1996	A W James
1962	D Burton	1997	A W James & R Robinson
1963	D Burton	1998	E Dill
1964		1999	R Robinson
1965	H G Garrett	2000	A W James
1966		2001	P J Lodge
1967	T Cotter	2002	P J Lodge
1968	M Norris	2003	R Robinson
1969		2004	J Walton
1970		2005	M Flower
1971	P Sherrell	2006	P Davies
1972	A Burton	2007	S Webb
1973	Mrs F Dyke	2008	S Webb
1974	Mrs F E Dyke	2009	P Davies
1975	Mrs F E Dyke	2010	P Davies
1976	Mrs F E Dyke & K J Neugasser	2011	L Horler
1977	Mrs L Sherrell	2012	L Horler
1978	M J Flower	2013	L Horler
1979		2014	L Horler
1980		2015	N Hatch
1981	Mrs B Flower	2016	N Hatch
1982		2017	N Hatch
1983			
1984	W J Baber		

We can't reproduce all the known winners here, so here is a sample of the Winners of some of the Chamber of Commerce Rose bowl, with some familiar names!

PAST OFFICERS (1975-)

President	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer	Show Sec
1975 Mrs H M Tazwell	P W Mathews	Mr R Allen	C North	K Coleby
1976		Mr R Allen	C North	K Coleby
1977 P W Mathews	M Flower	Mr R Allen	C North	K Coleby
1978 P W Mathews	M Flower	Mr R Allen	C North	K Coleby
1979			C North	
1980			C North	
1981 Mr R Allen	Mr N J Hills	M A Eason	C North	M Flower
1982 Mr R Allen	Mr N J Hills	M A Eason	C North	-
1983 Mrs W Hawkins	P W Mathews	M A Eason	C North	Mr L D Taylor
1984 Mrs W Hawkins	J Ashdown	Mr W Johns	C North	M Flower
1985 Mr R Allen	J Ashdown	Mr W Johns	C North	M Flower
1986 Mr R Allen	Mr W Johns	J Ashdown	C North	M Flower
1987 Mr R Allen	M Flower	J Ashdown	C North	M Flower
1988 Mrs W Hawkins	M A Eason	J Ashdown	C North	E Dill
1989 Mrs W Hawkins	M A Eason	J Ashdown	C North	E Dill
1990 Mrs W Hawkins	M Flower	J Ashdown	C North	E Dill
1991 Mrs W Hawkins	R Howarth	J Ashdown	C North	E Dill
1992 Mrs W Hawkins	Janet Hutchfield	J Ashdown	C North	E Dill
1993 Mrs W Hawkins	A W James	Janet Hutchfield	C North	E Dill
1994 Mrs W Hawkins	A W James	Janet Hutchfield	C North	E Dill
1995 Mrs W Hawkins	A W James	Janet Hutchfield	C North	E Dill
1996 Mrs W Hawkins	J L Woods	Janet Hutchfield	D Dare	E Dill
1997 Mrs W Hawkins	J L Woods	Janet Hutchfield	Richard Brewer	E Dill
1998 Mrs W Hawkins	J L Woods	Janet Hutchfield	Richard Brewer	E Dill
1999 Mrs W Hawkins	J L Woods	Janet Hutchfield	Richard Brewer	E Dill
2000 Mrs W Hawkins	John Brady	Janet Hutchfield	Richard Brewer	Peter & Jenny Lodge
2001 Mrs W Hawkins	John Brady	Janet Hutchfield	Richard Brewer	Peter & Jenny Lodge
2002 Mrs W Hawkins	Peter Lodge	Janet Hutchfield	Peter Willcock	Peter & Jenny Lodge
2003 Mrs W Hawkins	Peter Lodge	Janet Hutchfield	Peter Willcock	Peter & Jenny Lodge
2004 -	Peter Lodge	Janet Hutchfield	Peter Willcock	Peter & Jenny Lodge
2005 -	Erica Holt	Janet Hutchfield	Peter Willcock	Erica Holt
2006 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Peter Willcock	Erica Holt
2007 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Peter Willcock	Erica Holt
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2009 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Peter Willcock	-
2010 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Peter Willcock	-
2011 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2012 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2013 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2014 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2015 -	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2016 Janet Hutchfield	Erica Holt	Anna Hales	Karen Hicks	-
2017 Janet Hutchfield	Erica Holt	Lesley Ridgley	Allyson Jones	-



Total entries have been healthy in recent years, typically averaging around 6-700 each year, from about 120 competitors. This seems to have been remarkably stable over the years. Within the total, the vegetables, fruit and vegetable classes typically attract 200-300 entries each year. The slight rise in overall entries over the past few years has been led by a resurgence in interest in the handicraft classes.

Of course there have been changes to the schedule classes over the years, but the core classes in the horticultural sections have remained - for example the vegetable collection has existed since the start in various guises.

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The 2016 Show just after judging, final preparations before the doors opened....

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