

Hertford Heath Horticultural Society
Annual Flower and Vegetable Show

16 July 2005

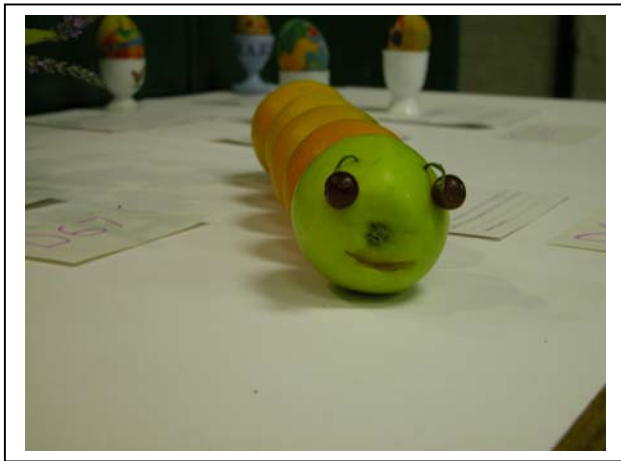
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with photographs by David Morgan

Society member, Mr Arthur Cambridge, presented the prizes at the show held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16 July.



In a special class — “Growing on of a potted plant” — first year pupils from Hertford Heath JMI School won a £10 book voucher with a thriving tomato plant. Flower drawings by five-year-old Angel Ampler, and six-year-olds Chloe Pavlov and Megan Newman won firsts of £5 each. In the handicrafts section, six scrummy biscuits were entered by Katrina Bradbury (6), and a garden-on-a-plate by Georgina Turville (5).

Georgina’s entry of a “creature made of vegetable, fruit or flowers was an imaginative “caterpillar” of a skewered apple, four oranges with two grapes for eyes.



Chloe Chapple made a buttonhole and Peter Chapple beautifully decorated a hard-boiled egg. Jessica Reynolds (9) won a first in the handicraft section and Nicholas Reynolds scooped a first for his fibreglass pussycat.

The best-kept allotment award (D Wilcher Cup) went to Roy Burton, with Margaret Porter and Jean Bawcutt following closely behind. As well as the R Hayden cup for best-kept flower garden (his 21st win) Bob Akers also scooped the L J Wren silver rose bowl for the best three cut roses; and the T Barber cup for the most first prizes in the vegetable and fruit classes. Runners-up in the best-kept flower garden category were Kath Childs and Pam Burton. Veteran gardener Kath Childs, despite a hiccup in health near the day, again excelled with a flowering plant in a pot, and a bush and trailing fuchsia — and although not part of the show, anyone who hasn’t been in Kath’s greenhouse and seen her collection of exotic cacti has missed a treat!

Silver cups were awarded to Chris Chapman (a floral arrangement) — Chris also won a first in the handicraft section for her cross-stitch panel; Jim Smith for the best exhibit in the fruit and vegetable classes (five potatoes — white); Jean Smith (a vase of annuals); Derek Chapple (a hanging basket) and Roy Phypers (six runner beans).

Margaret Porter took home the R Hayden cup for a rich fruit cake and the W S Bean Memorial cup for the best six onions grown from seed.

Lack of space precludes mentioning every well-earned win. A huge clutch of thanks is owed — to Mr Bourke of Elbow Lane Farm for his interest and support in sponsoring the show; to the judges — Joan Pennington (flowers), John Stanard (vegetables), John Storey (fruit),

Joan Storey (floral arrangements), Mary Youngman (handicrafts) and Sheila Read (cooking).

And, last but not least, to Hon Secretary, Fiona Castle, for her undaunted enthusiasm and her willing band of helpers.

A raffle raised over £50 to swell the Society's funds.

And, although not one of the official winners this year, mention must be made of Jean Bawcutt's imaginative scarecrow quilt depicting the seasons — surely a future family heirloom.

