

East Hoathly and Halland Village Show Society

East Hoathly and Halland Village Show Society aims to preserve the traditions of the Village Show. We embrace Horticulture, Cookery, Crafts, Flower Arranging with categories for Adults and Juniors. We encourage entrants with little experience as well as seasoned professionals. The intention is to stimulate friendly competition whilst pursuing perfection. We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and 2018 is our 46th season. Prior to the formation of the current Society, the Parish had a Flower Show dating back to at least the latter part of the 1890s.

New show society starts with a hit

STORED TROPHIES GET A FRESH LEASE OF LIFE



THE first show to be staged by the newly-formed East Hoathly and Halland Village Show Society was a huge success. More than 300 entries were received for the 40 classes attractively staged in the village hall on Saturday.

The judges were unanimous in their praise of the show, declaring that the exhibits showed a high standard all round, and that the village had made a very good first attempt.

The show society was formed following enthusiasm from residents of the show staged by the Women's Institute last year.

East Hoathly used to boast a gardeners' association and its cups have been in the hands of the parish council since it was disbanded many years ago.

The last show listed on the trophies was 1928 and it is thought that the event died out during the war. Now the trophies have been given a new lease of life and all were presented at Saturday's show.

The Ladies' cup was won by Mrs. Marjorie Isted, who also took the WI Cup (presented by Mrs. Belshaw for the WI member gaining most points). Mr. Roy Allcorn took the men's cup and David Frizzell the children's cup.

The results were very close and awards were spread evenly among the many entrants.

Trophies were presented by Mrs. E. G. Wenham, wife of the parish council chairman. At the end of the evening Mr. Wenham conducted a lively auction of the produce.

Hundreds of people went to view the exhibits during the afternoon. The society secretary, Mrs. P. Cottingham, said: "Everything went very well and it was a great success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves." She hoped the show had paved the way for many more in the future.

The judges were Mrs. Piper of Halsham (handicrafts), Mr. T. Horscroft and Mr. F. Newton of Framfield (vegetables and flowers), Mr. Norman Wylie Moore (paintings), Mr. N. Custance of East Hoathly (wines and beers) and Mrs. J. Farmer of Tunbridge Wells (cookery).

Decorative. Basket of mixed roses: 1 Lady Hunting, 2 Mrs. F. Allcorn, 3 Mrs. C. Cruckshank; **box of mixed flowers:** 1 Mrs. D. Makepeace, 2 Mrs. F. Allcorn, 3 Mrs. E. Courtney; **arrangement depicting a play:** 1 Mrs. E. Courtney, 2 Mrs. V. Brownlie, 3 Mrs. M. Isted; **miniature:** 1 Mrs. M. Isted, 2 Mrs. A. Turner, 3 Mrs. A. Rippsford.

Plants and flowers. Flowering pot plant: Mrs. M. Wrathall, 2 Mrs. V. Binge, 3 Mrs. A. Turner; **foliage pot plant:** 1 Mrs. B. Cruckshank, 2 Mrs. I. Wenham, 3 Mrs. M. Westcott; **sweet peas:** 1 Rev. A. Gifford, 2 Lady Hunting, 3 T. Pease; **ivy leaf roses:** 1 Mrs. D. Farmer, 2 Mrs. F. Allcorn, 3 Mrs. H. McDowell; **cactus dahlias:** 1 Mrs. A. Rippsford, 2 R. Baker.

Cookery and preserves. White loaf: 1 Mrs. I. Wenham, 2 Mrs. E. Stewart, 3 Mrs. D. Pease; **Madeira cake:** 1 Mrs. D. E. Veasey, 2 Mrs. M. Isted, 3 Mrs. E. Satchell; **fruit cake:** 1 Mrs. E. Courtney, 2 Mrs. V. Brownlie, 3 Mrs. V. Frizzell; **shortbread:** 1 Mrs. E. Stewart, 2 Mrs. V. Frizzell, 3 Mrs. D. E. Veasey; **home-made jam:** 1 Mrs. D. Pease, 2 Mrs. M. Ryland, 3 Mrs. A. Turner; **Tunbridge marmalade:** 1 Mrs. M. Wigg, 2 Mrs. L. Turner, 3 Mrs. M. Isted; **lemon curd:** 1 Mrs. A. Turner, 2 Mrs. M. Isted, 3 Mrs. A. Rippsford; **bottle of fruit:** 1 Mrs. M. Isted, 2 Mrs. M. Wigg.

Fruit and vegetables. Best arranged dish of fruit in season: 2 Mrs. V. Binge, 1 Mrs. M. Isted; **best box of vegetables:** 1 R. Allcorn, 2 Mrs. E. Aides, 3 L. Wickham; **four salad items:** 1 J. Isted, 2 J. Meakin, 3 Mrs. M. Rylands; **beetroot:** 1 R. Allcorn, 2 W. G. Heaman, 3 Mrs. E. Aides; **carrots:** 1 R. Allcorn, 2 J. Meakin, 3 Mrs. M. Rylands; **onions:** 1 S. Heaman, 2 R. Allcorn, 3 Mrs. E. Aides; **shallots:** 1 Lady Hunting, 2 J. Isted, 3 R. Allcorn.

Wine and beer. Wine: 1 L. Ryan, 2 Mrs. M. Rylands, 3 R. G. Veasey; **light beer:** 1 Mrs. K. Mostev, 2 D. Stewart.

Handicrafts. Best use of 1 yard of material: 1 Mrs. M. Isted, 2 Mrs. M. Wrathall, 3 Mrs. M. Westcott; **oil painting:** 1 Mrs. D. Crook, 2 Mrs. B. Clarke, 3 Rev. G. S. D. Turner; **water-colour:** 1 Rev. G. S. D. Turner, 2 C. T. Goldsmith, 3 Mrs. M. Isted; **small quilt in needlework:** 1 Sylvia Cottingham, 2 Mrs. P. Isted, 3 Miss N. Clarke; **knitted garment:** 1 Mrs. A. Turner, 2 Mrs. J. Gimno, 3 Miss E. Cottingham.

Junior section. Five to 11 years. Sunflower: 1 Ruth Ginn, 2 Betty of mixed flowers: 1 David Frizzell, 2 Mrs. M. Isted, 3 Mrs. E. Courtney; **twelve to 15 years. Best use of any materials:** 1 Diana Frizzell, 2 David Frizzell, 3 Mrs. M. Isted; **best use of any materials:** 1 Ruth Ginn, 2 David Frizzell, 3 Mrs. M. Isted.

THE THREE trophy winners at the East Hoathly and Halland Village Show Society will be shown on Saturday — Mrs. Marjorie Isted, Mr. Roy Allcorn and David Frizzell.

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The Society has a strong link with the Parish Garden Plots and is pleased to sponsor the Community Garden which helps local residents without access to a garden to grow and share fresh produce. The creation of the Garden Plots has helped to improve the number of entrants into our Shows. We strongly support the protection of the Garden Plots and believe that they are an asset of significant community value.



Village Show

Saturday 1.30 - 4pm



Horticulture

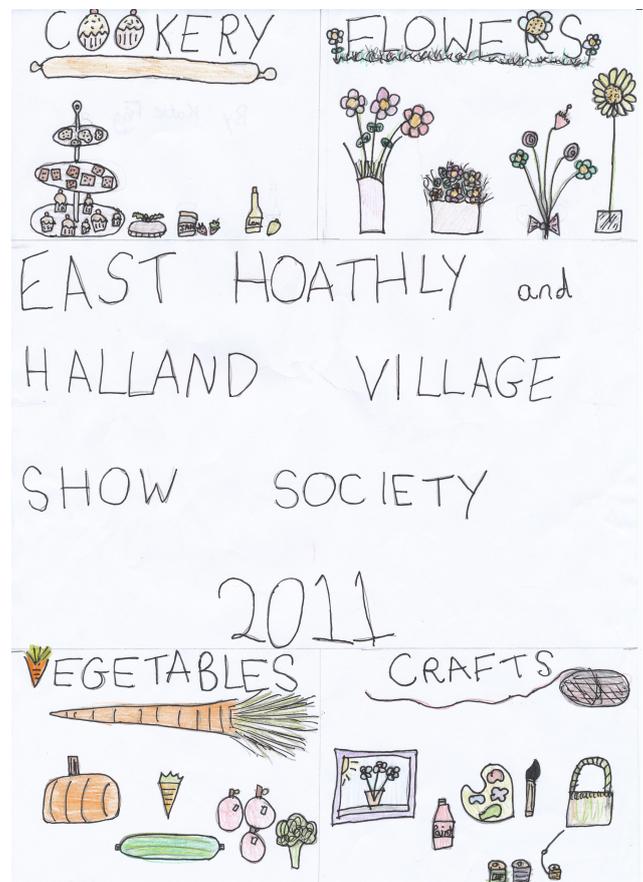
Cookery

Crafts

Flower Arranging

The Society primarily uses the Village Hall for its events. These normally include a talk/demonstration on a horticultural subject, a Spring and Autumn Show which are whole day events and a combined Annual General Meeting and Quiz Night. In addition the Society usually arranges a visit to a local garden or flower show and holds its own Open Gardens event in the Parish.

For many people the activities of our Society are a fundamental representation of rural village life.



The Society is concerned by the possibility of large housing developments changing the character of the community. Whilst increased housing does potentially increase the membership of the Society, our experience is that it does not produce a proportional increase.

Our membership is currently 178 and this has remained largely static since the Society formed in 1973 although there has been a slight reduction in the last 5 years. The addition of 76 new homes in 2009 was a 13% increase in the Parish housing but it did not result in an increase in our membership. About 18% of households in the Parish contribute to the membership of the Society but for the new developments only 12% of households have added to our membership.



The Village Hall meets our needs very well. It would be helpful to have improved storage available but it is manageable. It is well sited in the centre of the Parish and the village of East Hoathly.

The parking available for our events at the Village Hall is only just adequate. On Show days the car park is full and the approach roads are often encumbered with parked cars unloading people and produce. Improved parking in the centre of East Hoathly would be beneficial and safer.