

MEON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Show Secretaries Report Summer Show 2010

18th July 2010 Meonstoke Hall

ENTRIES

| Section | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 343 | 307 | 222 |
| 2 | 62 | 56 | 58 |
| 3 | 10 | 22 | 12 |
| 4 | 34 | 37 | 22 |
| 5 | 19 | 23 | 26 |
| 6 | 14 | 11 | 22 |
| 7 | 14 | 9 | 10 |

| Special Classes | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Specimen Flower & Vegetable | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Sweet Pea Challenge | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| Price Trophy | 12 | 7 | 15 |
| John Parry Memorial Trophy | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Meon Valley Nursery Trophy | 21 | 26 | 17 |

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| TOTAL ENTRIES | 546 | 519 | 412 |
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Once again we were delighted with the amazing number of entries at the show – a total of 546 from 72 exhibitors was yet another increase on the previous year. Well done all.

There are just a few points to note. Sadly there were just two cake entries for the Grove Trophy. Perhaps the Committee should consider a more straightforward recipe choice in future competitions. Despite this minor issue, the cooking entries overall were up on last year, so all other classes proved popular. The wine judge, Colin Brown, was most complimentary about the quality of wine, but sad to note that the entries were down on last year. However, in contrast the Fruit Liqueur category is proving increasingly popular, with nine entries; this gives him much pleasure as a judge.

Yet again the Show Secretaries received enormous help and support in setting up and running the show on the day, from both Committee and club members. You all know who you are and we thank every one of you for contributing to another wonderful show.

Once again, Jill Austen provided excellent lunches and refreshments throughout the day, which were much enjoyed by everyone. Jill always receives much help in the preparation and clearing up from many club members, so our thanks to them also.

After many years providing refreshments, Jill will hand over to Jean Shaw in 2011, so we would like to acknowledge the massive contribution Jill has made to the show over the years and we wish Jean good luck for the future!

Thanks must also go to John Martin who was marvellous on the PA system, and it was felt that this enhanced the link between the hall and the outside events. Perhaps a point which the committee might consider for next year is whether the system could be extended to cover the small hall where the refreshments are available.

Stuart Attrill organised the outside events, which increase in number year by year and prove ever popular. The perfect weather helped boost the ice cream sales and thanks once again to Derek Gamblin for providing a varied display of plants for the stall (and also for working on the till!). A book stall was introduced this year; the stall attracted many customers and it is hoped that this could be expanded, and other stalls added, in future years.

Last year it was felt that ways to reduce the cost of running the show should be investigated; this was conducted in two ways. Firstly we were able to hire fewer tables (despite having a record number of entries!) by using the recently acquired Meon Hall tables; this resulted in a saving of £70. Secondly, Ian Dyson secured the inclusion of two adverts from local businesses in the schedule; the £70 raised reduced the cost of printing the schedule.

At this stage it would appear that this year's show made a profit of around £150, which is a wonderful result. A full financial report will be produced by the Treasurers, Bob and Corinne Solen, when all the bills are in and the final figures are available.

Finally, it has been decided by the Committee to move the date of the show to the end of July in future and therefore the Meon Hall has been booked for Sunday 24 July 2011.

This only leaves us, on behalf of the Committee, to congratulate everyone on a splendid show in 2010.

Lesley Lopez & Denise Solman
Show Secretaries

| AWARDS & TROPHIES | WINNER |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Banksian Medal | David Green |
| Vokes Silver Challenge Cup | Barry Moore |
| Child Silver Challenge Cup | David Green |
| Open Silver Cup | David Green / Bob Solen |
| Sweet Pea Trophy | Mike Hill |
| Rose Trophy | Gordon Fryer |
| Transenster Silver Cup | Mike Hill |
| Hatch Trophy | Ian Dyson |
| Westbrook Trophy | Barry Moore |
| Lester Memorial Trophy | Corinne Solen |
| Grove Trophy | Corinne Solen |
| David Gutteridge Memorial | Malcolm Hyder |
| Spurgin Cup | Mrs Williams |
| Smart-Watson Silver Cup | Corinne Solen |
| Brice Trophy | Corinne Solen |
| Meon Valley Junior Cup | Tom Matthews |
| Meon Valley Senior Cup | Josie Briggs |
| Meon Valley Challenge Vase | Rosemary Frere-Cook |
| Meon Valley Nursery Trophy | Bob Solen |
| Booby Prize | Rhona Summers |
| John Parry Memorial Trophy | John Owen |
| Price Trophy | Norah Burrage |
| Meon Valley Flower Cup | Hazel Sievewright |
| Leighton Cup | Barry Moore |
| Meon Valley Fruit Bowl | David Green |
| Hazlel's of Bishops Waltham | Mrs Williams |