

## FLOWER & VEG SHOW MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2017

### MINUTES

1. **Present** – Marion Pratt, Bill Robertson, Joe & Christine Stoneman, Veronica Matthews, Rosemary Lowe, Bridget Grindley, Michelle Wilson & Ann Palmer.
2. **Apologies** from – Sandra & Tony Harper, Rod & Angie Levick, Adrian & Liz Thorley, Gillian Townsend Green, & Colin & Annette Coleman
3. **Date of next show** – general consensus was to keep the date the same (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in August) – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018.
4. **Change of some classes** – the meeting looked at the popularity of classes at this year's show; especially those with 3 or less entries in them. It was decided to combine some classes for next year and add in some new ideas to try and encourage more entries. **A big "Thank you" to all those who made suggestions for new classes. We have tried to include as many of your ideas as we can.**
5. **Children's Classes** – as the children's classes were very poorly supported it was agreed to make all the Children's classes OPEN to children from our neighbouring parishes (within Roundabout distribution area), plus children who attend our local child minder, or who are on holiday at the time of the show, or visiting friends or relations in the parish. **However, the rules would state that Trophies could only be won by children of the parish.**
6. **Summer Workshops for Children's Classes** – Marion Pratt offered to hold a workshop for the Children's Craft items a couple of weeks before the show to encourage more entries.
7. **Entry Money** – at this year's show the money taken in for entries was £137.02 and the prize money given out was £169.60. The meeting agreed to raise the entry fees to 35p each Adults and 20p each Children.
8. **Teas** – it was felt by the meeting that people are reluctant to buy teas if there is a shortage of tables to sit at. It was agreed to try and increase number of "tea" tables in 2018. It was also suggested that we offer cake or savoury items and not just Cream teas. (Perhaps parishioners would be willing to give their "trial" attempts at the baking classes to sell for the teas)
9. **Distribution of schedules** – it was suggested that we could insert the schedules in with the July edition of the Roundabout when they are delivered to the church before being given to various distributors in the parish.
10. **Judges** – have been booked for next year. Plus Margaret Harris to help with the judging of the produce classes.
11. **Photography Class** – it was agreed that this should be of parish scenes throughout the year which may then be used for the next Calendar. It was also suggested that we try and get Derek Stratton to come and give a talk on how to take the best photos.
12. **Schedule** – It was agreed that the rules, times, and hints for exhibitors be on a separate sheet to the entry form. (Last year several queried what time entries had to be in, because they had passed back that piece of information with their entry form)
13. **Entry Numbers** – it was agreed that these should be bigger than last year, and printed on stickers that must be attached to the exhibit or plate/container so that entries do not get mixed up.
14. **Displaying of Entries** – it was agreed to offer a time on the Friday night and Saturday morning for those exhibitors who find it difficult to display all of their exhibits in just 1 ½ hrs on Saturday morning.
15. **Fund Raising** – it is hoped to organise a "**Judges Question Time**" evening for the judges to explain what they are looking for in a prize exhibit; + a "**Plant Bring & Buy Sale**" (avoiding the other plant sales normally held in the parish) at which the **seed potato and container** will be given out to those wishing to enter the "Heaviest Crop from 1 potato" class.
16. **Any other suggestions** – if you were unable to attend the meeting but you have other suggestions to make please let Marion and Bill know and we will try to include them , if not next year, but in future shows.  
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