

Pillaton Garden Club Summer Show 2024

After a very frustrating winter and spring with very wet conditions making an early start in the garden nigh on impossible, it was lovely to see so many entries for the Summer Show. Entries were around the same number as the successful show last year. There were 35 adult entries including several new names exhibiting for the first time. We also had 9 children entering. Altogether there were 548 entries over the various classes.

For the many who turned up to view the entries, one couldn't fail to be impressed by the wonderful array of flowers and in particular the Dahlias from Clare Page. Clare was the dominant name for prizes in the flowers and pot plants, while Ian Edwards was again top in the Vegetable and Fruit sections. Maintaining her position as the best for the Dundee cake was Shirley Floyd, whilst a new entrant, Suzie Kelly was victorious in the much prized best Victoria Sponge cake category.

Full list of prize winners shown below:-

Kernock Park Nurseries Shield for most points in flowers, fruit and veg – Clare Page

Rose Peters Cup for Cut Flowers – Clare Page

Horticultural Society Cup for Pot Plants – Clare Page

Kathryn Bunkum Cup for Vegetables – Ian Edwards

John Hubbard Cup for Leeks – John Archer

W.E. Lucas Cup for Herbs – Shirley Floyd

Claire Druett Cup for Fruit – Ian Edwards

Ken Beal Cup for Handicraft - Helen Edwards

The Howarth Trophy for Needlecraft – Helen Edwards and Jocelyn Barrett

Peter Hicks Plate for Art – Alison Downing

Gymkhana Association Cup for Floral Art – Carole Hoskin and Kirsty Mims

Davina Beal Cup for Cookery – Shirley Floyd

WI Rose Bowl for Preserves – Ian Edwards

WI Silver Vase for Best Jam Sponge – Suzie Kelly

VNA Symons Trophy for wine – Spencer Symons

Pillaton Wives Group Cup for Junior Photography – Ivy Symons

Greta Jope Cup for Photography – Maire Warwick

Headmasters Cup for Junior sections – Emily Evans

Rose Peters Shield for Children's Cookery – Emily Evans

The Newton Ferrers Trophy for best pot plant in Special Class – Clare Page

J & T Dolley Trophy for Family gaining most points – Symons Family

Rose and John Memorial Trophy for best 6 vegetable display – Ian Edwards

Our Spring and Summer Shows could never be a success without the hard work and commitment put in by the Garden Club Committee in doing all the work to stage the exhibits and clearing away afterwards. One always has to single out Carole Hoskin for even more praise and thanks, for collating all the entries, writing out the cards for all the entrants and generally making sure the rest of us are doing the setting up correctly.

The Garden Club's next venture is the Pumpkin Carving event of Sunday 27th October 24.

More details will be displayed on Posters nearer the event.

Ian Edwards

Chairman Pillaton Garden Club.