

2015 Flower Show Report

The Show was opened by Johnny Briggs (aka Mike Baldwin from Coronation Street) who now lives in the Town. The blessing was conducted by The Reverend Sharon Lovelock on her last day in Portishead as she was moving off to pastures new in Kent.

Arena events included David Seamark Sheepdogs, Gamegoer, Punch and Judy, The Ferret School and Oreo and Friends Animal Encounters. We were entertained by The Somerset Paddies and the New Society Jazz Band.

We had a fabulous day on the Saturday, lovely weather, good crowds and a great atmosphere. Sadly the weather let us down on the Sunday as it poured down which meant that we did not get as many people attend as we would have wished. Undeterred by the Great British weather some members of the Committee re-arranged the trade stands in the marquees which enabled us to accommodate some of the Arena Events inside - these included Punch and Judy, Songs of Praise and the Jazz Band. Sadly, the Dog Show, which is very popular and well supported only had 7 entries.

Whilst the number of horticultural exhibits was down the handicrafts and photography classes were as popular as ever.

Some of the handicraft exhibits attracted much praise with requests for contact details as visitors wanted to buy the items - this could be the start of a cottage industry for some!

We had a few new faces at the awards ceremony and congratulations go to the many cup winners including:

Jane Pagano, Liz Burden, Wally Attwell, Thomas Smith, Evie Goodard-Appleby, Richard Plows, Gillian Lee-Jones, Chris Baker, Graham Mizen, Louise Potter, Annette Hennessy, Elaine Hall, Ruth Sperring, Maureen Humble, Elizabeth Coles, Les Hadley, Jennie Maycock, Pamela Wright, Cynthia Slade, Diane Wright, Rita Oddy, Les Howland

Unfortunately the financial year end accounts showed a loss on the Show in excess of £4,000, this was primarily due to the impact of the adverse weather on the Sunday which obviously deterred a lot of visitors from attending.