

July 24th 1965

Lower Hardres Show

Fun at the Fete

The annual show of the Lower Hardres and Nackington Gardeners' Society, now in its 78th year, was held on Saturday at Street End. Despite the recent difficult conditions, entries were up on last year and the quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired.

In these days of ultra-modern floral art, Lower Hardres is one of the few shows where the old-fashioned table decorations are still popular, although the Society is progressive enough to have both.

The flowers are always the highlight of this show, with sweet peas well to the fore, although dahlias and the other summer blooms are far from in the background. The vegetables seemed to have thrived on the unseasonable conditions, with the collections, potatoes, broad beans, onions, cauliflower and tomatoes of specially good quality.

Outstanding in the fruit section was Mrs. J. Baker White's collection of strawberries, raspberries, cherries and red currants. These and gooseberries were fine samples as also shown by other competitors. In the domestic section chocolate cakes, breads, knitting and handicraft were of the high order.

A swan as a decorative exhibit in a tomato tray, entered by Maureen Mills, was outstanding and the children's wild flowers and crafts were extremely good.

Trophy winners were: Section A Points Cup, Mr. L. F. Colthup; Section B Points Cup, Mr. E. Wells; Class C Points Cup, Mr. J. Baker White (gardener, Mr. A. Young). Ladies' Challenge Cup, Mrs. M. Ilott; Society Trophy and Coronation Cup, Mr. E. C. Ilott; Bronze Medal, Mr. F. V. Lee.

Stalls and sideshows were supervised as follows: Produce, Mr. A. Hubbard; hoopla, Mr. and Mrs. Blanche; spinning wheel, Brig. M. R. Roberts; coconuts, Mr. L. Colthup, Mr. E. Wells; bowling, Mr. E. Richards, Mr. F. Potts; treasure hunt, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. W. Cryer; darts, Mr. W. Jones; raffles, Mr. A. Robinson and Mr. A. Smith; tilting the bucket, Mr. C. Ilott; putting, Mr. and Mrs. Ilott; Escalado, Major G. Blaxland.

Children's races were organised by Mrs. John Baker White and Mrs. J. Dyer and the tug-of-war by Mr. E. C. Ilott. Results in the latter were: Lower Hardres beat Egerton, Pfizers beat Chatham Division Police. There was also the Bridge-Blean Road Safety Exhibition under the direction of Mr. J. D. Smith.

Results

Section A: E. C. Ilott 10-2-4, L. F. Colthup 4-3-2, Mrs. Blanche 4-1-4, C. Bentley 1-4-0, J. Holmes 1-3-0, L. F. G. Mountain 1-1-3, J. R. Boulden 1-1-0, W. Coveney 1-1-0, Miss D. Law 0-3-4, H. C. Punyer 0-2-1, Mrs. A. Harrison 0-1-0, G. Holmes 0-1-0.

Section B: E. C. Ilott 8-5-1, E. Wells 4-6-1, F. V. Lee 3-2-5, L. F. Colthup 3-1-1, Mrs. J. Blanche 2-1-0, Brig. M. R. Roberts, J. Boulden, Mrs. G. Finn, Mrs. R. Baker White 1-0-0 each, Mrs. C. Baker White 0-2-2, F. Potts, G. Holmes, J. Holmes 0-1-1 each, Miss S. C. Lloyd 0-0-1.

Section C: Mr. J. Baker White (gardener, A. Young), 10-4-3, A. Hubbard 7-6-1, E. C. Ilott 4-2-3, F. Potts 0-2-1, F. V. Lee 0-1-1, G. Holmes 0-1-0, L. F. Colthup 0-0-1.

Ladies' Section: Mrs. L. A. Barber 2-2-2, Mrs. M. Ilott 2-2-2, Mrs. A. Smith 2-2-1, Mrs. R. L. Canney 2-1-2, Mrs. I. Robinson 2-0-1, Mrs. J. Baker White 2-0-0, Mrs. E. Blaxland 2-0-0, Mrs. M. Jeanes 1-6-4, Mrs. A. Colthup 1-1-2, Mrs. K. Cryer 1-1-2, Miss D. Law, Miss S. C. Lloyd, Mrs. J. Blanche 1-0-0 each, Mrs. F. V. Lee 0-2-0, Mrs. R. Baker White 0-1-1, G. Bentley 0-1-0, Mrs. A. Harrison 0-0-1.

W.I. class: 1 Mrs. A. Colthup; 2 Mrs. M. Jeanes; 3 Mrs. I. M. Robinson.

Novice classes (three vegetables): 1 Miss S. C. Lloyd; 2 Mrs. A. Harrison. Three annuals: 1 Miss S. C. Lloyd.

Floral art (open): Mrs. J. Baker White, Mrs. H. V. Punyer, Mrs. L. V. Barber, Mrs. M. Ilott 1-0-0 each, Mrs. V. Manuel 0-1-0, Mrs. I. M. Robinson 0-1-0, Mrs. M. Jeanes 0-0-2, Mrs. E. Burrell 0-0-1.

Children's classes, arrangement wild flowers: 1 S. Dyer; 2 M. Mills; 3 A. Dyer; 4 C. Punyer; design in tomato tray: 1 M. Mills; 2 S. Dyer; 3 A. Dyer; 4 C. Punyer.

School infant work, first year: 1 S. Davies; 2 L. Rowland; 3 J. Barber; second year: 1 P. Ashdown; 2 V. Owen; 3 A. Finn; third year: 1 N. Hurran; 2 A. Hewitt; 3 P. Hutley.

Junior children, first year: 1 S. Blackford; 2 S. Dyer; 3 C. Dale; second year: 1 J. Shersby; 2 G. Birch; 3 C. Punyer; third year: 1 D. Hutley; 2 P. Barnes; 3 T. Hurran and C. Naylor; fourth year: 1 J. Benley; 2 A. Punyer; 3 E. Blanche.

Boys over 12 years up to school leaving: 1 M. Holmes; 2 G. Cryer; girls: 1 S. Francis; 2 S. Punyer.

The fete and show were admirably organised by the committee of which Mr. E. H. Stone is the efficient secretary.