GARDENERS' CLUB AUTUMN SHOW REPORT

Autumn Show - Saturday 5th September



Moby the marrow was over 100lbs

BBC Radio Surrey's gardening expert Jean Griffin returned to Westcott's Village Hall to judge the horticultural exhibits at the Autumn Show, alongside other judges for flower arranging, handicrafts and home produce. Despite obviously difficult gardening conditions this year, some fabulous exhibits were on display including a stunning array of dahlias, beautifully hand-crafted items (including a best in show winner), a bumper crop of tomatoes and Surrey's largest ever marrow.



Jean Griffin judges the dahlias

The winner of the Club Challenge Cup, for the highest number of points in the Show, was Kay Meldrum with 87 points. Janice Carter came second place with 47 points and Annette Watlow scored 36 points in third. For her combined efforts across both our Summer and Autumn Shows, Janice Carter was awarded the annual RHS Banksian Medal, this in addition to her best in section rosettes for Roses and Home Produce. The best exhibit was won by Angela Deloford for her handmade bracelet and Herbie Armstong won the Bennett Cup for maximum points in the children's classes.

The winners of the various classes were:

Dahlias: Kay Meldrum
Chrysanthemums: Kay Meldrum
Roses: Janice Carter
Other Cut Flowers: Kay Meldrum
Pot Plants: Annette Watlow
Vegetables: Kay Meldrum
Fruit: Sarah Massey
Flower Arranging: Sheena Salmon
Home Produce: Janice Carter
Handicrafts: Angela Deloford
Children's Classes: Herbie Armstrong

Rosettes for Best in Section went to:

Dahlias: Kay Meldrum
Chrysanthemums: Kay Meldrum
Roses: Janice Carter
Other Cut Flowers: Sheila Hedges
Pot Plants: Annette Watlow
Vegetables: Matt Peskett
Fruit: Annette Watlow
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Thomasine Burnap picked up the Robinson Salver for her winning vegetable collection box and newcomer Sally Croft was awarded the Autumn Novice Cup for several point winning entries across multiple classes.

Matt Peskett

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