

## **DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2017**

This is a tribute to all who helped make this event on 2 September possible. First there is our committee of six: Stan Nelson, with his wealth of gardening and show experience, is our able chairman, and he also takes the minutes of meetings. Joan Wright, our assistant secretary, takes on all the publicity prior to the show, gets the raffle prizes, judges' and scorer's gifts and asks people to make cakes for the teas. She works so hard. Sue Ayles is our wonderful, efficient treasurer, helping me with entries and exhibitors' cards, and with the scoring on the day. Terry Timms mans the bottle stall and helps hugely with setting up and clearing up, and Bev Ryland helps with the entries, gets Clifton to contribute cakes for the teas and, this year, proposed a new produce auction at the end. Next Elsa Williams who, though loosening her ties with Deddington, will remain our scorer in the future. She also designed and produced the exhibitors' cards, a far better system than previously.

On show day, this team work hard to run this community event, as do the many people acting as stewards as exhibitors arrive to place their exhibits on the tables, those who serve the teas, help with the raffle and run the cake stall. It was also a pleasure to have Lord Andrew Green to read out the trophy winners and Annie, our vicar, who presented the cups and read out the raffle prize winners.

It is a great deal of tiring work but worth it when one looks at the amazing display of exhibits in all adult sections this year, the number and high quality. There is so much talent around, not only in our gardeners and cooks, but also in the artistic, creative classes – art, crafts and photography. It was a wonderful, thrilling effort from everyone. The others who are also highly appreciated are the judges, who arguably have the most challenging job of all.

On a more sombre note, we were well down on children's entry numbers this year which was very disappointing, but perhaps the fact that the autumn term had not begun was one of the reasons.

***Wendy Burrows***  
***Hon. Secretary***