

Kettleburgh Village Produce Association

Report For The Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 20th April 2017

Run by a small group of enthusiastic volunteers the Kettleburgh Flower and Produce Show is currently held on the first Saturday in September here in the village hall. The aim is to have fun with a little gentle rivalry and you don't need to be an expert to join in. It is a traditional show with sections for vegetables, flowers, fruit, cookery, wine, photographs and children's classes and participants from Kettleburgh and the surrounding villages particularly Brandeston are welcomed.

The 2016 show was held on Saturday 3rd September with the most popular classes being runner beans, herbs, perennial flowers, marmalade, chutney and the fruit loaf. As has been the trend in the past few years entries were again down and the show ran at a loss.

In April this year we held an "On With The Show" evening where Peter Driver (a regular trophy winner) shared some of his tips for producing and showing top veg and flowers and Brenda Garrett a domestic judge from Grundisburgh talked about the finer points of exhibiting cookery and preserves. It was an interesting and informative evening and we were pleased several members of the Framlingham Horticultural Society came to join us.

Whilst we could always do with one or two more helpers, for the show to continue to thrive we really need more entries. We are always open to suggestions for new classes in the existing sections, could expand some sections such as the photos, and are currently considering introducing one or more handicraft classes. Let us have your suggestions, and then please try and enter something. The show this year will be on Saturday 2nd September.

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VPA Secretary