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This book is dedicated to the memory of Cyril Marter,
Club Chairman 2004 - 2010

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FOREWORD

THE CLUB'S FOUNDATION AND EARLY DAYS

Context

The growth of Banwell

Banwell saw an increase in its population by nearly a third during the 1950's; from 2,228 in 1951 up to 2,824 in 1961. To cater for this increasing population over 300 new houses were built in the parish.

Popularity of gardening for pleasure

Following the Second World War there was a surge in interest in gardening for pleasure, not just food crops but flowers and garden design. This was probably partly as a result of the end of wartime conditions and also as a result of programmes such as Gardener's Question Time which was first broadcast nationally by the BBC from 1957 in the light entertainment slot on Sunday afternoons.

Formation of the Gardening Club

In September and October 1958 discussions began about forming a club "for the benefit of all gardeners in the village, and those interested in gardening who may not have a garden of their own." A letter outlining the proposal, written by Sheila Griffith, was circulated to villagers and a meeting, on October 20th 1958, was held to discuss the idea. The idea proved popular and the Club was formed, with its first Committee team comprising:

Chairman –	Claude Champion
Hon. Treasurer –	George Robson
Hon. Secretary –	Sheila Griffith
Committee –	Mrs Charmon
	Doris Hammond
	Henry Martin
	William J Perry
	Harry E Bennett

Captain Gerald John Picton Davies was chosen to be the Club's first President.

Club constitution

In common with other small village clubs, groups and societies the Gardening Club has a constitution; a set of rules which explains what the Club does and how it is to be run. The constitution defines the purpose of the Club, how its Trustees (the Committee) are to be elected, the roles of the committee members and how the Club (and its funds) are to be managed. The full constitution is included in Appendix D.

CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Club meetings

In the Club's first year meetings were held at 'The Gables' (in West Street). From 1960 meetings were held in the Junior Schoolroom of the village school, moving to the Church Hall from 1966. In 1970 the Club moved its meetings to the new Village Hall, where they continue to be held.

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held in September each year, part-way through the Club's season, but this was changed to May from 1995. This change allowed all new post-holders to be in place and briefed before the Club started its meetings again the following February.

In March 2000 a panel of experts, including several RHS judges and BBC Radio Bristol's Ray Davies were invited to run a 'Gardener's Question Time' event in place of the normal evening meeting. The evening had been opened up to a wider audience than normal with villagers and visitors from neighbouring gardening clubs also being invited.

Competitions

A feature of Club meetings for many years has been a competition, with the best exhibit being judged by the evening's speaker – some speakers have been seen to turn a little pale when faced with half a dozen jars of chutney to judge!

Speakers

An important aspect of the Club is its annual programme of guest speakers. In the 1950's and early 1960's Somerset County Council had an Agricultural Education sub-committee based at the Somerset Farm Institute (now the Cannington Centre for Land-based Studies; part of Bridgwater College). Cannington had been established in 1921 as part of a post first world war initiative for a national network of administrative and training centres to support the country's need for efficient food production. During the early years of the Club lectures were given to the members on topics such as budding and grafting, the latest developments in horticulture (including one on the use of chemical pesticides in the garden) and soils & compost were given by Tim Maitland, the Institute's County Horticultural Instructor. As well as lectures, practical demonstrations on topics such as fruit tree pruning, budding and grafting and [others]. Several trees in the village have therefore benefited from expert attention, including those at 'Woodleigh' in 1959 (the home of Mr R.Harrison); Chestnut Farm, Wolverhill in 1961 (owned by Mr E.W. Counsell), 'Cophthorne' (George Robson's home) in Wolverhill in 1962, [others]. The Institute's lectures were provided for a very small charge; 8s 6d in 1962 (worth about £7 in today's money when

Hints for a 'vertical garden' (climbing plants).

From the October 2008 speaker's presentation.

North-facing.

Rose Madame Gregoire Staechelin (pink flowers), pyracantha (firethorn), climbing hydrangea (white flowers - may take 3 years before it starts to climb), ivy canariensis, ivy buttercup (yellow leaves), cotoneaster horizontalis, euonymus (burning bush), clematis Montana (white flowers), clematis macropetala (blue flowers), clematis The President (purple-blue flowers), clematis Nelly Moser (white flowers with pink stripe).

South-facing.

Rose Etude (pink flowers), passiflora, dregea sinensis (very sweet fragrance, white flowers), caryopteris (blue flowers), clematis Gravetye Beauty (red flowers), tropaeolum canariensis (yellow flowers), ceanothus Concha, ceanothus Puget Blue, fremontia californica, feijoa (requires a sheltered spot), stauntonia hexaphylla (sweet-scented), grevillea (requires a sheltered spot).

West-facing.

Wisteria sinensis, wisteria japonica, camellia (requires an acid soil), purple vine, perennial sweet pea, dicentra macrocapnos, coronilla glauca citrina, golden hop.

East-facing.

Rose Madame Alfred Carriere (pale pink), ornamental quince, itea ilicifolia (has catkins that are night-scented), honeysuckle.

inflation over the years is taken into account). Speakers today typically cost the club £40-£50 in contrast.

In 1981 Dr Roger Atkin from the Long Ashton Research Station, another valuable source of expertise, gave a talk on projects at the establishment, including redesigning strawberry plants and apple trees to assist mechanised harvesting and plum trees that would flower late enough to avoid frosts.

Another regular source of guest speakers was the County's Parks Superintendants; in February 1960 Mr F.R.Daw from the City of Bath gave a talk [on?] and [other Parks speakers]

It is also interesting to note that several large industrial organisations used to maintain full time gardening staff and representatives from these featured regularly as speakers and also as judges at the shows. Examples include Wessex Water Authority (1976) and the South West Gas Board (1961) [others?]....

Local horticultural specialists have also provided interesting talks, practical demonstrations and plants for sale over the years. Sadly, many of these growers no longer exist, unable to compete with larger multinational firms. Growers that provided the Club's members with advice over the years include Sanday Roses of Almondsbury (1981) [others?]....

Outings

Stourhead, 1962, 2 coaches, 70 members

Parties

In the early days of the Club a pre-Christmas party was held at the Church Hall, with party games, community singing and a seasonal buffet (provided by the ladies of the Club). These appear to have been well attended, with over 80 people attending in 1961.

Other events

Annual plant sale

Occasional plant sales, raising money for either the Club or for other village charities have occurred throughout the Club's history. In 1983 a midsummer tea and plant sale at Wally Rice's house raised money for the restoration fund for St Andrew's Church in the village. The plant sale became a regular event in the 1990's through to 2000[check dates], usually held in the Village Hall during May. This proved to be a valuable source of income for the Club (£190 in 1997, £92 in 1999, £142 in 2000), as well as providing villagers with a source of useful plants.

Communication about the plant sale was apparently not as effective as the organisers might have wished; Bill Thomas recalls that many years ago at one of the plant sales Madge Willday arrived just as the remaining stock was being packed up at the end of the sale. She was most put out to find the sale over as the poster had stated the time as "10 to 12 in the Village Hall", and as it was 11.50 she was exactly on time!

Most of the stock for the plant sale was grown by Bill Thomas; in 1998 disaster struck when Bill's greenhouse heater malfunctioned, overheated the greenhouse and ruined the stock. It looked as though the sale would have to be cancelled, but in the event a 'few tables were manned by Committee members' at the Village Hall and raised £16 plus a donation of £10.

BBC Radio's 'Gardener's Question Time'

On the 14th July 1973 the BBC Radio programme 'Gardener's Question Time' came to Banwell, hosted by the Gardening Club in the Village Hall. Presented by Michael Barrett with his regular panel of Professor Alan Gemmell, Fred Loads and Bill Sowerbutts, questions were taken from the audience (mostly Gardening Club members). The panel answered questions from:

T.P.Haines – Can Carob trees be grown successfully outside? (Answer 'no', they need to be brought in for the winter)

Mr Lloyd – Are apricot trees self-fertile, and when should they be moved? (Answer 'yes' to the first part of the question, but the panel disagreed on when it would be safe to move it; early December being the least risky)

Mrs J M Willis - Is it possible to take cuttings of Eucalyptus? (Answer 'yes, but don't expect a high success rate!')

Mrs Pemberton – What are the best fertilizers for blackcurrants and gooseberries? (They actually like different fertilizers; blackcurrants are very hungry plants like rhubarb and welcome a heavy manuring, but gooseberries need sulphate of potash, applied as they are flowering)

Mrs Bate – Why do streptocarpus leaves turn brown and die back from the leaves? (Answer, they are very sensitive of location, they like a moist environment; Mrs Bate had found that when she moved her plant to a north-facing kitchen, out of direct sunlight the plant thrived. The panel agreed that really streptocarpus was a fair houseplant, but an excellent bathroom plant!)

George Robson – Why do rose **branches** die back if a plant label/tag is attached to them?

H J Skane (schoolteacher), for D R Mayo (head teacher) – What are suitable plants for keeping in a school?

Ann Willis – My variegated ivy is growing really green; is it possible to get it variegated again?

Doris Hammond –

Social events

A coffee morning in 1982 helped to raise money for

Hints for building a border with year-round colour.

From the September 2007 speaker's presentation.

Autumn/ Winter Interest

Rosa caesia subsp. glauca - with dark leaves and red hips

Miscanthus sinensis 'Malepartus' - a tall, hardy, clumping grass with purple leaves in autumn and long-lasting, fluffy seed heads

Euphorbia characias subsp. wulfenii / Euphorbia × martini - evergreen, the wulfenii is a very large plant while the Martini is smaller, with purple leaves in winter. Both have acid green flowers with red centres. Wear gloves to avoid the irritant sap.

Anthemis punctata subsp. cupaniana - an evergreen with feathery silver leaves, flowering all summer with white daisies with yellow centres. Leave seed heads on plants to provide food for birds and winter interest.

Spring

Bulbs; Anemones, Daffodils

Peonies - Japanese varieties provide leaf colour in spring and autumn and flowers in summer. Different varieties flower later, so get advice on which ones to choose depending on the job it needs to do in the garden. Fragrant.

Summer

Kniphofia - large number of varieties, some flower earlier and some as late as October/ November (e.g. 'Wol's Red Seedling' - a small variety that produces red flowers very late in the year)

Hemerocallis - recommended variety *Hemerocallis 'Stella de Oro'* (small and yellow), ideal for shaded spots, which concentrates the perfume.

Large anemones - from bulbs

Alliums - from bulbs, and will keep coming back year after year, with more (bulbs will split and create more plants)

Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate' - produces a big clump providing a dense plum backdrop, and flowers in October.

Anthemis tinctoria 'Sauce Hollandaise' - tall with creamy flowers. Alternatively use *Achillea*, *Verbascum* or *Sidalcea* - a small hollyhock-type.

Mid/Late Summer

Geranium 'Orion' - flowers for a very long time, does not seed, very dark blue/ purple colour.

Salvia

Geums

Everlasting Wallflowers

Polemonium reptans 'Stairway to Heaven'

Thalictrum delavayi 'Hewitt's Double' - fluffy fine leaves in a bush with very tall stalks of purple fluffy flowers above - similar to *Verbena bonariensis* but better.

Village Hall Curtain Fund.

Inter-club quiz

In the mid-1980s gardening clubs in the district competed at an annual quiz about horticultural matters. The clubs taking part included Banwell, Sandford, Shipham and Winscombe. Banwell came third in 1983 and fourth in 1984.

Anniversary celebrations

In 1979 the Club celebrated its 21st anniversary at its December meeting. The “lady members had provided refreshments. These included 150 mince pies, 200 cakes and scones and a variety of sandwiches and delicacies.”



Plate X; Miss Brown, Miss Ingram, Mr Venn, John Wythes admiring the display at Stourhead in 1973

Plate X;.



Plate X; 1966 social event, Banwell Church Hall, Mrs Pike, Evelyn Criddle



Plate X; 1966 social event, Banwell Church Hall, Viv Small, Arthur Elton Clarke, Betty Champion



Plate X; Mr Knight at the 1966 social event in the Church Hall



Plate X; Oliver Hornett (?) at the 1967 social event in the Church Hall



Plate X; Anne Martin and Andrew Dawson, social event November 1968



Plate X; 25th anniversary cake, 1985

THE SHOWS

For most of its history, the Gardening Club has encouraged villagers to take part in exhibiting specimens of fruit, flowers, shrubs and vegetables that they have grown. As well as the horticultural aspects of the shows, there has also been a long history of showing local produce (such as cakes, wines and preserves) as well as crafts such as flower arranging, painting, knitting, crochet, ragwork, woodwork/carving, metalwork and photography. The shows have provided an opportunity for friendly competition amongst those associated with the village (anyone working or residing in Banwell).

For many years the Club ran three Shows: one in April (the Spring Show), one in the summer (the Rose Show) and one in the early autumn (the Horticultural Show). The Horticultural Show started in 1960, the Spring Show in 1962 and the Rose Show in 1973. Both the Spring Show and the Horticultural Show continue today, but the Rose Show ceased in 1991.

The unpredictable British weather appears to have caused the Show Secretaries much worry over the years (and it continues to do so!). Cold winters, warm winters, droughts, wet summers and gales can cause problems for village gardeners (and hence the show organisers) with flowers and crops arriving too late, too early or not at all for showing. There are many newspaper articles about the shows noting 'difficult growing conditions' (September 1976), 'unseasonal weather' (April 1979), 'Bad weather hits show' (June 1991). Indeed, the Spring Show was cancelled in 1969 because of 'the lateness of the season'!

Exhibits are judged with certificates awarded for first, second, third and 'highly commended' entries. Prizes are awarded for achieving the most points in a particular section (e.g. the J. Wythes Cup is awarded for the most points in the vegetable section). Over the years prizes have also been sponsored by local and national organisations; in 1970 a 'large flour company' sponsored a prize for the best fruit cake. These organisations often require certain criteria to be met to allow their prize to be awarded, usually there need to be a minimum number of entries (i.e. more than one!) before the Club qualifies for the prize award. In 1970 this apparently required drastic action by the Club's chairman, Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines, who entered the fruit cake competition to make sure there were enough entries (25 were needed). Despite onions being his speciality, not cakes, Mr Haines won first prize. He told the Weston Mercury "I don't usually bake cakes. I leave that to my wife."

As well as providing a boost to the Club's income, allowing it to fund interesting guest speakers throughout the year, the Shows have often provided much-needed donations to other village causes such as the church bell fund [£6 in 1984 (cuttings book) - OTHERS?].

Hints for showing vegetables.

Potatoes.

Wash in milk, dry with a cool hairdryer and wrap in kitchen paper to maintain the finish.

Peas

Keep the flower on the pea. Use a strong light to check for maggots. Use scissors to harvest peas and beans to avoid damaging later crops.

The Shows require careful planning need the support and assistance from the committee and many of the members. In 1999, when there was difficulty recruiting a new Show Secretary the membership was asked to vote on the future of the two remaining Shows (the Spring Show and the Horticultural Show). Fortunately the membership voted overwhelmingly in favour of continuing with the shows.

Horticultural Show, 1960 - present

The Horticultural Show, held in August or September each year, is the highlight of the Club's year. This show has always attracted a large number of entries from villagers and fills the Village Hall with flowers, vegetables, preserves and other produce.

The first show, in September 1960 (actually the first show that the Club organised) attracted over 200 entries from more than 60 villagers. For this first show there were 37 classes spread over 6 sections: vegetables (17 classes), fruit (3 classes), flowers (9 classes), flower arrangement (2 classes), domestic (4 classes) and a children's section (2 classes).

A popular class in the show is for 'the heaviest pumpkin'. The winner in 1982 was a 39lb (18kg) pumpkin grown by the Club's chairman George Robson. Apparently the lucky committee members were to be treated to pumpkin pie at the following committee meeting at his house!

[What happened in 2001 – there were no Floral Art entries?]

FIRST FLOWER SHOW FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Banwell Gardening Club's Successful Event

THE FIRST flower show to be held at Banwell for several years proved a great success, attracting over 200 entries from 60 competitors. The event was organised by Banwell Gardening Club, and was open to parishioners and members of the club.

The secretary, Mrs. J. Griffith, told the "Mercury": "I think this is a splendid start. We were expecting only about half the entries we have had. I have no doubt that we shall be able to make this an annual event, and may even be able to expand next year.

'Paid Off'

"I think our decision to hold our show in September has paid off, because the standard is very high. The floral section is especially good, as we have caught many of the varieties in their second flush."

All three judges, Mr. T. R. Maitland (vegetables and fruit), Mrs. R. M. Edwards (flowers), and Miss S. Smith (domestic), commented on the high standard of entries.

Opening the show, Captain G. J. Picton-Davies, president, said that, since the Gardening Club was formed two years ago, it had created a really friendly atmosphere." The series of lectures, discussions, and films organised was "outstanding".

There were entries from three members of the Walker family, and between them they carried off five

prizes, 10-year-old Tony doing especially well in the children's section. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Champion won six firsts and second prizes.

In the floral section, Mr. J. Wythes, did well with his roses and chrysanthemums, and Mr. J. Merrick won with his asters. Among the ladies, Mrs. Eccles figured prominently in the prize list.

THE RESULTS

(1st and 2nd prize winners)

Vegetables.—Peas: Mr. T. P. Haines, Mr. W. A. Moss. Runner beans: Mrs. M. A. Hart, Mr. C. E. Leeming. Marrow: Mr. C. W. Pollard, Mrs. Grunsell. Carrots: Mrs Grunsell, Mr. T. P. Haines. Shallots: Mr. G. Parsley, Mr H. E. Bennett. Onions: Mrs H. Robson, Mr. C. B. Champion. Kidney potatoes: Mr. Martin, Mr. T. Watkins. Round potatoes: Mr. J. Wythes, Mr. C. P. Walker. Cabbages: Mr J. Merrick, Mrs. H. Robson. Beetroot: Mr. C. B. Champion, Mr. J. Merrick. Tomatoes: Mr. C. F. Leeming, Mrs. B. Champion. Cucumber: Mr. C. W. Pollard, Mr. C. B. Champion. Ridge cucumbers: (No first, 2) Mr. H. E. Bennett. Collection six vegetables: (No first, 2) Mr. G. W. Robson.

Fruit.—Dessert apples: Mr. J. Wythes, Mrs. B. Champion. Cooking apples: Mr. C. B. Champion, Mr. W. A. Moss. Pears:

Miss M. Hinton, Mr. W. A. Moss.

Flowers.—Pot plant: Miss E. Bate, Mrs. Eccles. Roses: Mr. J. Wythes, Miss M. Hinton. Dahlias: Miss E. Bate, Mr. C. F. Leeming. Three stems chrysanthemums: Mr. J. Wythes, Mr. J. Merrick. Three stem spray chrysanthemum: (No first, 2) Mrs. Robson. Three garden flowers: Mr. C. F. Leeming, Mr. A. J. Elton-Clarke. Michaelmas daisies: Miss Rust, Mrs. T. P. Haines. Asters: Mr. J. Merrick, Mr. C. P. Walker.

Floral Arrangements.—Large floral and

foliage arrangement: Mrs. Eccles, Mrs. Chivers. Small floral and foliage arrangement: Mrs. Eccles, Mrs. C. M. Walker.

Domestic Classes.—Victoria sandwich: Miss F. Gloster, Miss E. Bate. Jam: Miss M. Creighton, Mrs. Champion. Jelly: Mrs. Woolmington, Mrs. S. Garner. Bottled fruit: Mrs. M. A. Hart, Miss E. F. Gloster.

Children's Classes.—Miniature garden: Tony Walker, Michael Eccles. Arrangement, flowers: Wendy Eccles, Tony Walker.



Plate X; 1965 Horticultural Show, Banwell School, Miss Dibble, Mrs Wallis.



Plate X; 1965 Horticultural Show, Banwell School, John Wythes, Eva Bate, Doris Hammond



Plate X; 1966 Horticultural Show, Church Hall, Claude Champion, unknown, Eva Bate



Plate X; 1967 Horticultural Show, Church Hall, judges.



Plate X; 1967 Horticultural Show, Church Hall, Mrs Cuff, Mrs Shallish, Mrs Small.



Plate X; 1967 Horticultural Show, Church Hall, Doris Hammond and judges



Plate X; 1967 Horticultural Show, Church Hall, Doris Hammond and judges



Plate X; Claude Champion presenting Dorothee Harding with the Martin Rose Bowl at the 1970 Horticultural Show, Village Hall



Plate X; Pat Martin (in hat), Mrs Ellis and others at the 1970 Horticultural Show



Plate X; Raymond Daw with prize-winning marrows at the 1993 Horticultural Show.

Spring Show, 1962 - present

Following the success of the autumn Horticultural Show, the Club Committee decided to run a second show at the start of the season. This Show, was first known as the 'Bulb and Flower Show', but this was later shortened to the 'Spring Show'; a name it still carries. This show is particularly vulnerable to the effects of the British weather (as mentioned earlier the Show was abandoned in 1969 because the growing season had started so late.

Prizes were awarded at the Show from its inception, with the first cup being awarded from 1973. There are now 11 cups awarded at the Spring Show; winners of the cups are included in Appendix C.

Following the Show in 1997 some of the flower exhibits were bunched and delivered to sick and housebound villagers.

Lawn care through the year.

From the September 2008 speaker's presentation.

January

Keep off the grass!

February

Lay turf/prepare for seed.

March

Sow seed, remove leaves and rubbish. Apply mosskiller (kill first and then rake out after 14 days).

April

Start feeding and weeding. Spray is more effective than powder. Apply surface dressing. Mow as necessary with the mower blade set to 30mm (20mm for fine lawns).

May

Continue weedkilling. Mow frequently with the mower blade set to 25mm (12mm for fine lawns).

June

Give the lawn a high nitrogen feed. Lightly fork the surface if the lawn has become compacted. Mow twice a week for top-quality grass.

July

Mow regularly. Rake over the lawn lightly.

August

This is the last opportunity for applying weedkiller.

September

This month is the start of the autumn programme of lawncare; rake thoroughly, mow and apply an autumn feed.

October

Stop regular mowing, brush up leaves and apply mosskiller.

November

Mow the lawn for the last time with a high cut. Remove leaves and aerate the lawn with a hollow-tine fork, brushing a mixture of sharp sand and compost into the holes.

December

Keep leaves off the lawn. Try to avoid walking on the lawn.

Banwell Bulb And Flower Show



Admiring a decorative arrangement is Mr. T. P. Haines, vice-chairman, and with him are Mrs. D. M. Hammond, Miss E. Eate, Messrs. F. J. Chivers, J. Merrick, A. W. Harwood and J. Wythes, hon. secretary.

THE committee of Banwell Gardening Club were rather pessimistic about the chances of their first Spring bulb and flower show being a success when, after deciding upon the date, preceding the severe frosts, the late Spring followed and entries were late in coming in.

However, their fears were dispelled when over 80 exhibits were submitted, which brought praise from the judge, Mr. P. Barnfield, of Somerset County Farm Institute, Cannington. He congratulated the 60 members who had entered, and also the organising committee, under the club secretary, Mr. J. W. Wythes.

The general quality of the pot plants was such that the judge had a difficult task. The talk he was to have given afterwards on "Pests and soils" was postponed until a later monthly meeting and instead, he gave hints on show exhibition and on where some of the unsuccessful competitors went wrong.

The club's next event is a visit to Stourhead on May 26. Two coaches have been booked, and all seats have been taken.

Prizewinners

(In 1 and 2 sequence)

Daffodil, any colours: Miss E. Bate, A. W. Harwood. Daffodil, white/cream self: A. W. Harwood, J. Wythes. Narcissi, any kinds: C. B. Champion, J. Wythes. Daffodils and narcissi, six varieties: J. Wythes, H. Martin. Pot or bowl of growing bulbs, other than daffodils or narcissi: T. P. Haines. Tulips: A. W. Pollard, H. Martin. Anemones: A. W. Pollard. Vase or bowl of wall-flowers: Mrs. P. Walker. Polyanthus: J. Merrick, Mrs. L. Chivers. Decorative arrangement of mixed Spring flowers: Mrs. Prince, Mrs. H. A. Isgar. Flowers of rock plants arranged in saucer: Mrs. C. B. Champion, Mrs. D. M. Hammond. Flowering pot plant: Mrs. T. P. Haines, Mrs. H. A. Isgar. Collection of shrubs arranged in bowl or vase: Mrs. D. M. Hammond.

Plate X; Weston Mercury report on the first Spring Show, 1962.



Plate X; 1967 Spring Show, Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines, Rev. J Bromwich, Mabel Haines, Mrs Angel, unknown.



Plate X; 1982 Spring Show, Reg Yarde, Evelyn Criddle, Cissy Yarde, Shirley Yarde



Plate X; 1989 Spring Show, Tom Baker with his model haywain.

Rose Show, 1973 - 1991

This show was held in June, principally for exhibits of the various types of rose; hybrid tea, floribunda, rambler, shrub and miniature. In addition to the rose specimens, the show had classes for summer flowers such as begonias, pinks, pansies, sweet peas and geraniums as well as cacti and pot plants.

Winners of the Rose Show trophies through the years have been included in Appendix C.



Plate X;



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Plate X; Julie Adams at the 1985 Rose Show with the Club Trophy for most points in show.



Plate X; Elsie Turpin and Beryl Day at the 1987 Rose Show.

The show judges

The Club's first show (in September 1960) called on three judges: Tim Maitland, the County Horticultural Instructor (judging fruit and vegetables); Mrs R.M. Edwards (flowers); and Miss M. Smith (domestic). The Somerset Farm Institute continued to provide judges through the years with Mr P. Barnfield [others?] judging the Spring Show in 1962.

Judges for the shows were also sought from the Long Ashton Research Station (part of the government's Agricultural and Food Research Council); in 1980 Mr L.F. Martin, Maureen Minniken and Miss M. Warrington were the judges for the Horticultural Show.

Judges have also been sought from local experts; nurserymen (and women) other local horticultural societies

Nurserymen and professional gardeners include Leonard and Evelyn Jones, John Bawden (head gardener at Coombe Lodge, Blagdon),

Horticultural Society judges include Bill Gadd from Winscombe Horticultural Society

Local experts included Beryl Burns (a flower arranger in Banwell who later joined the Club), Mary Garner (an early member of the Club), Don Everitt (chairman of the Bristol Alpine Society), Norma Jones (teacher of domestic science at [?]), Evan Hughes (Axbridge Wine Circle), Jack Galpin (Weston-super-Mare Cactus Society)

The cups

The Club's collection of cups has been built up since the first show in 1960. Many of the cups have been donated by Club presidents, chairmen and other committee members (or their families as a gift of remembrance). Other cups have been purchased from surpluses generated by the shows to allow prizes to be awarded for a larger number of classes, providing encouragement for villagers to take part. There are now 20 cups that are awarded, the full listing is given in Appendix B.



Plate X; Norma Jones judging the domestic section, 2009 Horticultural Show.

THE CLUB'S MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE

Membership

Year	No. of members
1970-71	93
1971-72	110
1972-73	123
1973-74	112
1974-75	96
1975-76	85
1976-77	84
1977-78	63
1978-79	67

39 members in 1998

Membership fees [TEXT]

Membership fee in 1960 2s 6d (£2.15 today)

Membership in 1970 through to 1971 5s (£2.90 today)

Membership 25p 1972 to 1978 (worth £2.50 down to £1 today)

Annual membership £1.50 in 1997 (£2.00 today), 20p on the door

Annual membership £4.00 in 2000 (£5 today)

Committee

John Wythes, a founding member of the Club was secretary for over 17 years and continued as president until his 94th birthday. Even in his 90s he continued to take part in the annual shows; apparently getting up at 5.30 a.m. to prepare his exhibits for the Horticultural Show in 1979! This dedication seems to have paid off as he won the greatest number of prizes for his flowers in the 1980 Spring Show. In June 1982, at the age of 95, he missed his first show in 23 years being ill in hospital. Sadly, John died in July that year.

George Robson lived at 'Cophorne' on Wolverhill Road, where several of the early demonstrations

Former members of the Club's committee have often continued to support the Club after they have ceased to play an active role. Donations and bequests have allowed the Club to continue its active involvement in village life.

[Brenda Peakman in 1996, Kathleen Jones Trust in 2001 etc – OTHERS?]



Plate X; Captain Gerald John Picton Davies, Club President 1958 - 1962

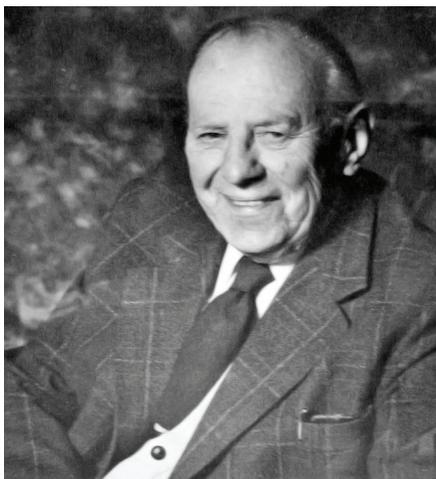


Plate X; Arthur Elton Clarke, Club Chairman 1974 - 1979 and President 1982 - 1991



Plate X: Gardening Club committee at the 25th Horticultural Show. From l-r are: George Robson (treasurer), Wally Rice, Brenda Peakman (show secretary), Betty Berry, Julie Adams (general secretary), Pat Richards, Elsie Turpin, Arthur Elton Clarke (president), Bill Thomas (chairman)



Plate X: Cyril Marter, Club Chairman 2004 - 2010

THE GARDENING CLUB'S WORK IN THE VILLAGE

Tree planting scheme, 1981

In 1981 Wally Rice suggested that the Gardening Club should sponsor a scheme to plant trees in the village. The Club's Committee approved the idea and Wally worked up a plan to gain funding from local grant schemes and other village organisations. Four sites were identified for tree planting (Riverside, Knightcott Road and two along Godings Lane). The Club approached the then County Forestry Officer for Avon, Bob O'Bryen, for advice on suitable species. A finalised scheme was proposed for 55 half-standard trees¹ and 70 whips² over the two sites, with Wally Rice acting as project manager for the scheme.

After discussions with the owners of the two sites a revised scheme was agreed, with 42 semi standard trees and 18 whips spread over the various sites as follows:

Knightcott Road;	12 semi standards	£150
Goding (Golling) Lane west	11 semi standards	£190
	6 whips	
Goding (Golling) Lane east	7 semi standards	£140
	6 whips	
Riverside	12 semi standards	£205
	6 whips	

The cost of the whole scheme was £685 (nearly £2,000 today), with grants being promised in 1981 from the parish council (£200), Countryside Commission (£80) and Woodspring District Council (£41.50). Donations towards the scheme were received from the various Gardening Club members. To enable the scheme to get started (in advance of the grant monies being received) the Banwell Bellringers kindly provided a loan of £100, which was repaid in 1982.

The semi standard trees were a mix of horse chestnut, silver birch, ash, lime, red oak, pendunculate oak, Turkey oak, grey poplar, white poplar, common alder and white willow. The whips were a mixture of ash, wild cherry (gean) and common alder.

Despite wet and stormy weather the first phase of planting took place in March 1981 with 3 silver birch, 6 horse chestnut and 3 ash trees being planted at the Knightcott Road site.

The second, final, phase of the project was completed in February 1982. A further grant had been received from Woodspring District Council (£166) and the Countryside Commission (£150) which meant that the majority of the project's costs had been covered by grants. Wally Rice proposed that the remaining costs were covered by Club members and villagers 'adopting' a tree for £5 each. This was a popular proposal and the remaining cost was quickly covered.

¹ Tree plants above 2.5m in height, with a clear stem of 1.2-1.5m.

² Unbranched young tree seedlings 0.5-1.0m tall and 2-3 years old that have been grown for planting out.

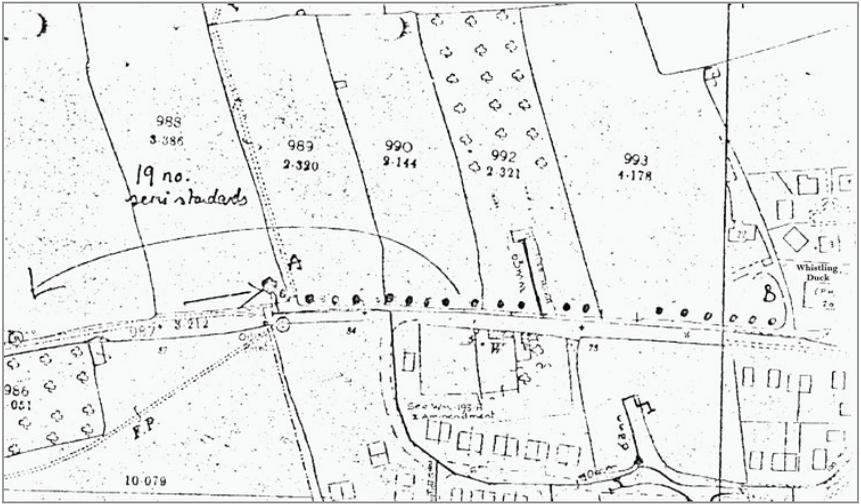


Plate X; Proposed planting of 19 semi-standard trees along Knightcott Road

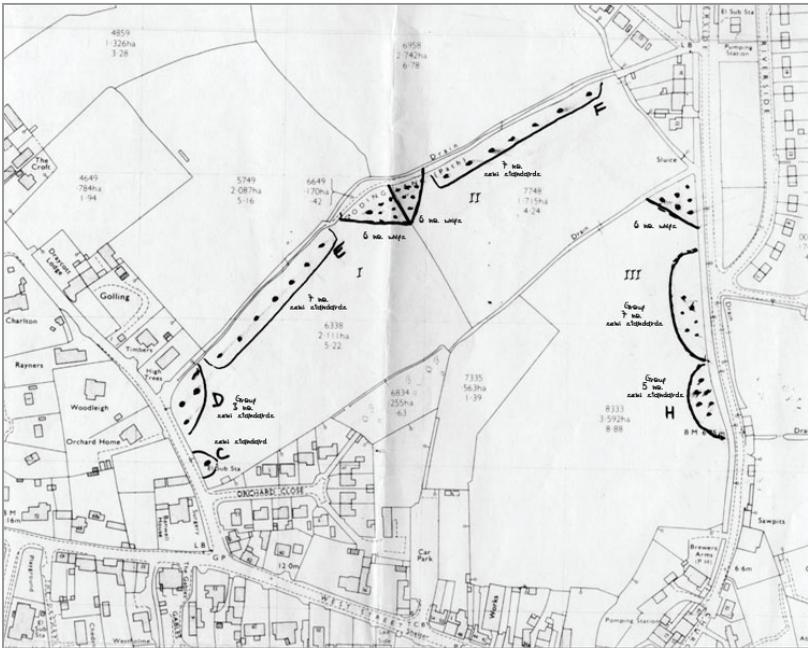


Plate X; Final tree planting scheme along Riverside and Goding (Gollings) Lane

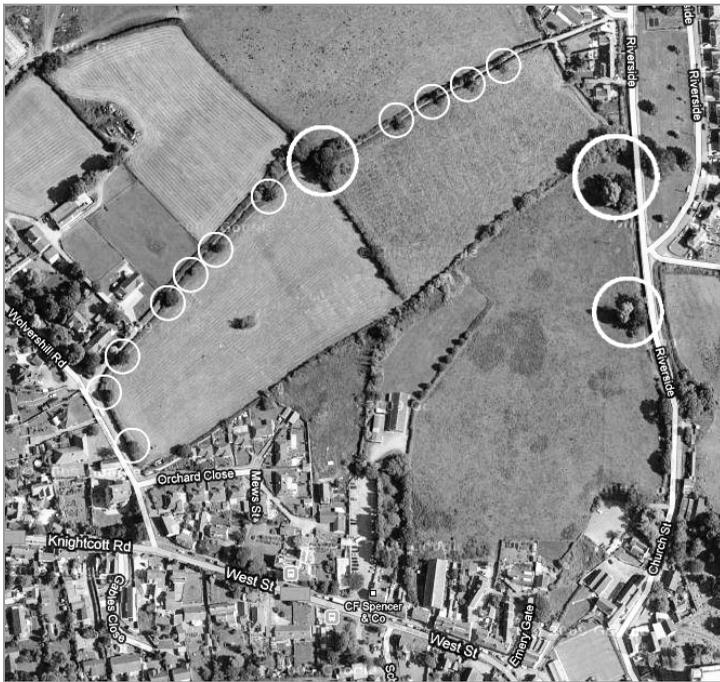


Plate X; Aerial view (from Google maps) of the trees in 2009



Plate X;



Plate X; Tree planting February 13th 1982.

School herb garden, 1999 - 2000

In spring 1999 the PTA of Banwell Primary School approached the Club for assistance with creating a sensory herb garden for their millennium project. A design was proposed for the 3 metre by 3 metre site (see Plate X) with herbs, grasses, a rose and a central sundial (see Plate X).

Parents helped clear the site and wheelbarrow in a large amount of manure. After this had been allowed to rot down over the autumn the paving was laid and the planting began. The Brownies carried out a sponsored litter pick around the village and the money raised was used to buy the sundial for the garden's centrepiece.

The garden is now well established and continues to provide enjoyment for the children and teachers.



Plate X; The site nominated for the sensory garden in Banwell school's grounds, 1999.



Plate X; View of the sundial in the sensory garden, 2001



Plate X; The sensory garden receiving attention from [name?] in 2008 or 2009.



Plate X; The sensory garden in 2008 or 2009, nearly eight years after its creation

Village events

Autumn/Christmas Fayre

As well as its own meetings, shows and events the Gardening Club (in common with other village clubs and societies) supports other village events. In the 1990's the village held an Autumn Fair, usually in November, and the Gardening Club provided a stall to sell plants. The money raised went to St Andrew's Church restoration fund [£70 in 1996, £87 in 1997, £51 in 1998, £67 in 2000]

Banwell Carnival

The Gardening Club also ran a stall during the Carnival, helping to raise money for the organisations supported by the Carnival. [£60 in 1996, £74 in 1997, £161 in 1998, £95 in 1999, £64 in 2002]. Money raised from the Club's stall at the Carnival was donated to the Village Hall's funds.

W.I. joint events

In 1996/7 the Club supported the Banwell Women's Institute in their fundraising for replacement kneelers in St Andrews Church. The Club membership sponsored the purchase of a new kneeler.



Plate X; Mrs Stabler and Mrs Harrison at the Christmas Fayre in 1969.



Plate X; Molly Eldridge with the kneeler she worked on, on behalf of the Club.

Parish magazine

For many years the Club has written short gardening tips for each month's Banwell Parish News. These provide villagers with a helpful reminder of the things that they should be doing in their garden at that time of year. The tips were usually written by the Club chairman, but in 2009 this activity was taken over by Club members Brian and Angela Lewis.

THE CLUB TODAY

The Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs

In 1985 gardening clubs from across Somerset decided to join together to provide a single, stronger representation for the interests of amateur gardeners in the county, as well as providing support for each other. A very valuable resource produced by the Federation is its annual publication of speakers and judges which makes the job of producing a schedule of interesting speakers so much easier for any club secretary.

Membership

Words about challenges facing the Club – new membership

Shows

Getting people involved

Weather(!)

Speakers

Words about increasing charges, typical prices

Club benefits

From 2004 Club members have enjoyed a 10% discount at Banwell Gardening Centre, and from 2009 this was extended to Hutton Garden Centre.

Club members can also benefit from a discount on seed orders, a benefit that has been available since the earliest days of the Club, thanks to Suttons Seeds.

Club 50th anniversary celebrations

In 2010 the Club celebrated 50 years of its first Show. At the March meeting a special celebration cake, a copy of that produced for the 25th anniversary celebrations, was given to members and various newspaper cuttings from past events were on display.



Plate X; 50th anniversary celebration cake



Plate X; Cyril Marter (chairman) and Bill Thomas (treasurer) cut the anniversary cake



Plate X;



Plate X;

APPENDICES

Appendix A – List of Committee Members, 1958-2010

	President	Chairman & vice chairman	Treasurer	Secretary	Committee members
1958	Capt. Gerald John Picton Davies	Claude Champion (c) John Griffith (vc)	George W Robson	Sheila Griffith	Doris Hammond Mrs W Charman William J Perry Henry Martin Harry E Bennett
1959	Capt. Gerald John Picton Davies	Claude Champion (c) John Griffith (vc)	George W Robson	Sheila Griffith	Doris Hammond Harry Bennett Arthur Elton Clarke Henry Martin John Wythes
1960	Capt. Gerald John Picton Davies	Claude Champion (c) Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes	Doris Hammond Mr L Chivers Arthur Elton Clarke Henry Martin Joe Merrick
1961	Capt. Gerald John Picton Davies	Claude Champion (c) Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes	Doris Hammond Mr L Chivers Arthur Elton Clarke Henry Martin Joe Merrick Eva Bate
1962	Capt. Gerald John Picton Davies	Claude Champion (c) Doris Hammond (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines Mr L Chivers Mrs M E Knight Henry Martin Mr Miles
1963	Vacant	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Mr D M Edmonds (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Claude Champion Mrs M E Knight Joe Merrick Albert Isgar
1964	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Mr D M Edmonds (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Albert Isgar Mrs M E Knight Joe Merrick
1965	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Mr D M Edmonds (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Albert Isgar Mrs M E Knight Joe Merrick
1966	Claude Champion	Alfred Edwards (c) Mr D M Edmonds (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Mrs M E Knight Mrs Cole Kathleen Edwards Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1967	Claude Champion	Alfred Edwards (c) Mr D M Edmonds (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Mrs M E Knight Kathleen Edwards Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines

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1968	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Mrs M E Knight Kathleen Edwards Arthur Elton Clarke
1969	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Ellen Dight Mrs M E Knight Kathleen Edwards Mr W Venn
1970	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Ellen Dight Mrs M E Knight Kathleen Edwards Mr W Venn
1971	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Doris Hammond Mrs M E Knight Kathleen Edwards George W Robson
1972	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Mr C Leeming Mrs M E Knight Mrs J Willis George W Robson
1973	Claude Champion	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	John Wythes Eva Bate (asst sec)	Mr C Leeming Mrs M E Knight Mrs J Willis George W Robson
1974	Claude Champion	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Mr C Leeming John Wythes Eva Wythes George W Robson
1975	John Wythes	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Mr C Leeming John Wythes Eva Wythes George W Robson
1976	John Wythes	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	Ellen Dight	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Eva Wythes George W Robson
1977	John Wythes	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Wally Rice Beryl Burns
1978	John Wythes	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Wally Rice Beryl Burns
1979	John Wythes	Arthur Elton Clarke (c) Alfred Edwards (vc)	George W Robson	Mr T J Potter Vera Potter	Wally Rice Beryl Burns Janet Atwell Betty Berry
1980	John Wythes	Francis Lovell (c) Arthur Elton Clarke (vc)	George W Robson	Brenda Peakman (sec) Mick Boddington (asst sec)	Wally Rice Mrs M Boddington Mr Berry Betty Berry
1981	John Wythes	George W Robson (c) Arthur Elton Clarke (vc)	George W Robson	Brenda Peakman (g)	Wally Rice Elsie Turpin Mr Berry Betty Berry
1982	Arthur Elton Clarke	George W Robson (c) Bill Thomas (vc)	George W Robson	Brenda Peakman (g) Mrs M Boddington (s)	Wally Rice Elsie Turpin Mr Shudel Betty Berry

	President	Chairman & vice chairman	Treasurer	Secretary	Committee members
1983	Arthur Elton Clarke	George W Robson (c) Bill Thomas (vc)	George W Robson	Brenda Peakman (g) Mrs M Boddington (s)	Wally Rice Elsie Turpin Mr Shudel Betty Berry
1984	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) George W Robson (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Brenda Peakman (s)	Wally Rice Elsie Turpin Pat Richards Betty Berry
1985	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Brenda Peakman (s)	Wally Rice Betty Berry Pat Richards
1986	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Pat Richards (s)	Wally Rice Beryl Day Harry Day
1987	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Pat Richards (s)	Wally Rice Beryl Day Harry Day
1988	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Pat Richards (s)	Janet Atwell Beryl Day Harry Day
1989	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	George W Robson	Julie Adams (g) Pat Richards (s)	Caroline Patterson Beryl Day Harry Day
1990	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Julie Adams (g) Pat Richards (s)	Caroline Patterson Beryl Day Stan Middleton
1991	Arthur Elton Clarke	Bill Thomas (c) Elise Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Julie Adams / Caroline Patterson (g) Pat Richards (s)	Caroline Patterson Beryl Day Stan Middleton

	Chairman & vice chairman	Treasurer	Secretary	Committee members
1992	Bill Thomas (c) Elsie Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Pat Richards (s)	Beryl Day Stan Middleton Len Flowers
1993	Bill Thomas (c) Elsie Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Gordon Griffey (s)	Beryl Day Stan Middleton Len Flowers Victor Greenslade
1994	Bill Thomas (c) Elsie Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Joyce Hayward (s)	Beryl Day Joyce Hayward Gerry Webber Ron Greenslade
1995	Bill Thomas (c) Elsie Turpin (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Joyce Hayward (s)	
1996	Bill Thomas (c) Den Rooke (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Joyce Hayward (s)	
1997	Bill Thomas (c) Den Rooke (vc)	Bill Thomas	Caroline Patterson (g) Joyce Hayward (s)	
1998	Bill Thomas (c) Den Rooke (vc)	Bill Thomas	Pam Grant (g) Joyce Hayward (s)	
1999	Bill Thomas (c) Den Rooke (vc)	Bill Thomas	Pam Grant (g) Peggy Rolfe (s) Beryl Day (m)	

2000	Bill Thomas (c) Cyril Marter (vc)	Bill Thomas	Beth Watson (g) Peggy Rolfe (s)	
2001	Bill Thomas (c) Cyril Marter (vc)	Bill Thomas	Beth Watson (g) Peggy Rolfe (s) Beryl Day (m)	
2002	Bill Thomas (c) Cyril Marter (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Peggy Rolfe (s) Beryl Day (m)	
2003	Bill Thomas (c) Cyril Marter (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Peggy Rolfe (s) Maureen Hoskins (sl) Doreen Harris (m)	
2004	Cyril Marter (c)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Heather Taylor (s) Hilary Evans (sl) Doreen Harris (m)	
2005	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Heather Taylor (s) Hilary Evans (sl) Doreen Harris (m)	
2006	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Heather Taylor (s) Hilary Evans (sl) John Batt (m)	Joyce Hetherington
2007	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eileen Westlake (g) Jude Long (s) Hilary Evans (sl) John Batt (m)	Joyce Hetherington
2008	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	Eleanor Baker (g) Jude Long (s) Hilary Evans (sl) John Batt (m)	Joyce Hetherington
2009	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	John Baker (g) Jude Long (s) Hilary Evans (sl) John Batt (m)	Joyce Hetherington
2010	Cyril Marter (c) David Westlake (vc)	Bill Thomas	John Baker (g) Jude Long (s) Hilary Evans (sl) John Batt (m)	Joyce Hetherington

Appendix B – The cups



Brookside Bulbs Cup



Doris Galpin Cup

Appendix C – Cup winners

Henry Martin silver rose bowl

Awarded for best rose exhibit. This cup is awarded at the Horticultural Show, but was awarded at the annual Rose Show from 1979 -1991.

1961	Mr W A Moss
1962	Mabel Haines
1963	Mr A W Harwood
1964	Hilda Isgar
1965	John Wythes
1966	Eva Bate
1967	John Wythes
1968	Mrs C Rowland
1969	Doris Hammond
1970	Dorothee Harding
1971	Mrs R M Cunningham
1972	Mrs L Eggett
1973	Miss K Rust
1974	Kathleen Edwards
1975	Elsa Sully
1976	Mrs C M Earl
1977	Mrs Brown
1978	Terry Brafield
1979	Vera Potter
1980	Dorothee Harding
1981	Mrs M Brafield
1982	Betty Berry
1983	Mrs C Harris
1984	Elsie Turpin
1985	Dorothee Harding
1986	Mrs A Wood
1987	Elsa Sully
1988	Elsa Sully
1989	Elsa Sully
1990	Millicent Grimmett
1991	Connie Hardy

Miss M Collins Cup

Also known as the Silver Challenge Cup. Awarded at the Horticultural Show for best collection of vegetables.

1961	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1962	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1963	Albert Isgar
1964	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1965	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1966	Hilda Isgar
1967	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1968	Pat Martin
1969	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1970	Pat Martin
1971	Mr T Salmon
1972	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1973	Terry Brafield
1974	Terry Brafield
1975	Mr A Gould
1976	Terry Brafield
1977	Terry Brafield/Mr L P Morison
1978	Terry Brafield
1979	Terry Brafield
1980	Terry Brafield
1981	Terry Brafield
1982	Terry Brafield
1983	Ian Spuffard
1984	Terry Brafield
1985	Ian Spuffard
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Barry Taylor
1988	Victor Greenslade
1989	Victor Greenslade
1990	Victor Greenslade
1991	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1992	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1993	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1994	Thomas Percival ("TP") Haines
1995	Victor Greenslade
1996	Ray Daw
1997	Ray Daw
1998	Ray Daw
1999	Ray Daw
2000	Terry Brafield
2001	Terry Brafield
2002	Terry Brafield
2003	Terry Brafield
2004	Terry Brafield
2005	Terry Brafield
2006	Terry Brafield
2007	Terry Brafield
2008	Terry Brafield
2009	Hilary Bibb

C B Champion rose bowl

Also known as the President's Trophy. Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in show.

1964	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1965	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1966	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1967	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1968	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1969	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1970	Pat Martin
1971	Mr T Salmon
1972	Thomas Percival ('TP') Haines
1973	Winifred Board
1974	Terry Brafield
1975	Mr A Gould
1976	Arthur Elton Clarke
1977	Godfrey Morison
1978	Godfrey Morison
1979	Terry Brafield
1980	Terry Brafield
1981	Godfrey Morison
1982	Terry Brafield
1983	Ian Spuffard
1984	Bill Thomas
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Bill Thomas
1988	Bill Thomas
1989	Bill Thomas
1990	Bill Thomas
1991	Bill Thomas
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Barbara Cheshire
1994	Bill Thomas
1995	Bill Thomas
1996	Ray Daw
1997	Ray Daw
1998	Ray Daw
1999	Bill Thomas
2000	Bill Thomas
2001	Terry Brafield
2002	Bill Thomas
2003	Bill Thomas
2004	Bill Thomas
2005	Bill Thomas
2006	Terry Brafield
2007	Terry Brafield
2008	Bill Thomas
2009	Bill Thomas

Miss Eva Bate Cup

Also known as the Mrs E Wythes Cup. Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in domestic section.

1971	Kathleen Hicks
1972	Mrs E Harding
1973	Mrs E Harding
1974	Kathleen Hicks
1975	Alison Williams
1976	Kathleen Hicks
1977	Alison Williams
1978	Betty Wilcox
1979	Winifred Board
1980	Anita Greenaway
1981	Alison Williams
1982	Betty Berry
1983	Kathleen Hicks
1984	Lin Hebden
1985	Betty Berry
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Bill Thomas
1988	Bill Thomas
1989	Sue Vickery
1990	Elsie Turpin / Naomi Vickery / Audrey Meredith
1991	Audrey Meredith
1992	Rhona Watkins
1993	Rhona Watkins
1994	Audrey Meredith
1995	Audrey Meredith
1996	Caroline Patterson
1997	Audrey Meredith
1998	Caroline Patterson
1999	Joyce Hayward
2000	Joyce Hayward
2001	Audrey Meredith
2002	Audrey Meredith
2003	Audrey Meredith
2004	Audrey Meredith
2005	Sybil Bigg
2006	Audrey Meredith
2007	Jude Long
2008	Sybil Bigg
2009	Peggy Rolfe

Club Challenge Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for **????**.

2009	Bill Thomas
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Club silver vase

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in floral art section.

1975	Mrs A Gould
1976	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1977	Beryl Burns
1978	Beryl Burns
1979	Betty Willcox
1980	Beryl Burns
1981	Betty Willcox
1982	Beryl Burns
1983	Patricia Fellowes
1984	Betty Berry
1985	Betty Berry
1986	Betty Berry
1987	Sonia Mitchell
1988	Sonia Mitchell
1989	Sonia Mitchell
1990	Christine Hinton
1991	Christine Hinton
1992	Heather Flowers
1993	Ileana Marter
1994	Ileana Marter
1995	Heather Flowers
1996	Ileana Marter
1997	Heather Flowers
1998	Ileana Marter
1999	Maureen Hobbs
2000	Cyril Marter
2001	no floral art classes in show
2002	Sonia Mitchell
2003	Sonia Mitchell
2004	Sonia Mitchell
2005	Cyril Marter
2006	Cyril Marter
2007	Cyril Marter
2008	Heather Evans
2009	Heather Evans

Family Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points gained by a family.

1986	The Hebden family
1987	The Mitchell family
1988	The Mitchell family
1989	The Vickery family

Geranium Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for best geranium.

2007	Hannah Lynam
2008	William Griffin

Miss Ellen Maria Dight Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for best exhibit in the flower section.

1978	Godfrey Morison
1979	Ron Urch
1980	Godfrey Morison
1981	Ron Urch
1982	Winifred Board
1983	Ray Clarke
1984	Godfrey Morison
1985	Vera Potter
1986	Fred Horwood
1987	Mr E R Harris
1988	Christine Hinton
1989	Brian Watkins
1990	Brian Watkins
1991	Brian Watkins
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Brian Watkins
1994	Bill Thomas
1995	Bill Thomas
1996	Victor Greenslade
1997	Brian Watkins
1998	Brian Watkins
1999	Bill Thomas
2000	Joe Loud
2001	Bill Thomas
2002	Bill Thomas
2003	Bill Thomas
2004	Christine Hinton
2005	Sandra Lund
2006	Bill Thomas
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	Bill Thomas
2009	Mike King

Pat Richards Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in preserves section.

1994	Bill Thomas
1995	Bill Thomas
1996	Kathleen Hicks
1997	Bill Thomas
1998	Bill Thomas
1999	Bill Thomas
2000	Joyce Hayward
2001	Audrey Meredith
2002	Joyce Hayward
2003	Joyce Hayward
2004	Audrey Meredith
2005	Peggy Rolfe
2006	Audrey Meredith / Cyril Marter
2007	Jude Long
2008	Bill Dawson
2009	Peggy Rolfe

Les Turpin Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in the wine section.

1983	Lin Hebden
1984	Kathleen Hicks
1985	Mildred Merritt
1986	Lin Hebden
1987	Mildred Merritt
1988	Mildred Merritt
1989	Mildred Merritt
1990	Mildred Merritt
1991	Betty Berry
1992	Mildred Merritt
1993	Frederick Meredith
1994	Frederick Meredith
1995	Betty Berry
1996	Mildred Merritt
1997	Frederick Meredith
1998	Victor Greenslade
1999	Frederick Meredith
2000	Frederick Meredith
2001	Frederick Meredith
2002	Mildred Merritt
2003	Ken Merritt
2004	Ken Merritt
2005	Ken Merritt
2006	Ken Merritt
2007	Peter Purchase
2008	Peter Purchase
2009	Peter Purchase

W J Thomas Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for the best collection of 4 salad vegetables.

1983	Ian Spuffard
1984	Ian Spuffard
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	No entries
1987	No entries
1988	Barbara Cheshire
1989	Barbara Cheshire
1990	Barbara Cheshire
1991	Barbara Cheshire
1992	Barbara Cheshire
1993	Barbara Cheshire
1994	Barry Taylor
1995	Barbara Cheshire
1996	No entries
1997	No entries
1998	Terry Brafied
1999	Terry Brafied
2000	Terry Brafied
2001	Wally Rice
2002	Terry Brafied
2003	Terry Brafied
2004	Terry Brafied
2005	Wally Rice
2006	Terry Brafied
2007	Terry Brafied
2008	Terry Brafied
2009	Hilary Bibb

Daisy Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for the best miniature garden.

1985	Joanne Mitchell
1986	Paul Mitchell
1987	Laura Rice
1988	Barry Smith
1989	Emma Heath
1990	Not awarded
1991	Caroline Bibb
1992	Not awarded
1993	Eleanor Saunders
1994	Bianca Meredith
1995	Bianca Meredith
1996	Leanne Nigh
1997	Leanne Nigh
1998	Not awarded
1999	Not awarded
2000	Nicola Ralph
2001	Gabriella Coles
2002	Tom Heal
2003	Simon Ralph

Church House Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in the flower section.

1983	Bill Thomas
1984	Godfrey Morison
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Godfrey Morison
1988	Stan Middleton
1989	Bill Thomas
1990	Brian Watkins
1991	Brian Watkins
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Brian Watkins
1994	Bill Thomas
1995	Bill Thomas
1996	Bill Thomas
1997	Dennis Rooke
1998	Brian Watkins
1999	Bill Thomas
2000	Bill Thomas
2001	Bill Thomas
2002	Bill Thomas
2003	Bill Thomas
2004	Bill Thomas
2005	Bill Thomas
2006	Bill Thomas
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	Bill Thomas
2009	Bill Thomas

H Nicholls Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for best fuschia exhibit.

1988	Lilian Morison
1989	Bill Thomas
1990	Oliver Hornett
1991	Michael Olley
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Brian Watkins
1994	Godfrey Morison
1995	Dennis Rooke
1996	Dennis Rooke
1997	Dennis Rooke
1998	Brian Watkins
1999	Dennis Rooke
2000	Dennis Rooke
2001	Joe Loud
2002	Hazel Wade
2003	Hazel Wade
2004	Eileen Westlake
2005	Jude Long
2006	Hilary Evans
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	June Baker
2009	David Westlake

Mrs M Knight Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for best exhibit in floral art.

1986	Betty Berry
1987	Sonia Mitchell
1988	Betty Berry
1989	Sonia Mitchell
1990	Betty Berry
1991	Christine Hinton
1992	Christine Hinton
1993	Ileana Marter
1994	Heather Flowers
1995	Heather Flowers
1996	Ileana Marter
1997	Heather Flowers
1998	Ileana Marter
1999	Maureen Hobbs
2000	Cyril Marter
2001	No floral art classes in show
2002	Sonia Mitchell
2003	Cyril Marter
2004	Sonia Mitchell
2005	Ileana Marter
2006	Maureen Hobbs
2007	Cyril Marter
2008	Heather Evans
2009	Heather Evans

Club Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points, children under 7.

1985	Joanne Mitchell
1986	Paul Mitchell
1987	Tom Heath
1988	Amy Pinder
1989	Amy Pinder
1990	Not awarded
1991	Not awarded
1992	Not awarded
1993	Camilla Trapp
1994	Sophie Trapp
1995	Jennifer Saunders
1996	Jamie Hayward
1997	Jamie Hayward
1998	Not awarded
1999	Bryony Lathbury
2000	Bryony Lathbury
2001	Not awarded
2002	Lucy Heal
2003	Lucy Heal
2004	Lucy Heal
2005	Gabriel Stratford / Alex Heal
2006	Alex Heal
2007	Alex Heal
2008	Joshua Bentley
2009	Not awarded

Mrs M Darby Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points, children 10 years and over.

1982	Michaela Greenaway
1983	Not awarded
1984	Lisa Horler
1985	Joanne Mitchell
1986	Naomi Vickery
1987	George Rice
1988	Naomi Vickery
1989	Hannah Vickery
1990	Emma Heath
1991	Emma Heath
1992	Emma Heath
1993	Not awarded
1994	Caroline Bibb
1995	Rachel Bibb
1996	Eleanor Saunders
1997	Eleanor Saunders
1998	Not awarded
1999	Poppy Armitage
2000	Not awarded
2001	Not awarded
2002	Nicola Ralph
2003	Jack Shipton
2004	Not awarded
2005	Tom Heal
2006	Tom Heal
2007	Tom Heal / Simon Ralph
2008	Hannah Lynam
2009	Not awarded

Doris Galpin Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points in the other flower section.

2008	Ron Sergeant
2009	Mrs J Chatfield
2010	Tony Turpin

Chairman's Plate

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points in show.

2010	Joyce Hetherington
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Beryl Burns Trophy

Awarded at the Rose Show for most points, children aged 7-10 years.

1983	Laura Rice
1984	Joanne Mitchell
1985	Emma Heath
1986	Emma Heath
1987	Emma Heath
1988	Emma Heath
1989	Rebecca Pinder
1990	Not awarded
1991	Lorna Hebden

Dorothee Harding Cup

First awarded at the Rose Show (1989-1991) for best exhibit in the 'other flowers' section and then at the Horticultural Show for best exhibit in fruit section.

1989	Elsie Turpin
1990	Victor Greenslade
1991	Madge Willday (Rose Show)
1991	Victor Greenslade (Hort Show)
1992	Madge Willday
1993	Frederick Meredith
1994	Victor Greenslade
1995	Bill Thomas
1996	Ray Daw
1997	Frederick Meredith
1998	Bill Thomas
1999	Terry Brafield
2000	Frederick Meredith
2001	Terry Brafield
2002	Peter Rolfe
2003	Carole Taylor
2004	Hilary Bibb
2005	Ken Merritt
2006	Peter Purchase
2007	Hilary Bibb
2008	Wally Rice
2009	Cyril Marter

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points, children under 7.

1987	Tom Heath
1988	Peter Avery
1989	Amy Pinder
1990	not awarded
1991	Rachel Bibb / Jenna Carvin
1992	Vicki Langford
1993	Vicki Langford
1994	Tim Langford
1995	Tim Langford
1996	Jamie Hayward
1997	Jamie Hayward
1998	Lizzie Shepherd
1999	not awarded
2000	Bryony Lathbury
2001	Simon Ralph
2002	Danielle Lloyd
2003	Alison Braidwood
2004	Joshua Shipton
2005	Emily Taylor
2006	not awarded
2007	not awarded
2008	Ashley Beauchemin
2009	Mikey Stam
2010	Billy Alton / Ryan Taylor

George Robson Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points in daffodil classes.

1984	Brenda Peakman
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	Brenda Peakman
1987	Brenda Peakman
1988	Stan Middleton
1989	Stan Middleton
1990	Kathleen Hicks
1991	Stan Middleton
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Stan Middleton
1994	Stan Middleton
1995	Kathleen Sweeting
1996	Heather Flowers
1997	Bill Thomas
1998	Bill Thomas
1999	Victor Greenslade
2000	Bill Thomas
2001	Bill Thomas
2002	Brian Watkins
2003	Valerie Coles
2004	Brian Watkins
2005	Bill Thomas
2006	Laura Batt
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	Bill Thomas
2009	Ron Sargent
2010	Ron Sargent

Will Hammond Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for best exhibit in Spring Flower classes.

1982	Mrs P Bartlett
1983	Betty Berry
1984	Bill Thomas
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	Brenda Peakman
1987	Brenda Peakman
1988	Ray Totterdell
1989	Bill Thomas
1990	Frederick Meredith
1991	Kathleen Sweeting
1992	Brian Watkins
1993	Kathleen Sweeting
1994	Bill Thomas
1995	Kathleen Sweeting
1996	Beryl Day
1997	Bill Thomas
1998	Heather Flowers
1999	Bill Thomas
2000	Pam Grant
2001	James Salter
2002	Brian Watkins
2003	Bill Thomas
2004	Bill Thomas
2005	Mr Yarde
2006	Frederick Meredith
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	Bill Thomas
2009	Eileen Westlake
2010	Mr Yarde

Club Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points, children 7 – 10 years.

1983	Naomi Vickery
1984	Paul Mitchell
1985	Laura Saint
1986	Paul Mitchell
1987	Laura Rice
1988	Emma Heath / Tom Heath
1989	Amy Pinder
1990	Not awarded
1991	Caroline Bibb / Rachel Bibb
1992	Not awarded
1993	Rachel Bibb / Eleanor Saunders
1994	Bianca Meredith
1995	Bianca Meredith
1996	Kristina Mitchell
1997	Leanne Nigh
1998	Leanne Nigh
1999	Elaïne Hunter
2000	Ashley Keir-Bucknell
2001	Bryony Lathbury
2002	Tom Heal
2003	Tom Heal
2004	Not awarded
2005	Lucy Heal
2006	Lucy Heal
2007	Alex Heal
2008	Alex Heal
2009	Alex Heal

Brenda Peakman Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points, children 10-14 years.

1982	Miss M Greenaway
1983	Not awarded
1984	Amy Horler
1985	Joanne Mitchell
1986	Naomi Vickery
1987	Joanne Mitchell
1988	Naomi Vickery
1989	Rosemary Shaw
1990	Not awarded
1991	Emma Heath
1992	Jessica Swain
1993	Jessica Swain
1994	Not awarded
1995	Not awarded
1996	Craig Bowers / Amy Shipton / Megan Sitko

Brenda Peakman Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points in craft section.

1988	Connie Hardy
1989	Lynne Horler
1990	Lynne Horler
1991	Rhona Watkins
1992	Rhona Watkins
1993	Rhona Watkins
1994	Rhona Watkins
1995	Rhona Watkins
1996	Joyce Hayward
1997	Mrs M Summers
1998	Marilyn Airstone
1999	Rhona Watkins
2000	Gloria Boddy
2001	Gloria Boddy
2002	Marilyn Airstone
2003	Clifford Hobbs
2004	Rhona Watkins
2005	Rhona Watkins
2006	Rhona Watkins
2007	Bill Thomas
2008	Rhona Watkins
2009	Rhona Watkins
2010	Rhona Watkins

Mr & Mrs Potter Trophy

Awarded at the Rose Show for most points, children aged 10 years and over.

1985	Lisa Purnell
1986	Joanne Mitchell
1987	George Rice
1988	Hannah Vickery
1989	Not awarded
1990	Not awarded
1991	Emma Heath

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Rose Show for most points, children aged 6 years and under.

1987	Tom Heath
1988	Not awarded
1989	Amy Pinder
1990	Not awarded
1991	Katie Lucas

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Rose Show for most points in show.

1982	Mrs K M Darby
1983	Julie Adams
1984	Winifred Board
1985	Julie Adams
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Stan Middleton
1988	Stan Middleton
1989	Sonia Mitchell
1990	Betty Berry
1991	Betty Berry

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Rose Show for most points in floral art.

1984	Beatrice Hayes
1985	Sonia Mitchell
1986	Sonia Mitchell
1987	Betty Berry
1988	Sonia Mitchell
1989	Sonia Mitchell
1990	Betty Berry
1991	Christine Hinton

Brookside Bulb Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for best exhibit in floral art classes.

1986	Elizabeth Willcox
1987	Elizabeth Willcox
1988	Elizabeth Willcox
1989	Christine Hinton
1990	Sonia Mitchell
1991	Kathleen Hicks
1992	Christine Hinton
1993	Betty Berry
1994	Ileana Marter
1995	Betty Berry
1996	Sonia Mitchell
1997	Christine Hinton
1998	Ileana Marter
1999	Ileana Marter
2000	Heather Flowers
2001	Ileana Marter
2002	Sonia Mitchell
2003	Maureen Hobbs
2004	Cyril Marter
2005	Maureen Hobbs
2006	Cyril Marter
2007	Maureen Hobbs
2008	Heather Evans
2009	Heather Evans
2010	Sonia Mitchell

Doris Hammond Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for best collection of shrubs in flower.

1973	Doris Hammond
1974	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1975	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1976	Mrs G M Earl
1977	Mrs O Gould
1978	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1979	Winifred Board
1980	Arthur Elton Clarke
1981	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1982	Mrs M Darby
1983	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1984	Dorothy Elton Clarke
1985	Mrs N J Dorney
1986	Betty Berry
1987	Mrs N J Dorney
1988	Betty Berry
1989	Betty Berry
1990	Kathleen Hicks
1991	Kathleen Hicks
1992	Betty Berry
1993	Betty Berry
1994	Betty Berry
1995	Betty Berry
1996	Dennis Rooke
1997	Betty Berry
1998	Caroline Patterson
1999	Dennis Rooke
2000	Caroline Patterson
2001	Eileen Westlake
2002	Eileen Westlake
2003	David Westlake
2004	Eileen Westlake
2005	David Westlake
2006	Eileen Westlake
2007	David Westlake
2008	Maureen Hobbs
2009	Eileen Westlake
2010	David Westlake

John Wythes Cup

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in the vegetable section.

1983	Ian Spuffard
1984	Terry Brafield
1985	Bill Thomas
1986	Bill Thomas
1987	Mr E A Harris
1988	Bill Thomas
1989	Barbara Cheshire / Victor Greenslade
1990	Victor Greenslade
1991	Barry Taylor
1992	Barbara Cheshire
1993	Barbara Cheshire
1994	Ray Daw
1995	Barbara Cheshire
1996	Ray Daw
1997	Ray Daw
1998	Ray Daw
1999	Terry Brafield
2000	Terry Brafield
2001	Terry Brafield
2002	Terry Brafield
2003	Terry Brafield
2004	Terry Brafield
2005	Terry Brafield
2006	Terry Brafield
2007	Terry Brafield
2008	Hilary Bibb
2009	Barry Taylor

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points in floral art.

1982	Beryl Burns
1983	Beryl Burns
1984	Betty Berry
1985	Betty Berry
1986	Betty Berry
1987	Elizabeth Willcox
1988	Elizabeth Willcox
1989	Sonia Mitchell
1990	Betty Berry
1991	Betty Berry / Sonia Mitchell
1992	Betty Berry
1993	Betty Berry
1994	Ileana Marter
1995	Heather Flowers
1996	Joyce Hayward
1997	Heather Flowers
1998	Heather Flowers
1999	Ileana Marter
2000	Heather Flowers
2001	Ileana Marter
2002	Sonia Mitchell
2003	Cyril Marter
2004	Cyril Marter
2005	Cyril Marter
2006	Cyril Marter
2007	Maureen Hobbs
2008	Sonia Mitchell
2009	Heather Evans
2010	Sonia Mitchell

Club Trophy

Awarded at the Horticultural Show for most points in baking section.

1994	Audrey Meredith
1995	Audrey Meredith
1996	Caroline Patterson
1997	Caroline Patterson / Audrey Meredith
1998	Caroline Patterson
1999	Joyce Hayward
2000	Christine Hutchings
2001	Audrey Meredith
2002	Debbie Baker
2003	Audrey Meredith
2004	Audrey Meredith
2005	Sybil Bigg
2006	Audrey Meredith
2007	Sybil Bigg
2008	Sybil Bigg
2009	Lucy Heal

Brenda Peakman Trophy

Awarded at the Spring Show for most points children
7-9.

1983	Joanne Mitchell
1984	Jacqueline Wing
1985	Rebecca Clout
1986	Hannah Vickery
1987	Joseph Rice
1988	Emma Heath
1989	Emma Heath
1990	Rebecca Pinder
1991	not awarded
1992	Caroline Bibb
1993	Rosie Moorsom
1994	Bianca Meredith
1995	Bianca Meredith
1996	Glyn Davies
1997	Kaylee Harris / Sophie Trapp
1998	Edward Atkins
1999	Eleanor Bryant / Jessica Bryant
2000	Hannah Lathbury
2001	Hannah Lathbury
2002	Tom Heal
2003	Aron Bullock
2004	Joshua Willis-Fry
2005	David Taylor
2006	Hannah Lynam
2007	Heather Gomm
2008	Fiona Braidwood
2009	Star Brooker
2010	Abigail Tucker

Appendix D – Club Constitution

BANWELL GARDENING CLUB

RULES OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) The Club shall be called the Banwell Gardening Club

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

- 2) To further the interest in horticulture of the amateur gardener in Banwell and district.
- 3) To organise three shows each year, namely:
 - a) Spring Show in March / April
 - b) Rose Show in June
 - c) Autumn Horticultural Show in August / September

OFFICERS

- 4) All the Honorary Officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and their term of office commence immediately upon election.
- 5) The officers shall comprise, President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Show Secretary and a maximum of three other members who will attend to Social Activities, providing an executive committee of nine.
- 6) All officers shall be paid up members of the Club.
- 7) The Executive committee only shall have the power to co-opt a non-voting member to advise on any specialised subject, as they deem essential.
- 8) Only under extenuating circumstances may an officer hold more than one office simultaneously.

MANAGEMENT

- 9) The general business of the Club shall be governed by the Executive committee who shall have full powers for such purpose.
- 10) This Executive committee shall consist of the six Honorary Officers, together with three other members, as laid down in Rule 4.
- 11) At any meeting of the Executive committee, five shall be a quorum.
- 12) In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Executive committee at any time between Annual General Meetings, the Executive committee shall have the power to appoint any member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 13) The Treasurer shall receive and pay monies on the Club's behalf, keeping accounts thereof and submitting annual statements to all members at the Annual General Meeting
- 14) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of the annual subscriptions and issuing sequentially numbered receipts.
- 15) The Club Bank Account shall be operated by the Treasurer and cheques will be signed by the Treasurer plus one other committee member out of two appointed by the Executive committee.

BANWELL GARDENING CLUB

RULES OF THE CONSTITUTION

MANAGEMENT cont.

- 16) The General Secretary will be responsible for maintaining minutes of all meetings, booking speakers and dealing with general correspondence and publicity.
- 17) The Show Secretary will be responsible for organising and publicising Shows, booking judges, appointing show stewards and maintaining show records.
- 18) The committee will be responsible for arranging refreshments at meetings and shows and organising outings and social events, as laid down in Rule 5.
- 19) Club Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May at the Banwell Village Hall.
- 20) The Annual General Meeting will be held at the September Club meeting.
- 21) The Financial Year ends on the 31st July. All accounts shall be audited before being presented at the Annual General Meetings.
- 22) Executive committee meetings shall be held on one convenient evening prior to the monthly Club Meetings.
- 23) An Extra-ordinary meeting may be called by the Executive committee should they deem it essential so to do.
- 24) All matters at the Shows shall initially be referred jointly to the Show Secretary and Chairman for investigation. Any matters at the Shows remaining in dispute after initial investigation shall then be referred to the full Executive Committee Meeting at the earliest convenience. Their decision shall be final. The responsibility for reference of such matters shall be that of the exhibitor or exhibitors involved.
- 25) Any member of the Executive committee who is absent from three consecutive meetings of that committee without sufficient justification, may, at the discretion of the Executive committee, be deemed to have resigned his or her position.

ADDITIONAL CLAUSE 22nd May 2003

- 26) In the event of the Club closing any residual money is to be donated to the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society. Bridge House, 139 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. KT22 7NT.

CHANGE OF RULES

- 27) No rule shall be amended, altered or added to, except by approval of a majority of members attending one of the monthly meetings.

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