

Pillaton Garden Club 40th Anniversary Summer Show - 2026

The Garden Club's 40th Anniversary Show started with the assembly of the wonderful knitted and crafted display on the bench seat by the Old Post Office. Thank you, ladies, for the great gesture.

Having endured an extremely wet winter and early spring, followed by the driest, hottest summer on record, I had grave reservations as to how successful the show would be, particularly in the flower and veg categories.

Once again, the parishioners of Pillaton didn't let us down. Although the vegetable entries were well down the dried flower and cut flower displays were terrific in quantity and quality.

Being our 40th show, our only original member from that inauguration day, Kathryn Bumkum, made a lovely and very moreish 40th Cake for us all to enjoy and I hope you all had a piece.

Dick Harnett, our long standing President kindly undertook the task of presenting all the trophies to the various winners as shown below.

This show couldn't function without significant input from the small select committee and we are all very grateful for the additional help given in erecting all the staging and dismantling after the show. Thank you.

The Show attracted some 608 entries from 34 adults and (very pleasing) 13 children. Major winners on the day were Clare Page, Shirley Floyd, the Symons family, Richard and Maire Warwick and Ian Edwards.

Trophy Winners

Kernock Park Nurseries Shield	Most points sections 1 to 4	Clare Page
Rose Peters Cup	Most points Cut Flowers	Clare Page
Horticulture Society Cup	Most points Pot Plants	Richard Warwick
Kathryn Bunkum Cup	Most points in Vegetables	Clare Page/ Ian Edwards
J Hubbard Cup	Best Leek display	John Archer
W.E. Lucas Cup	Best Herb exhibit	Shirley Floyd
Clare Druett Cup	Most points in Fruit	Ian Edwards
Ken Beal Shield	Most points in Handicraft	Richard Warwick
The Howarth Trophy	Most points in Needlecraft	Claire Mildren
The Peter Hicks Plate	Most points for Art	Alison Downing
Gymkhana Association Cup	Most points for Floral Art	Kirsty Mins
Davina Beal Cup	Most points in Cookery	Shirley Floyd
WI Rose Bowl	Most points for Preserves	Ian Edwards
WI Silver Vase	Best Jam Sponge	Shirley Floyd
VNA Symons Trophy	Most points for Wine	Spencer Symons
Pillaton Wives Group Cup	Most points Junior Photography	Ivy Symons
Greta Jope Cup	Most points for Photography	Maire Warwick
Headmasters Cup	Most points in Junior section	Ivy Symons
Playgroup Cup	Best Infants Garden on a Plate	Argo Kiddey
Rose Peters Shield	Most points for Children's Cookery	Emily Evans
The Newton Ferrers Trophy	Best Pot Plant Special Class	Tracy Kennedy
J and T Dolley Trophy	Family gaining most points	Symons family
Rose and John Memorial Trophy	Best exhibit Veg Collection	Clare Page

Many thanks again to the Garden Club Committee and the wonderful support from the Pillaton Villagers, whose support makes our efforts worthwhile.

Ian Edwards
Chairman Pillaton Garden Club

Our next event will be the ever popular Pumpkin Carving event on Sunday 25th October at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. We have plenty of pumpkins available.