

Gardening Club Spring Show, 21 March 2026

The constant New Year rain and last minute localised hailstorm did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm for entries in this year's Spring Show.

Due to some of our regular contributors being unable to show this time, just 15 adults and 1 child exhibitor produced a wonderful 285 entries.

We don't normally reveal our judges' identities, but on this occasion making decisions about the best Camellias this year proved a challenge for our most esteemed judge Dick Harnett, who commented that the display was one of the best he had ever seen. The quality was partly due to the lack of frost this year, so there were some really lovely unspoiled blooms. He was also impressed by the incredible magnolia and the wonderful scent of all the combined entries.

The seed and plant swap has become a regular feature at the Spring Show with Chrissie Russell very generously providing many of the plants from her own garden and raising £55 for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, whilst providing extensive knowledge on how to care for your chosen plants. We are happy to take any plant donations at any time during the year to grow on for the next swap.

Congratulations to the trophy winners, several of whom are different to last year, which is always good to see:

- Horticultural Society Shield: most points in show - Clare Page
- J & V Tucker Trophy: most points in junior sections - Dexter Russell
- The Dunloe shield: most points in shrubs - Greta Jope
- The Angove Trophy: most points in floral art - Sue Archer
- R Peter Cup: junior floral art - Dexter Russell
- The Dan du Plessis Trophy: most points for daffodils - Christine Dunn
- The Dan du Plessis Memorial Trophy: most points for daffodils by a Pillaton parishioner - Clare Page

Thank you to all those lovely people who contributed raffle prizes and their time and effort in organising, setting up and clearing away. It is very much appreciated.

And Carole's thoughts: "It was a very good show"... You can now set about organising the 40th Anniversary Summer Show on Saturday 5th September then, Carole. We would love for this to be our best ever show as it is such a long running village tradition, so get knitting, sewing, woodworking, practising your baking, taking photos and tending your plants ready for the Event of the Year. The Summer Show Schedule will be delivered to Pillaton properties during the summer holidays and we hope to see you there.

Tracy Kennedy



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