

Gardening Club Summer Show, 6 September 2025

This September saw the Pillaton Garden Club hold another very successful Summer Show, showcasing the Flowers, Fruit, vegetables and Arts and Crafts for which this Village can be proud of.

As a veg grower I know this year has been particularly difficult with the very wet start to the year, to the prolonged dry spells and mini heat waves during the summer and early Autumn. The Vegetable section entries though, were almost as good as previous years though a little down on entry numbers. However, it was a glorious year for fruit, as shown at the event with wonderful, multiple entries for cooking and eating apples, pears and plums.

The new Photography judge we had this year was very complimentary of the standard of photographs and thought that had gone into the photographs to emphasise the category requirements chosen for the photos.

Likewise, the needlecraft and Floral displays were excellent; I particularly liked the crocheted figurines and the vibrant colours in the floral displays.

It was pleasing to have 10 different children this year showing their skills with cooking, writing and art exhibits. In all there were 34 adults and 10 children with a total of around 550 entries into the show.

Thank you all for your support to the Show. Kathryn Bunkum, one of the Show's founder members gave out the Trophies to the winners as listed below.

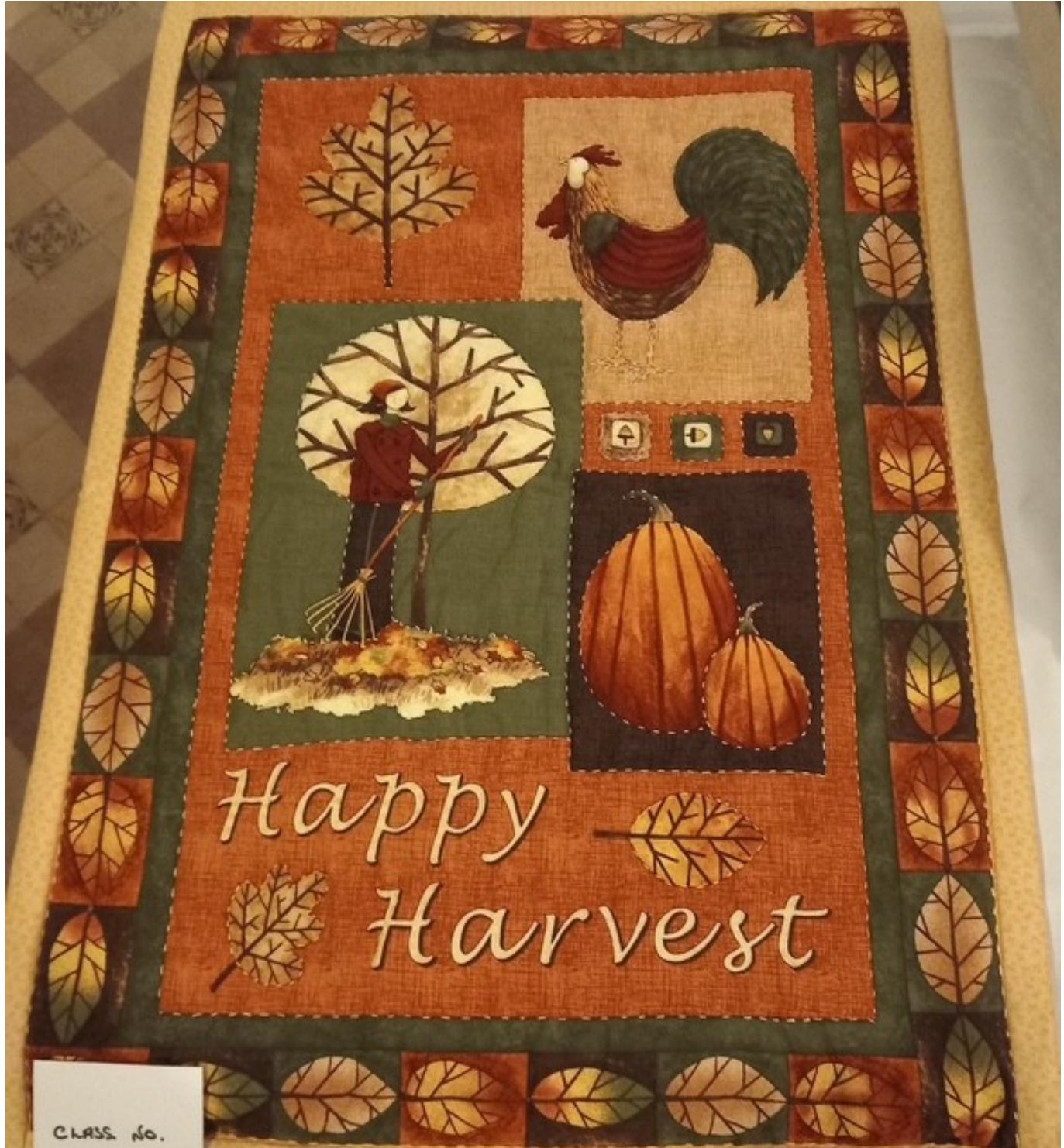
I have to thank all the Garden Club Committee members for their hard work and commitment to the show and in particular Carole Hoskin as the major driving force and Maire Warwick for sorting out all the points scored over all the classes to determine the trophy winners. Also, I wish to thank all our judges who gave up their time to judge our exhibits.

Trophy Winners

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| Kernock Park Nurseries Shield | Clare Page |
| Rose Peter's Cup for Cut Flowers | Clare Page |
| Horticultural Cup for Pot Plants | Clare Page |
| Kathryn Bunkum Cp for Vegetables | Ian Edwards |
| J. Hubbard Cup for Leeks | John Archer |
| W.E. Lucas Cup for Herbs | Shirley Floyd |
| Clare Druitt Cup for Fruit | Ian Edwards |
| Ken Beal Shield for Handicraft | Helen Edwards |
| The Howarth Trophy for Needlecraft | Helen Edwards |
| Peter Hicks Plate for Art | Alison Downing |
| Gymkhana Association Cup for Floral Art | Kirsty Mims |
| Davina Beal Cup for Cookery | Shirley Floyd |
| WI Rose Bowl for Preserves | Ian Edwards |
| WI Silver Vase for Best Jam Sponge | Shirley Floyd |
| VNA Symons Trophy for Wine | Spencer Symons |
| Pillaton Wives Group Cup for Junior Photography | Ivy Symons |
| Greta Jope Cup for Photography | Maire Warwick |
| Headmasters Cup for Juniors Sections | Emily Evans |
| Rose Peter's Shield for Children's Cookery | Emily Evans |
| The Newton Ferrers Cup for Best Pot Plant | Clare Page |
| J & T Dolley for Family gaining most points | Symons family |
| Rose and John Memorial Trophy for Best Veg Collection | Ian Edwards |

Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Shows creation, so we will be looking at special classes to celebrate this event.

Ian Edwards
Pillaton Garden Club Chairman



CLASS NO.

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Now is no time
To think of what you do not have
Think of what you can do
With what there is.

Ernest Hemingway
The Old Man and the Sea.

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Pillaton Gardening Club
2nd Prize
Assorted: _____
Class: _____
Signed: _____

Pillaton Gardening Club
3rd Prize
Assorted: _____
Class: _____
Signed: _____

Calligraphy
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With what there is.

Ernest Hemingway
"The Old Man and the Sea".

Pillaton Gardening Club
1st Prize
Assorted: _____
Class: _____
Signed: _____



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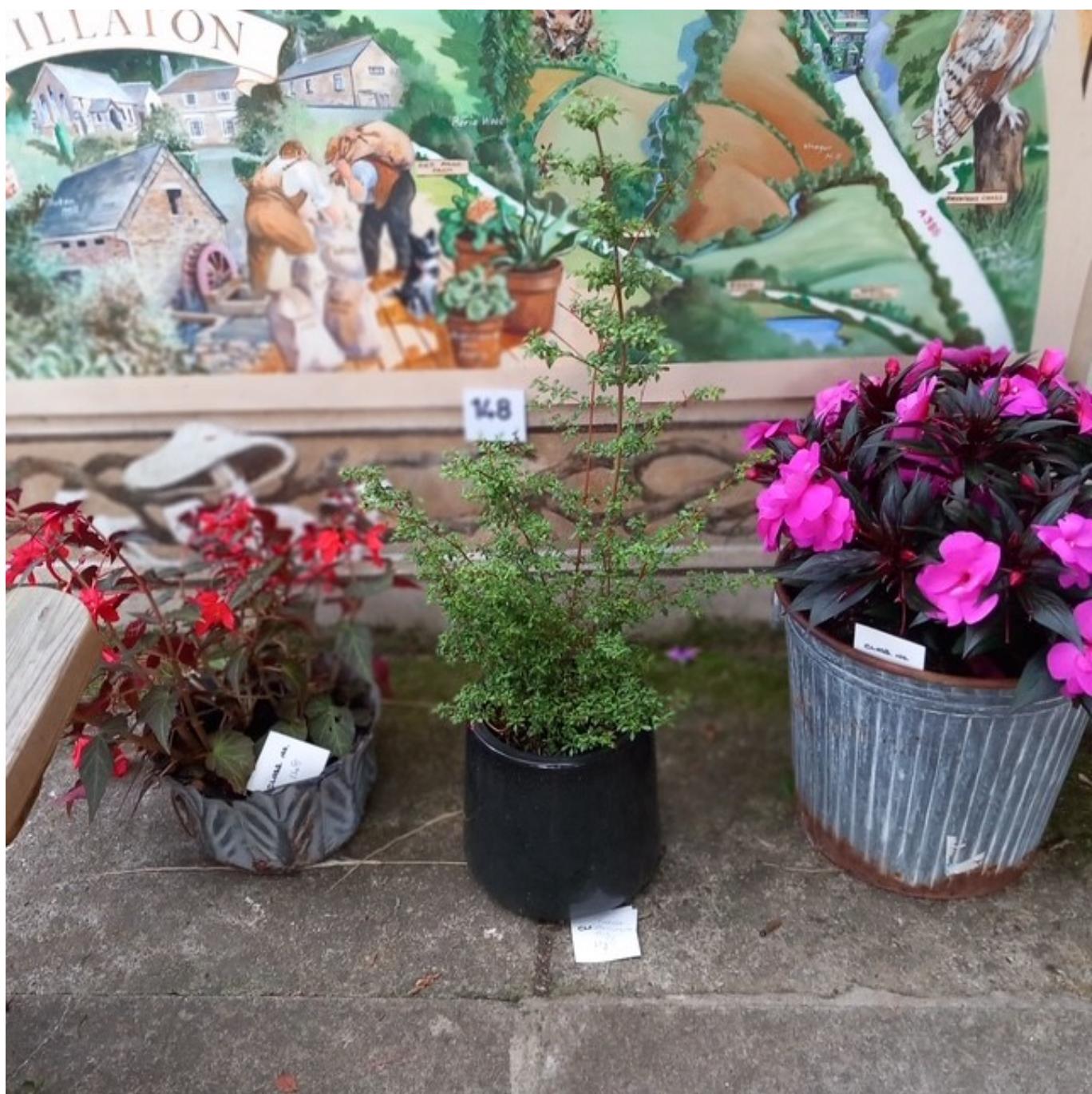
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Pilton Gardening Club
2nd Prize
Anabelle - 2016 - 100% oil
One Rock - Maria J. Cassella
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