

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

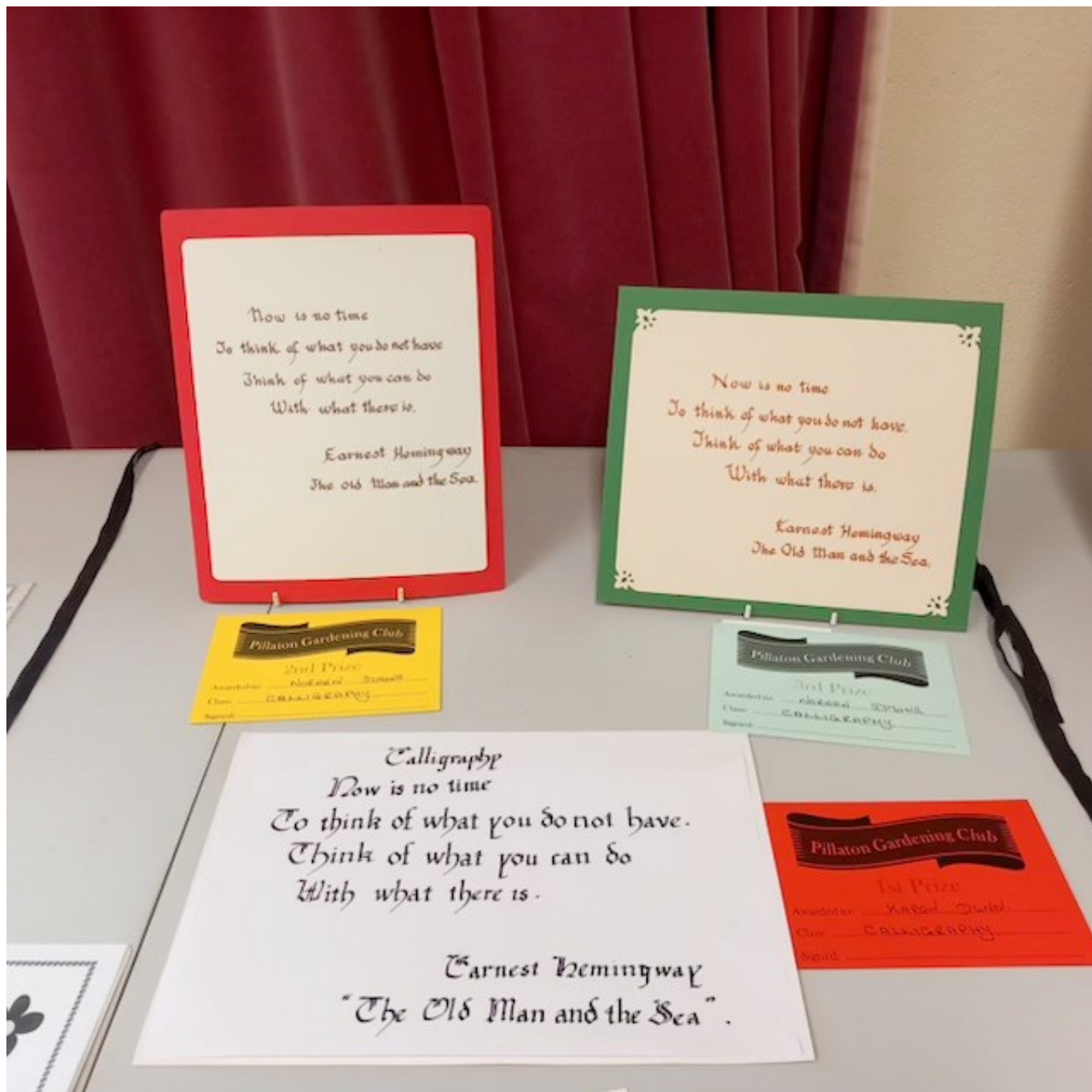
Kernock Park Nurseries Shield	Clare Page
Rose Peter's Cup for Cut Flowers	Clare Page
Horticultural Cup for Pot Plants	Clare Page
Kathryn Bunkum Cp for Vegetables	Ian Edwards
J. Hubbard Cup for Leeks	John Archer
W.E. Lucas Cup for Herbs	Shirley Floyd
Clare Druitt Cup for Fruit	Ian Edwards
Ken Beal Shield 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

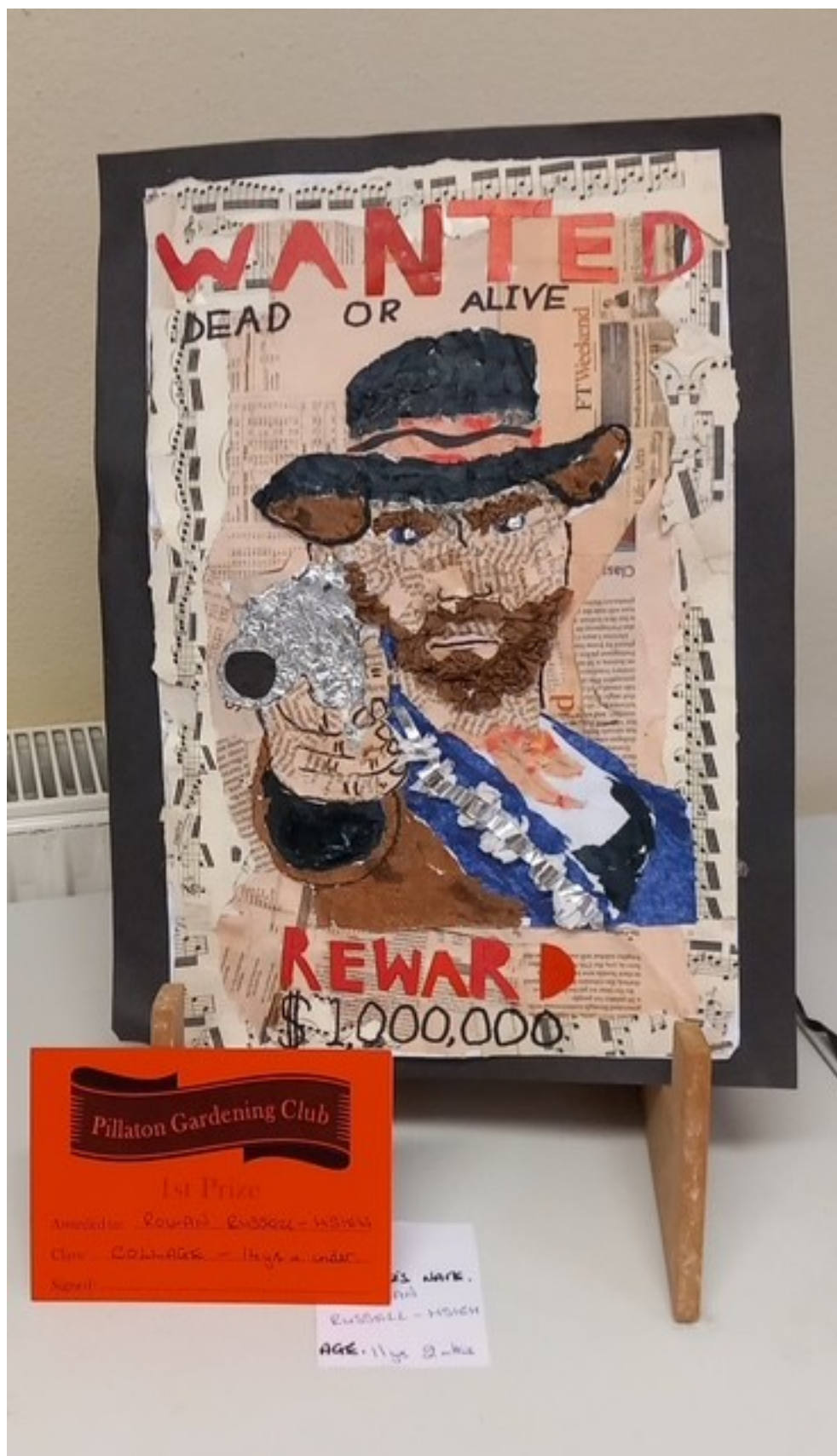
Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Shows creation, so we will be looking at special classes to celebrate this event.

Ian Edwards
Pillaton Garden Club Chairman



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