The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom

Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show 2022

The date for this year’s Show is **SATURDAY 16th JULY** and all being well and COVID–depending, it will be back in the Memorial Hall, Great Wilbraham! *Please ignore the 'Saturday 19th' you may see in your Warbler.*

Although it is only early February, these last few warm sunny days have felt almost like summer and working in the garden has been such a pleasure but no doubt we will be in for a cold snap before long which will be a shock for us all and for those over enthusiastic tender shoots which are appearing.

Hopefully COVID will allow us to use the traditional Schedule this year….3rd time lucky! We are, as usual, publishing a list of the Classes for the Show in this Spring edition of the Warbler so that you are able to plan your entries in advance. Have a look through and see what you could enter….there are 12 cups be awarded!

As usual, your paper copy of the Schedule will be delivered to your door in early June.

**Just a few things to mention:**

I can’t believe it’s already time again to be sourcing the seed potatoes for the “SPUD IN A BUCKET” Competition (Class 22). We now have the Richard Wright Cup for the winner of this Class! For those of you who are not familiar with this competition, you plant a potato tuber (which is provided) in a 14 litre/3 gallon bucket and then bring the whole bucket along on the morning of the Show between 09.00 and 11.30 where the bucket will be emptied and the potatoes weighed – the heaviest crop of potatoes produced from one tuber will be the winner! Help will be on hand to collect your bucket if necessary.

We are also running the "PLUG-PLANT COMPETITION"(Class 41). The idea being, that you nurture a plug-plant (which is provided) and then enter it into the Show. This year it will be a pelargonium plant, and the winner will be awarded the David Waters Memorial Cup.

So … only the plug plants provided will be considered for this class!

The potato tubers and plug plants will be available mid–late March from Rosie White at 13, High Street, Great Wilbraham (one per person) and will cost 20p each (to cover the ‘entry fee’). There will be a notice in the window of the Post Office, Great Wilbraham and a post on the Wilbrahams’ website when they are ready for collection, or please contact Rosie White (see contact details below). If you need a 14 litre bucket for growing your potato in, there will be some new ones available at £1.50 each.

Don’t forget, you are allowed two entries per person for all the other classes. Show rules apply and are as listed.

\*\*\*If you still have the fuchsia you 'grew on' for the competition last year please do re-enter it in Class 42.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION – please submit your photos electronically by midnight, Wednesday, 13th July (3 days before the Show) to: chris.fell@me.com, so that he can prepare them for the external Judge to view and also to display on the large screen in the Hall on the afternoon of the Show.

Please see Chris Fell’s article enlarging on the subjects of the Classes.

The CHILDREN’s CLASSES will be circulated by the School after Easter, posted on the Wilbrahams’ website and will also be listed in the paper Schedule in June.

For any newcomers to the Villages, the format of the Show is that we welcome entries at the Hall, 09.00 -11.30, from anybody living in the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom. The Hall then closes for judging and re-opens at 15.00 when all are welcome to come and view the entries, see who has won which class and enjoy some tea/coffee and home-made cakes. At 16.30 the cups are presented to the winners, followed by an Auction of donated produce etc and then the Show finishes with a Raffle.

Happy gardening, planting, growing, flower-arranging, preserving, baking, crafting and photographing – we look forward to seeing you at the Hall (fingers crossed) with all your entries on Saturday, 16th July.

If you have any queries about the Show, would like more information or be involved in anyway, please contact Rosie White: **Tel: 01223-881293/mobile: 07757982934/email:** **rosiewhite77@hotmail.com**