

Elham Gardening Society Summer Show 2019



All the Trophy Winners

The 27th July 2019 was the 131st Summer Show for Elham Gardening Society. This was the first show for Secretary Pam Flight who should be congratulated for her seamless management which included reorganising the layout of the show to cope with the rain which chose to visit us on the day. The garden's competition takes place some weeks before the show but the trophies are the first to be awarded at the show. Judging was undertaken by Philip Oostenbrink – Head Gardener for Canterbury Cathedral & Hampton Court Silver Gilt medal winner. The Harrowing Bowl for the most pleasing garden was won by Maggie & Richard Newington, while Chris Grenshaw excelled in the Harrowing Cup, for the best home garden /allotment.

Despite recent extreme weather the displays at the show were magnificent with a record 511 entries!

The 98 adult classes and 9 children's classes were well supported with the whole village represented by the youngest entrant of 4 years and the eldest being of 91 years. Each class from Elham Primary School entered the 'The Potato in a bucket' competition.

Gardening Society Chairman Doug Martin said "The Show Judges congratulated Elham yet again for producing one the best in the South East. Also its great to see new people having a go and all age groups represented".

The Potato in the bucket was won by Pam Frost, with a new extraordinary record breaking crop of 15lb 5oz! (the weight of two babies!!) One of those potatoes alone weighing in at 12 oz.

Carole Kincaid secured the Pot Plants Yockletts Bowl for the 7th time for most points in the Pot Plants classes.

Claire Donnelly and Maggie Newington both walked away with 4 trophies each. Claire securing the Colonel's Trophy for the best exhibit in the whole Show and Maggie securing The Chris Grenshaw Bowl for the most points in the show.

The children showed great imagination in their displays. Beaumont Lester won the Thomas Trophy for most points in the children's section with Anna Cox & family securing a first prize with a magnificent Hedgehog cake.