



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Our **Annual Show** this year is on **Saturday 31st August**; I hope you are already considering what entries you might have! The Show needs your participation to make it a success, and there are classes for a wide range of exhibits, so do have a go!

The Schedule of classes, entry forms and tips on How to Exhibit at the Show should reach you with this newsletter, and will be available on the Society's webpage at www.brimpsfieldvillage.org (under the Garden Society tab). The Schedule comes in two forms: one (the 'read copy') with all the pages in logical order, and one (the 'print copy') arranged so that, if printed two pages to a sheet, it can be folded into a booklet. Paper copies will be available for you to pick up in the Brimpsfield phone box, at the Village Hall bar, and at Ruby's Bar in Birdlip – or direct from me at the Old Post Office, Brimpsfield.

Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned exhibitor, **PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY** – and the How to Exhibit at the Show document, which contains a lot of helpful advice, too. There's a lot of information in both, covering questions that I've been asked in the past, although I'm happy to field any queries if you're unsure, and refer them to the judges if necessary; some of the tips are general ones, while some are specific to certain sections or classes. Many of them have been passed on by judges over the years. This year there are a couple of minor changes to the Fruit and Vegetable classes – a specified number of stone fruit, and recommendations about quantities of 'Any Other ...' fruit and veg – so do check carefully before sending in your entry forms.

Thank you to those who offered help with the Show after my request in a recent newsletter; if anyone else would like to get involved, either as a steward, helping with the day's catering or with the heavy lifting of setting the Show up on the previous evening, do get in touch.

Just a reminder that the Show is held in **BIRDLIP Village Hall NOT BRIMPSFIELD**; Birdlip Village Hall is behind Birdlip school. Whether you enter or not, do remember to **come along in the afternoon**, from 2.30, to admire the exhibits and to enjoy tea and homemade cakes; prizegiving is at 4pm and is followed by a charity auction of any exhibits that exhibitors would like to offer. After all of this you can collect your prize money, but please do wait until proceedings are over before doing that and taking your exhibits away; it's distracting to those taking part in the auction when exhibitors are packing up and going to and fro. We won't keep you late. Money raised at the auction will be donated to the Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue, our charity for this year.

After the Show, our next event will be the first of our autumn coffee morning meetings, on Saturday 5th October, with speaker Kevin Alviti talking about Preserving the Harvest.

This newsletter, and the schedule and its associated documents, are being sent out in pdf format as I believe some members have had difficulties with the Word format; let me know if you'd prefer the original version.

Happy exhibiting, and good luck!

Frances Ellery