Roehampton Garden Society



AGM 2024

Shows Report

The summer show in June was once again held on Site 2, and it was very nearly a washout. We had heavy rain whilst setting up the show and we thought we would have to cancel it – more than once. The rain stopped just before everyone arrived but the damage had been done – the flowers were droopy and the vegetables were swimming in their saucers.

After the cold wet spring the quality of the produce displayed was amazingly very high and there were some brilliant cakes made for the baking competition.

The autumn show was held in St Margaret's Church at the end of August. This was the earliest we have ever held the show but we did it because last year in September many crops were already over. Of course, every year is different and we had made this decision almost a year before hand in order to book the church but the decision paid off and there was a really good selection of exhibits. There were amazing flowers, cauliflowers, beans, squash and naturally, tomatoes. The cookery had some impressive exhibits too.

Tea and cakes were sold in the newly refurbished church hall which is a lovely space but unfortunately was off to the side and some people didn't know it was there – so missed the wonderful cakes. Next year we will hold the teas at the back of the church and keep everything together.

All in all, both shows were a success and I would like to thank everyone who volunteers to get them on the road – Mariangela, Vivien, Jackie, Georgina, Helen, Shan and Gill.

With thanks to Charles who transports the tables from the store over to the church, to our vegetable and fruit judge Mark who comes over from the Beatrix Potter plots plus Sheila for judging the flowers and Laura for judging the cookery. Thanks also to everyone who exhibited, made cakes and helped on the day with manning the tills, washing up and sweeping the floor.

Carol Martinez Show Chair.