

Caerwent Village Show 2001

What a lovely day we had for the Show - once again lucky with the weather! In recent years the Show has grown and has now become quite a local event. There was a good crowd out on the field and, from what we've heard, they all appeared to enjoy themselves.

The car boot sale went very well and there were plenty of stands and stalls for people to spend their money on. There was also fun and games for the youngsters, from pony rides to a coconut shy and Coco the Clown, plus entertainment during the afternoon in the show ring.

Brian Counsell won the raffle for a flight in the hot air balloon (something he has wanted to do for a long time, so he was pleased), and Val Venables won £10 for choosing the bonus ball (number 3) on the Saturday night's lottery draw. We are very grateful to Ray Hannan for all his efforts in taking on the bulk of the Show work, and we also wish to thank the Show sponsors - Dewstow Golf Club, Mr Brian Lewis of Llanfair Discoed, Mr Davies of Byeways, Tom Lewis of Lewis Electricals (an advertiser in this newsletter), Derek May of DCM Contractors and Nigel Hodges of Highfield, Caerwent.

Particular thanks to the lads (and lasses) of the Junior Committee (especially Nick Hodges, Ian Williams and Mark Gardner) for helping so ably every year, Dai Bennett for the use of the car parking field and the loan of bales for seating. Also all others that helped behind the scenes to get the whole show on the road. Many thanks!!

Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes (especially David Hedley of Foxrun) and finally all those of you who bought tickets, spent your money and supported the day by being there!

I'm very pleased to say that the total number of Flower & Vegetable Show exhibits was up this year from 215 last year to **285!** This made the judges work far more difficult, but they were all pleased to see some really excellent entries. We were told that some were outstanding - praise indeed from a Show Judge! The flower and vegetable sections were well entered as always, as was the cookery section.

We were pleased to see some new faces entering their exhibits, and hope it has given them an incentive for next year. There was also an increase in entries for both the junior and adult sections of art and craft which was very rewarding.

Congratulations to the cup winners who were as follows:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Trophy (Where applicable)</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1	Vegetables Oddest Shaped Vegetable	The Frank Harris Challenge Cup .	Terry Stone Jack Rogers
2a	Top Tray	Cup for 1st place	1st: Terry Stone 2nd: Steve Richards 3rd: Lionel Bartram
2b	Best selection of vegetables	The Northgate Cup	Terry Stone
3	Flowers	Caerwent Silver Salver	Lionel Bartram
4	Top Vase	Mrs Protheroe Rose Bowl	Anna Stone
5	Cookery	Jill Horton Tankard	Anna Stone
6	Fruit	-	Hilary Counsell
7	Preserves	The Hilda Payton Rose Bowl	Enid Jones
8	Wine	-	Des Barnett
9	Children (up to 7)	Trophy	Callum Spooner

10	Children (8 - 14)	The Playing Fields Cup	Jessica Pocock
11	Open Arts and Crafts	-	Karen Hedley and Ron Waters (Joint Winners)
Shield for Most Overall Points in the Show: Terry Stone			

Best wishes,

Hilary

Hilary Counsell, Caerwent Playing Fields Association Secretary

Caerwent Show Gallery

It was the 1st of September, 2001, the weather was perfect - and the Show got off to a very busy start as the stall and sideshows attracted a large crowd





Elsewhere you could have a go at a good old fashioned coconut shy, take a ride on a roundabout or admire the craftsmanship of the Caldicot Model Boat Club.



In the Hall...

The conversation was about all things floral and horticultural...



These folk 'know their onions' as the old saying goes (and their cabbages, and their flowers and their potatoes, and their tomatoes...)



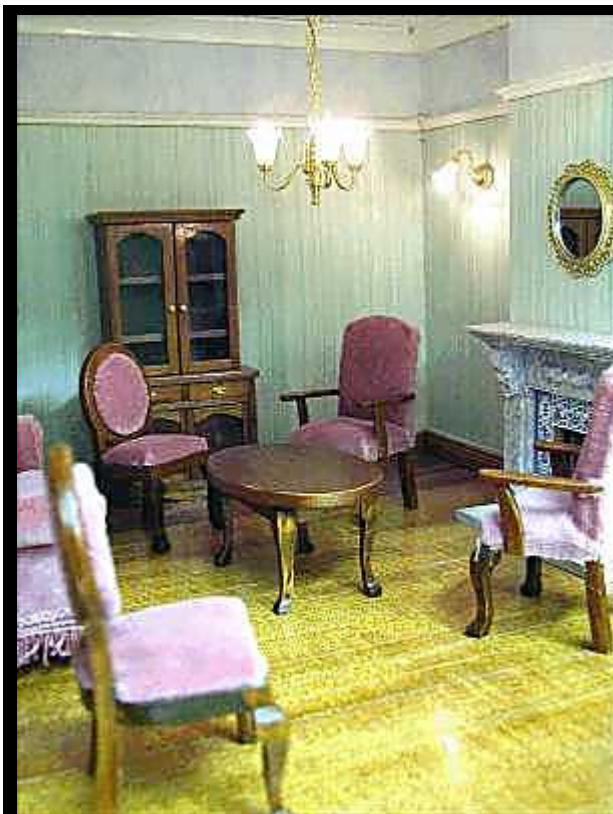
Of course it's not all serious: Here's the children's contest on the left, and on the right the, er, *most unusual shaped vegetable*...



Aaah, calories! The judging table grans under ther weight of all those delicious looking entries in the various cookery categories.



More exhibits to delight the eye... *Best Miniature Garden in a Seed Tray* on the left, and *Best Photograph* on the right.



Would you care for a seat? Unfortunately you would have to be only about 5½" tall!

This beautiful Doll's House was built to a scale of 1" to a foot, and was made by a local from Crick village, part of the Caerwent Community. Not unsurprisingly, it won a First Prize in the Handicrafts Section.



Some of the communities "Old Families" were at the show - here enjoying a get-together in the bar with some of the newer members of the community.

And in the Show Ring...



Among the many events taking place throughout the day in the Showring for the delight of the spectators was Caerwent's own team of line dancers.

And here's the girls themselves...



Finally, last but not least, here's Caerwent's Showman-in-Chief...



...and you can bet that the clipboard is already headed 'Caerwent Show 2002'!

Well done everybody who worked so hard to make the show a success.