

## HORTICULTURAL SECRETARY REPORT 2011

The horticultural tent was, in the main, well supported this year, with a high level and standard of entries.

The vegetables section was judged once again by Mr G Arnold from Abbot's Bromley, who was delighted with the amount of vegetables he had to choose from. Especially well-supported this year was the runner beans class, with 15 entries.

The flowers and floral art welcomed back Mr David Lock and Wendy Prestige. Mr Lock commented on both the quantity and the quality of the exhibits, remarking that it was the best display he had seen this year.

The most envied judge of the day was Mrs Elaine Walker, who judged the cookery classes. There were many entries in this section - the jar of jam class had 21 entries – and the chocolate cake to recipe entries looked fantastic.

We welcomed two new judges this year. Our newly formed photography classes were a great success with over 50 entries in total. They were judged by Mr Sandy Halcrow, whom we hope will return next year for more of the same.

The Arts and Handicrafts section, and the Inter-Schools competition was judged by Mr Harry Elden. The children from the four local schools (Draycott, Marchington, Newborough and Sudbury) were all invited to submit a self-portrait for judging. These were displayed in the horticultural marquee on show day, and made a wonderful addition to the marquee

The amount of entries in the children's classes was down this year, which was a little disappointing. As there were many children at the showground on show day, we hope that next year's children's section will be full! If anyone has any comments to make with regard to classes they would like to see for next year, we would welcome your comments. Please e-mail [hortsec@draycottintheclayshow.org.uk](mailto:hortsec@draycottintheclayshow.org.uk)

Thank you to all our judges for lending us their expertise, and the stewards who gave their time on the day to help in the marquee. We hope to see you all next year.