

Outstanding 257th Horticultural Society Flower and Produce Show

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Horticultural Society's 257th Flower and Produce Show, held on 3 September, was outstanding. It was held a week earlier than usual but the number of entries for nearly all the classes was up on last year and although some fruit such as apples were not quite ready for exhibiting, other produce, such as tomatoes, beans and potatoes, were at their peak and Ken Murrell's pumpkin was so huge that no-one bothered to weigh it since it dwarfed the other entry.

The Free Church Hall buzzed with large numbers of visitors, enjoying the late summer sun and the home-made teas.

Chair of the Society, Marjorie Harris, expressed herself extremely satisfied. "You never know how a show is going to turn out until it happens and this one seemed to go especially well," she said.

Marjorie was especially delighted that more children had entered than for some time. Hollie Gold, the youngest at 6½, won a well-deserved first prize for her picture of an apple tree, but three cousins of varying ages had made deliciously gooey chocolate cakes and there was also a beautifully crafted finger puppet and edible necklace.

Among the adults, Ken Murrell received a 'best in show' certificate for his cut flowers,

Jean Neal for her cookery (savoury tartlets), Gek Flucker for her currants and Chris Page won a certificate and received the overall 'best in show' produce award for his trug of vegetables. Barbara Kogut's sloe gin received a first and nearly had the judges under the table!

The two photography classes attracted 14 entries with Adrian Dell's picture of his grandchild dwarfed by the table and chair on Hampstead Heath winning the 'Summer 2005' class and Yvonne Oliver's Boston skyscraper winning the 'Reflections' class.

MARJORIE HARRIS



Ken Murrell could only just lift his giant pumpkin.



Winners of the childrens prizes.



Diana Iwi and Marjorie Harris were winners too.



Norma Milner, standing, entertains guests trying out Abbeyfields smart new loggia during a coffee morning in September. Watch out for details of a grand opening.



In August seven children held a sale in Wordsworth Walk in aid of the North London Hospice. This year, with very little supervision, they managed to raise £88. Above, Abigail Grant of Wordsworth Walk, Aubrey and Elliott Allegretti from Coleridge Walk. Below, Venetia Ragona of Wordsworth Walk, Charlotte and Georgina Feldman from Coleridge Walk and Ivana Ragona. A big thank you to them all.

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