

**Kelsale Village Hall Autumn 2022**  
**Village Flower & Produce Show**

We held our Flower and Produce Show on 25 September 2022 – a bright and sunny day – and we were delighted with the fantastic entries. This was a difficult year for two reasons: the drought over the summer really didn't help vegetable growers and many reported much worse crops than usual. Also due to the period of mourning for Her Majesty the Queen, we felt it was appropriate to postpone the show, and so it was held rather late for optimum produce. Even so, we went ahead and raised much needed funds for the hall refurbishment. We asked for exhibits that all could enter, like the funniest shaped vegetable, the longest bean and the tastiest tomatoes. Our judges were very impressed with the standards of entries, and we thank all of them for taking the time to support us. Special mentions go to the Colchester family who produced a huge butternut harrier squash weighing a whopping 5.67 kilos. The Rowe family demonstrated outstanding cake decorating skills, taking both the gold and silver awards. Benjamin Rowe's allotment cake was a small piece of perfection – look out for that name in the Great British Bake Off in years to come! Beryl Vince's cheese scones were the tastiest ever according to the Judges and she received a well-deserved gold award. And Eileen Dickerson demonstrated with her tiny jewel-like tomatoes that size isn't everything – they were superbly tasty and won the gold award.

We were very pleased that Kelsale Primary School continued to support us in several ways – by submitting so many postcard -sized entries for the Autumn art competition, dressing up some vegetable marrows so beautifully as a married couple, and coming to the event itself. The art entries were exhibited in the hall and our judge, Victoria Barrington-Phillips commented on the skill and ingenuity of the children in their designs faced with just a white postcard – the group photographs don't do justice to the children's work, and we thank all of them and their teachers.

Thank you also to Kelsale Social Club for supporting the event and helping us with the raffle. So many people helped and supported us but particular thanks to the committee, Sue Granville-George for sterling work on the teas and Janet Barnes for organising the book stall. Our next big event is the Christmas Fayre on 10 December 2022, and we hope that as many of you as possible will come along for a fantastic pre-Christmas jolly. We are planning lots of

children's arts and crafts activities as well as seasonal biscuit decorating, pin the tail on the reindeer and many more. There will be competitions and games for adults too and seasonal snacks and drinks available at the Social Club. We look forward to seeing you there!