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The village produce show was very successful this year - just see the photos opposite. We had a huge increase in the number of exhibitors over last year, up from 37 to 63 with 308 exhibits.



New Winners

What was really pleasing was to see new names winning first places right across all the classes as well as some stalwarts who have supported the show for many years. There was also a very encouraging increase in the number of people entering classes such as photography with some stunning pictures which made the judging quite challenging and some excellent entries from children. So, a big thank-you from me to all the people who had a go. You created the show whether you won or not.

Like all such events, the show does not happen without the efforts of unsung people who help stage it, so my thanks also go to the Committee and those who were generous with their time and effort. The one thing I can say is that the judges apply high standards and are very thorough, so if you were placed you can be sure that it was very much deserved and you can be proud of your entry. There is always a downside and as Linda said, and as you know I pay strict attention to her announcements, once the show is over you know that summer is coming to an end and winter is on its way. It always seems a bit sad but without winter would summer be quite so welcome?

Winter Talks

The MUWAGA season of talks is now well underway. On the **23rd October** the talk is: *Potagers, beautiful, edible gardens*, a talk by Chrissy Ching and on **27th November** the talk will be: *The*

incredible world of the honey bee by Steve Moll. A lot of effort goes into trying to find good speakers and varied topics, so I hope you can come along and enjoy the evening. All our talks are in the Milton Village Hall and start at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike, (non-members are asked to pay a small charge).

Seed Order Time

Well, as always, your Association is here to help and it is seed order time. By ordering from Kings Seeds as an Association, members can benefit from a 50% discount on seeds, and some discount on other items. You can save your subscription in one go and your order is delivered to your door. It is a good deal and we do not even take a commission! If you have not expressed an interest in buying your seeds through the Association but would like to please let us know and we will get you a catalogue and order form. However, you will need to be quick as the order normally goes in late October/early November.

Winter is the time to think about what you want to do in the garden or allotment next year and make the changes you require. Happy gardening!
Tony Lewis