

Gardening Club Notes for Saturday August 20th 2016

For the first time for a number of years the Annual Gardening Show was beset by the weather but this didn't dampen the spirits of the entrants and general public who attended. There were 300 entries spread over the variety of classes.

The silverware is handed out to successful members with non-members receiving a certificate.

Val Codling won the St. Christopher's Challenge Shield for gaining the most points in the member's handicraft and Barbara Tarren was presented with the Wine Goblet, an award presented on behalf of the committee, for her dedication and commitment to the club.

Shaun Colvin won five pieces of silverware as did Brenda Colvin, with Brenda continuing her domination of the member's photography.

Notices

Thursday 27th October - Harvest Supper

Thursday 24th November - Annual General Meeting.

No meeting in December.

And finally.....

If we throw Mother Nature out the window, she comes back in the door with a pitchfork Masanobu Fukuoka

Beginning in 1971, retired biologist Jennifer Owen catalogued the wildlife in her suburban Leicester garden. After 15 years she published her interim results, which included 533 species of parasitical wasp alone. Fifteen of these had never been recorded in Britain, and four of them were completely new to science.

German garden gnomes were introduced to England in 1847 by Sir Charles Isham (1819-1903), a vegetarian spiritualist who hoped that his 21 porcelain Gnomes-figures would attract real gnomes to his garden in Northamptonshire. Only one of Isham's gnomes, "Lampy", survives; in Britain we have GOLF, the Garden Ornament Liberation Front. Liberated gnomes are taken abroad, photographed in exotic places, and returned, sometimes accompanied by a new girlfriend.

In 1994, David Hahn, a 17-year-old American scout, came up with a novel way to earn a merit badge in Atomic Energy. He tried to build a miniature nuclear reactor in his mother's garden shed in a Detroit suburb. A film of his story, *The Radioactive Boy Scout*, is due out next year.

Shaun Colvin