

## **AUTUMN SHOW REPORT 2011**

We had an outstanding number of entries for this year in all classes.

On entering the show there was an outstanding burst of colour from the Dahlias. The variety of colours and shapes was dramatic and it was lovely to see such an increase in the number of Dahlias entered. I hope that the weather next year will see an increase in the chrysanthemums.

The ladies continued to excel in floral art. This was particularly encouraging, especially as their tutor was unable to support them for the last few weeks due to ill health and they helped each other as needed. We all hope that she will soon be feeling much better.

Vegetable entries have continued to expand and looked appetising. Our growers put the shops to shame in the quality of their produce. The magnificent pumpkins and squashes were a beautiful symbol of autumn.

The children's exhibits demonstrated skill and care. The robots were certainly in control of their section of the show. It was really interesting to see the different interpretations of the four classes, and I am sure we all look forward to see next year's entries.

Members had risen to the challenge in domestic and produced exhibits, which looked very tempting.

The last, but not the least, was the photographic section, where members showed their design and graphic talents. There were many treasured memories shared with the show visitors.

I look forward to seeing everybody, both exhibitors and visitors, in the spring for the first show of the year 17 March 2012.

I hope that the winter will be kind to the gardeners and to you all, but also bring some snow for winter fun.

All the best, Fran Thomas