

# HAYLING ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TROPHYS



## HISTORY of the HAYLING SALVER

For many years HIHS had a trophy in the Main Summer Show called the Garden News Trophy, for a vegetable collection which provided tokens for Unwins or Marshalls seeds. There was also a Garden News Trophy for flowers. These classes were not for the specialists, but for members with ordinary gardens and allotments. The problem with this was that the committee had to remember to purchase copies of the Garden News magazine in order to collect the necessary tokens. So the Show Committee decided to drop these trophies after the 2004 Main Show and provide a new one for vegetables for 2005.

Newly-retired David Sparrow had moved on to the Island in the early 2000s and quickly joined HIHS. In no time at all his interest led him to join the Show Committee. He was a very kind and thoughtful person who just got on and did things. When we introduced the Tombola in 2005 to replace the foundering raffle, he declared that he would double the takings for show funds. At that time the Show Committee was under great pressure to reduce costs and he was full of ideas. It was then that Audrey White introduced the 100+ Club which has been a tremendous success.



David said that he would donate the new trophy and the committee worked out the rules for the Hayling Island Salver, open to all members of HIHS.

Enter 3 types of vegetables taken from the following list: Onions (3), Potatoes (3), Any Other Root Vegetable (3), Cauliflowers (2), Beans (6 pods), Tomatoes (6), Marrow or Squash (1).

The marking system and all rules are detailed in each HIHS year book. The prizes are vouchers for the Trading Centre for £10, £5 and £3. The Salver is an impressive trophy to win.

Sadly, during 2005 David became very ill and passed away.

It was a sad time for the committee and he was missed for his great enthusiasm and helpfulness.

Amazingly there were zero entries for the Hayling Island Salver in 2014. The Show Committee would like to encourage entries in 2015.

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*I am researching the history of the many trophies presented at the three annual shows. If anybody can help with any history attached to the trophies, please get in touch with me. The stories will be put on the HIHS web site and published in the Newsletters.*