

THE 69th MINSTEAD FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2020



THE COUNT DOWN HAS BEGUN!

Bulletin No 1 - 35 days to go

As mentioned in the recent Minstead eNewsletter the Flower Show Committee has decided that unless there is an adverse change to the current Government Covid-19 guidelines the Show will go ahead!

The main theme will be to celebrate 100 years of Village Hall Life.



The Committee is keen to make the Show fun and worthwhile, although the arrangements are going to have to be quite a bit different to other years!

In complying with Government Guidelines and the requirements of the Hall we look forward to seeing you all. We shall ask that you maintain **1 metre+ social distance** from others with mitigation, which means everyone should wear a face covering. Hopefully we shall see some lovely flowery facemasks!



Committee members will steward the event so please do your best to help them and comply with their requests.

We won't be holding a formal opening or prizegiving - certificates, cups and cash prizes will be delivered after the show once cups have been engraved.

And although we shall not be able to provide teas this year it is hoped that it may be possible to pick up some refreshments along the way for those participating in the new Scarecrow trail.

ENTRIES

We have decided that there will be no entry fees for exhibits this year - we just ask for donations in a bucket on the day.

Please get your entry forms in to Jo Instrall as soon as possible to help with planning the layout of hall and printing of entry cards - **absolutely no later than Wednesday 2nd September.**

Click [HERE](#) to see the Schedule of Classes and to get an entry form.

This year due to the extra care needed with staging, unfortunately, we can't accept any late entries after the 2nd September.

It will help hugely if you can include your email address and phone number.

Entries for the Scarecrow Trail (see below) must be in to Jo by Saturday 15th August so it can be planned

STAGING AND VIEWING EXHIBITS



This needs to be done in a rather more orderly fashion than in previous years!

Classes for non-perishable exhibits. We shall ask exhibitors to bring their entries along to the tables outside the hall between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Friday 4th September. Committee members and other stewards will place these in the correct place in the Hall.

Classes for perishable exhibits. We shall ask exhibitors to bring their entries along to the tables outside the hall between 8.15am and 10.00am on Saturday 5th September. Committee members and other stewards will place these in the correct place in the hall before judging starts at 10.30am.

We shall provide further details nearer the time about which classes fall into these categories and where exhibitors should take them.

We shall open the Hall to visitors at 2.00 pm, there will be a one-way system and we shall be asking everyone to wear a face covering, keep to the **1 metre+ social distance** from others and to help the stewards by doing as they ask. There will be no entry fee. There will be an access for the disabled (but regrettably not motorised).

Toilets will be available on a one at a time basis.

SCARECROW TRAIL



Once we know how many entries we have we shall plan a walking trail around part of the Village with the collaboration of various householders.

It is hoped that with the support of the Community Shop it will be possible to collect some form of refreshment as you walk past - details to follow!

A FINAL PLEA

- All Cup holders are asked to return their cups clean to Jo Instrall at Little Thatch by 1st August.
 - Scarecrow entries in by 15th August.
- All other entries in by 2nd September but earlier if at all possible.



The Flower Show Committee looks forward to welcoming as many as possible to this great annual community event!