

# WHEATLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION 2010

## A YEAR IN PICTURES



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Finally, I thank all the members without whom this publication would not have been possible.

Taff Morgan Jones,  
Chairman, Wheatley Village Produce Association.

# **A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF WHEATLEY VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

## **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2010**

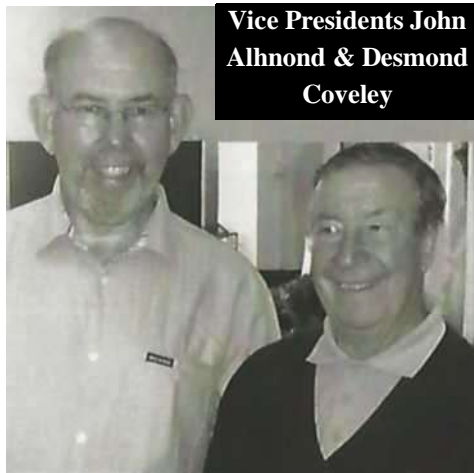
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bulbs for the spring garden, a talk by Mr. D. Coombes
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lawn solutions, a talk by Mr. D. Hedges-Gower
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Glories of the garden, a talk by Mr. J. Cornwall
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Devon and Cornwall, a talk by Mr. R. Cherry
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	The Biscoes of Holton House, at the school by Mr. K. Heritage
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Outing to the Imperial War Museum, London
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Chilterns part one, a talk By Mr. A. Copeland
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Start of a five-day holiday to Northumbria
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	The Lifeboat Association, a talk by Mr. T. Woods
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Seventieth Annual Show at the Merry Bells
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Winter sunshine, a talk by Mr. G. Wren
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gloucester clocks outing
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Dinner
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	AGM

**ANNUAL PROGRAMME AND  
SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPT  
FOR 2009-2010**

President  
TBA

Vice Presidents  
Mr John Almond  
Mr Des Coveley

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010



**Vice Presidents John  
Alhnond & Desmond  
Coveley**

The committee meet about six times during the year to organise events for the coming year and plan the programme for the following year.

A number of sub committees meet as required to organise the schedule for the annual show in September and the dinner in October.

There are usually some vacancies and new members are always welcome.



Back row: G. Belcher, M. Edwards, J. Connor, (Outing Sec)

J. Edwards, (Treasurer) T. Kirchhoff, D. Knight

Front row: K. Hillsdon, (Minuting Sec & Holiday organiser)

E. Morgan-Jones (Chairman & Show Sec.) S. Buckingham (Sec.)

Missing are M. Baldwin & B. Palmer

## JANUARY

The year started with heavy snow, which meant that the first meeting of the year at the Merry Bells was cancelled, leaving time to have fun in the snow and admire the views enhanced by the snowfall.



## **FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

Lawn solutions by David Hedges-Gower

This was an interesting talk on lawn care by a professional lawn expert who has maintained some of the best golf courses in the country. There were many tips for keeping our garden lawns in good shape.

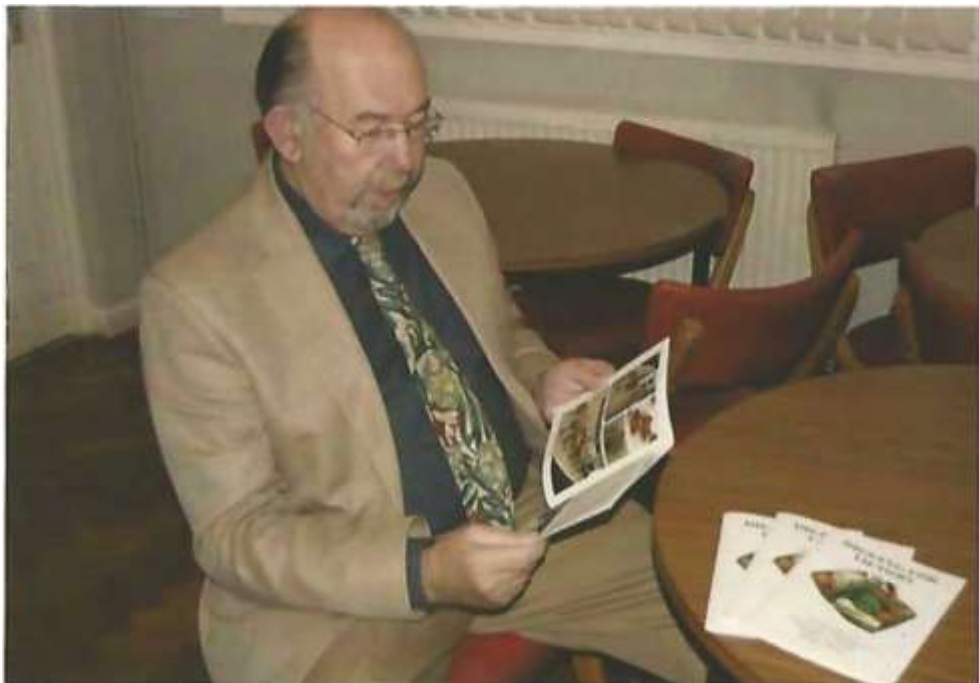


## **MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**

Glories of the garden part four by John Cornwall

A colourful and informative talk on presenting the garden in tiptop condition.





## **DIGGING FOR VICTORY**



**WHEATLEY  
VILLAGE PRODUCE  
ASSOCIATION  
1940-2010**

March also saw the publication of the booklet, “Digging for Victory” written by John Allmond.

The booklet tells how the Association began at the start of the Second World War to boost food production and chronicles the seventy-year history of Wheatley Village Produce Association.

Many similar Village Produce Associations were formed throughout the country but few have survived as long or been quite as successful as Wheatley.

**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**

An illustrated talk about Devon and Cornwall by Russell Cherry



**MAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Biscoes of Holton House — Kevin Heritage

This was the third of a series of evenings about the Biscoe family and their association with Holton House, now part of Wheatley Park School. Talks in previous years have been centred around the large number of photographic plates that were discovered a few years ago which gave a fascinating insight to the lives of the estate owners and local villagers at the turn of the twentieth century.

In 2010 the meeting was held at the school and we were able to see many of the sites featured in the photographs. Members were split into two groups one led by Kevin, with the other led by his colleague Nigel Phillips.

After an excellent tour of the grounds, including the Broome Oak and the moat, we were able to visit the exhibitions in the Old Gate House, the Venison House and the David John Centre. Many items found in the grounds or associated with the site were on display.



Kevin introducing the evening's events



Visiting the restored Venison House



In the grounds of Holton House



A backwater of the moat



Reflections in the moat.



The ancient and historic Broome Oak



Members in the grounds



Outside the front entrance of Holton House

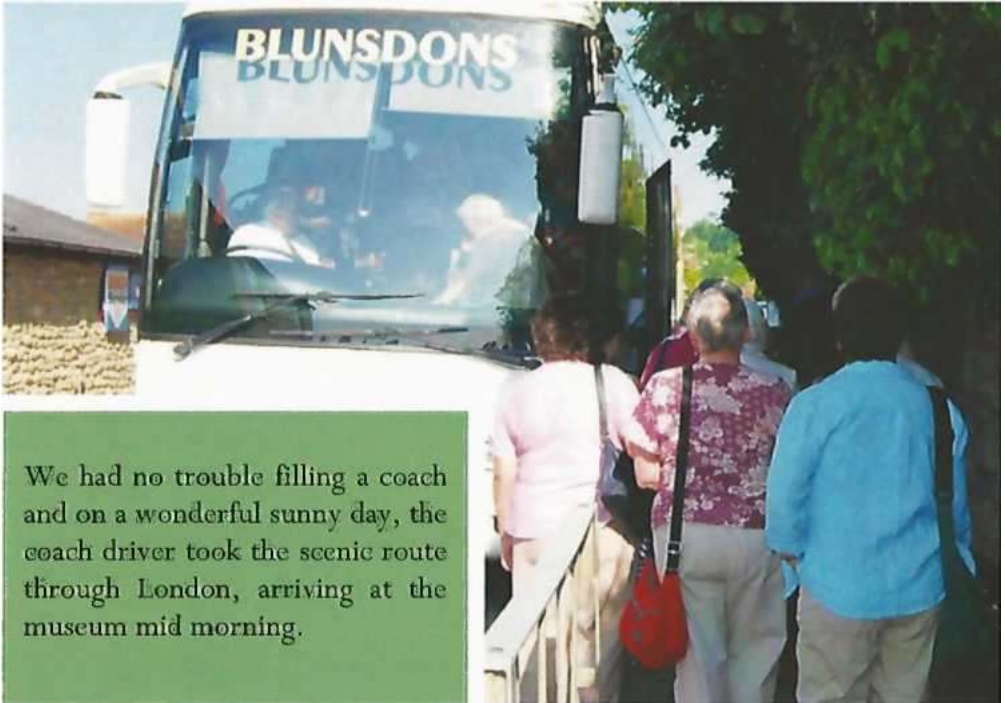
Following the tour of the school grounds, we enjoyed coffee and biscuits with time to look at the many items exhibited about the current school, the former Holton Park Girls' Grammar School and Holton House and village.



**MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Outing to the Imperial War Museum London

It was brought to our attention early in the year that the Imperial War Museum was holding an exhibition entitled “Ministry of Food.” This was about life during the Second World War, part of which was about the “Dig for Victory” campaign , that encouraged ordinary people to become gardeners and reduce the reliance on imported foodstuffs. This was exactly why our Association was formed 70 years ago and therefore a visit was necessary





Enjoying the sunshine in the gardens  
outside the Imperial War Museum



This is one of many wartime posters issued to encourage everyone to start digging up all available land and turn it over to the production of foodstuffs.

Keeping animals for food was also necessary as the rhyme below states,

Because of the pail the scraps were saved  
Because of the scraps the pigs were saved  
Because of the pigs the rations were saved  
Because of the rations the ships were saved  
Because of the ships the Island was saved  
Because of the Island the Empire was saved and all  
because of a housewives pail.



**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Chilterns part 1 Alan Copeland



Alan has been a regular speaker at VP A meetings for a number of years.

His earlier illustrated talks about interesting and curious places in the Cotswolds were greeted with much enthusiasm.

In 2010, he gave the first of what may turn out to be an ongoing series, about the Chilterns and the unusual places and things that can be seen in the locality some of which are below.



**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> to JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday to Northumbria**



Day 1 Northumberland via Newstead Abbey and Gardens.  
Day 2 Longframlington Gardens and the Farne Islands.  
Day 3 Alnwick Water Gardens and Cragside.  
Day 4 Wollington and Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens.  
Day 5 Return home via Newby Hall and Gardens.







JULY 13<sup>th</sup>

The Royal National Lifeboat Association – Trevor Woods

A very popular illustrated talk about the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) from its early beginnings up to the present day. Trevor told of the many improvements that have been made over the years to the boats, as his talk and slides illustrated, but it is still too often a very dangerous and life-threatening task for the volunteer crews.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is entirely funded by public subscription and members were able to support this worthy cause after the event.



There were no organised activities but members were busy in their gardens and allotments choosing and preparing their exhibits for the 70" Annual Show in September.



## The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

The front cover of the 2010 show schedule, which has for a number of years been an entry in the children's classes





## Show Judges 2010

Domestic classes  
Mrs. D. Mann

Flowers  
Mr. J. Allmond

Handicrafts / Art  
Mrs. J. Coveley

Photography  
Ms. A. Coveley

Vegetables Mr.  
J. Dawson

Wine  
Mr. J. Allmond



**The Royal Horticultural  
Society's Banksian medal** The  
premier award at the show



Some of the entries in the vegetable fruit and domestic classes



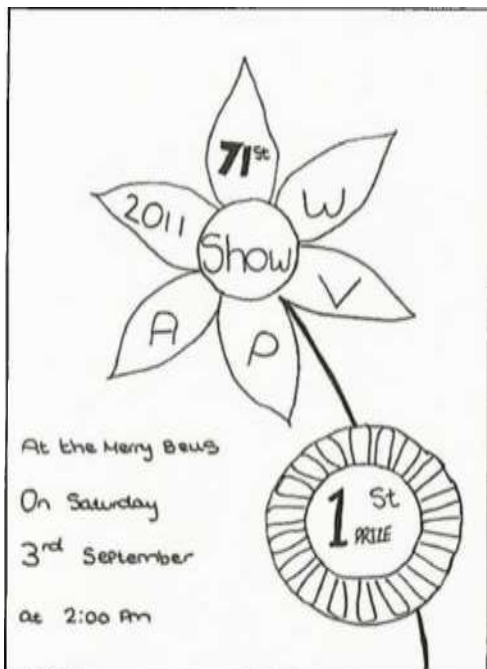


A selection of entries in the junior classes

A model made from fruit  
vegetable or flowers



The winning entry to design the front  
cover for the 2011 Show schedule



Junior garden



Decorated fairy cakes

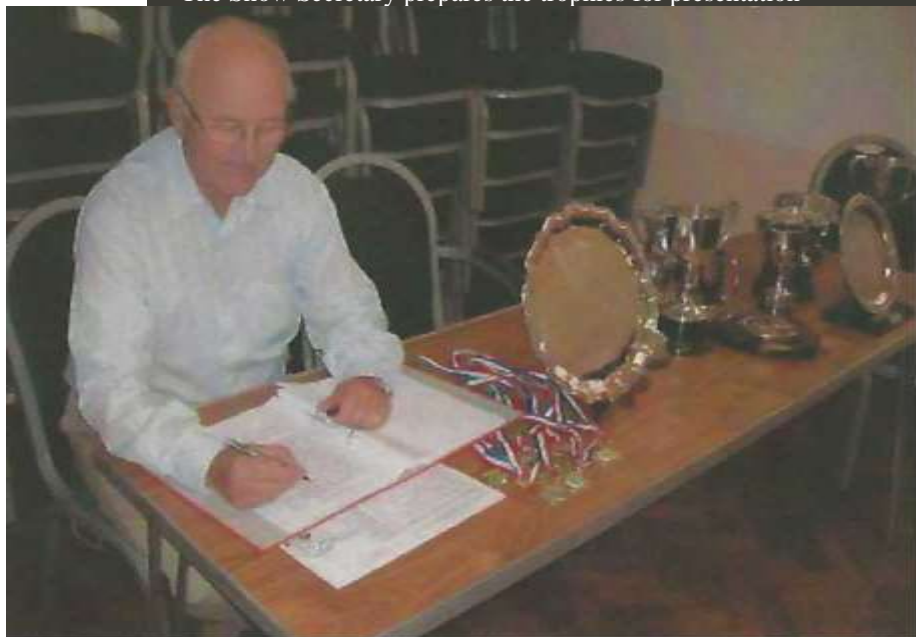
Entries in one of the ten photographic classes open to adults and under sixteen years. This one, class 117 “Single flower close up” was for entrants aged sixteen or over. The class winner is enlarged.



Sorting out prize winners and prize money before the show opens in the afternoon



The Show Secretary prepares the trophies for presentation



Some of the many trophies and winners at the 2010 show





Afternoon visitors enjoying looking at the exhibits



PRIZE WINNERS 2010

## THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BANKSIAN MEDAL

The show's premier award, for the winner of the largest total amount of prize money in the whole of the open horticultural classes - Mr E. Morgan-Jones

THE MILLENNIUM TROPHY for the winner of the most prize money in sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 - Mrs A. Buckingham

THE DESMOND COVELEY AWARD for the best runner beans exhibit Mr S. Buckingham

THE IREDAVIE AWARD for the best tomatoes exhibit - Mr D. Hurdley

THE GEORGE BOWLER AWARD for the best onions from seed exhibit Mr E. Morgan-Jones

THE R.E. WHITE CHALLENGE SHIELD for the heaviest marrow Mr E. Morgan-Jones

DR. ORCHARD'S CUP for the best flower exhibit - Mr R. Gibbons

THE GEORGE SMITH COUNTRYMAN TROPHY single rose - Mrs M Nixey  
THE WYVALE GARDEN CENTRE TROPHY for the winner of the largest amount of prize money in the flower classes - Mr D. Hurdley

THE MARKHAM JUBILEE TROPHY for the best presented single exhibit in Classes 60, 61, 62 and 63 - Mrs G. Belcher

THE SHEDDEN ROSIE BOWL for the most prize money in the domestic classes Mrs G. Morgan-Jones

THE WHEATLEY V.P.A. PRESERVE CUP for the most prize money Mrs B. Thompson

THE HAROLD PIGEON AWARD for the best photograph in the Show Mr C. Sewell

THE HARDING CUP for "The junior's garden." A. Morgan-Jones

THE HARDING AWARDS for junior Classes J. Clancield, G. Poppam-Coveley, S. Hardiman, E. May, D. Allmond-Chubb, I. Poppam-Coveley and A. Samuels,

Due to lack of entries at the 2010 annual show, it was not possible to award the following trophies.

THE WHEATLEY V.P.A. WINE CUP

THE IREDAVIE WINE CUP

THE MARY RED SHELTON TROPHY

## SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Winter sunshine by Graham Wren



Graham is a regular and very popular speaker at the VPA. In September, he entertained us with pictures taken during some of his winter holidays in the warmer climates of Spain, Tunisia and Morocco.



**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Outing to Gloucester Docks





Enjoying a trip along the canal on the Queen Boadicea II, one of the small ships that made the crossing to evacuate troops from Dunkirk during 2<sup>nd</sup> World War



## OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>

### The annual dinner

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Annual Dinner to celebrate the Association's seventieth anniversary was held at Holton Village Hall, when forty-five members attended. The dinner menu was:-

Starter: Prawn cocktail served with brown bread and butter  
Courgette fritters served with onion chutney and side salad Tomato soup served with a bread roll and butter

Main course: Beef Bourguignon  
Celebration chicken with a tarragon sauce Baked  
fillet of fish with mushroom stuffing Tomato tartlet  
with Swiss cheese and rosemary

Desserts: Trio of chocolate mousse with shortcake biscuit  
Raspberry roulade

Cheese and biscuits

Coffee or tea with after dinner chocolate

WHEATLEY V.P.A.



70<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER

Saturday 9th October 2010



Following dinner, entertainment was provided by singer Rachel Cave, accompanied by Alison Rudgewick-Brown on piano, Wheatley Community Choir and Brian Barnes, Magician. The evening closed with the choir encouraging the audience to participate enthusiastically in singing rounds of "Hey Mr Miller, what a swing that you bring to the band".









#### TO ENTERTAIN US TONIGHT

Alison Rudgewick-Erown - Piano

Rachel Cave ■ Vocals

Baiui Barnes - Magician

Wheatley Community Choir

Audience participation

There will be an interval raffle

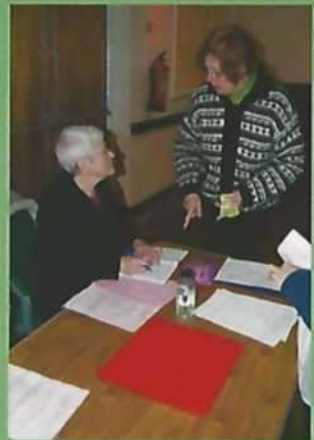
A retiring collection will be made in aid of the charity 'Music for autistic children'



NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>  
The Annual General Meeting



Time to pay the annual subscription of £5 , vote on the resolutions, volunteer to serve on the committee and chat with old friends over a glass of wine and a piece of seventieth anniversary celebration cake made by Joyce Connor,



## DECEMBER

Following the A.G.M. the newly elected committee met for the first time in the Merry Bells coffee room to allocate roles and responsibilities and start to plan some of the activities for 2011, also to arrange printing and distribution of the programme for 2011 and collect subscriptions for the Treasurer. They were joined for their first meeting by the new President J. Allmond.



Back row: S. Buckingham (Sec.), D. Knight, T. Kirchhoff, J. Connor, (Outing Sec), M. Edwards, D. Rye.

Front row: A. Buckingham (Programme Sec), E. Morgan-Jones (Chairman & Show Sec.), J. Edwards (Treasurer), B. Rye.  
Missing are K. Hillsdon & M. Baldwin.

The officers would like to wish the VPA continued success and support in the coming years.



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