

## **Akeley Gardening Club Annual Show**

**Saturday 3rd September 2011**

With 207 entries it was a bumper year for us in 2011 even though the weather this year has again been difficult for gardeners.

The judge for fruit and vegetables commented that the standard of entries had improved again this year and congratulated the gardeners on their efforts.

The entries for baking and preserves were also of a very high standard and again the exhibitors are to be congratulated.

There was a lovely display of flowers in spite of the fact that we struggle to find flowers in our gardens at this time of year.

The children entries were excellent as usual with great attentions to detail in the gardens in seed trays

Much of the produce was auctioned for us after the show by Mr. Stan Bennett and the profit from the show will be donated to Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, our chosen charity for the year.

The trophy for most points in the show was won by Mick Hurdman for the 8th year running.

The Ivy Land Award for most points in children's classes was awarded to Ben Parker.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the show – especially to our judges.

Prize winners were as follows:-

Most entries vegetables: Mick Hurdman

Most entries domestic: Mary Taylor

Best onions: Mark Hurdman

Best tomatoes: John Norfield

Best exhibit vegetables: Mick Hurdman - leek

Best exhibit fruit: Carol hunt - dessert apples

Best foliage collection: Sherri Holland

Best flower arrangement: Angela Hawker (arrangement in a teacup)

Most points vegetables: Mick Hurdman

Most points fruit: Dick Russell

Most points roses: John Hockley

Most points baking & preserves: Mary Taylor

Most points in show: Mick Hurdman

Best chocolate cake – men only: Alan Taylor