

2015 Show

Presidents 2015 - Madeline and Geoffrey Brewin

We both come originally from Leicestershire but after short spells in Cambridge, Hampshire on the edge of the New Forest and in Northeast Yorkshire on the suburban edge of Teeside we moved to Lulsley in 1978. We were attracted by the Victorian nature of Whistlewood House and although realising that considerable work needed to be done we took possession in late August.



At the time Lulsley seemed to us like 'darkest England' particularly moving from a substantial industrial area in North Yorkshire. Initially I worked for Tower, Russell-Hobbs in Wolverhampton whilst Madeline taught part-time in various schools around Herefordshire and Worcestershire. I then moved to Electrolux at Luton and Madeline became Head of Music at the re-formed Christopher Whitehead High School in St John's, but as our daughter Kate was growing up we decided to remain at Whistlewood House and travel to and fro as work required. It was only in 1994 when Madeline retired from teaching and I became Director of Engineering at VAX Ltd at Droitwich that we were able to devote a little more time to local affairs.

With Madeline's retirement and my own in 1998 we have become somewhat more involved in local affairs with Madeline being the organist at St Mary's and in 2002 I took over from Bernard Jeffery as the clerk to the parish council.

One can remark how things have changed substantially since we moved here 38 years ago but in actual fact the nature and character of Alfrick and Lulsley as old agricultural villages remains and much looks just the same as it did to us when we first arrived, although perhaps we do not think of it as quite darkest England now.

One thing that has remained and has continued to grow in popularity is of course the horticultural show. At the time we arrived it was already a thriving event run by one Andrew Parrish. It was certainly a bright spot in the local year then as now and we are delighted to be its Presidents this year. As I write this note at the end of June

we are being told that a heatwave is on the way. We hope that it will extend to the first Saturday in September when we can all enjoy the varied delights of the typical English horticultural show. We hope you too enjoy your day here and look forward to meeting you at the show.

Madeline and Geoffrey Brewin.

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Chairman's Report

Our 64th consecutive annual show, quite an achievement for successive committees. I started my first year in the Chair with nervous anticipation. This is way outside my skill set but I don't now know why I was so concerned. I am supported by a brilliant team of dedicated individuals who never cease to amaze me with the effort they expend to get the job done. I would like to thank them and all of our volunteers who get involved for several days prior to show day on the set up and delivery of a wonderful afternoon of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

The weather throughout August certainly kept Derek Bradley as Field Marshall and me on our toes, waiting with anticipation for the forecast as every rainy day passed and we hoped for news that we would again see the sun before autumn set in.

Well, show day dawned grey and overcast with drizzle. As always the horticultural show competitors did not disappoint, always managing to do their best to produce something exceptional whatever the weather.

The dog show was bustling as always with a consistent number of competitors in both Pedigree and Novelty classes.

Showtime – the sun put in an appearance across a crowded field. Over seventy separate entities packed the village hall grounds with something for everyone. The Big Top Circus tent provided free entertainment for anyone who was willing to try stilt walking, acrobatics, juggling and much more. 'Smiley' the big yellow train which trundled around the showground all afternoon was a big hit with young and old alike. It was a boon for those less able folk who were able to see much more than they would under their own steam. The field was extremely busy with a vintage carousel, shooting, skittles, archery, pony rides, vintage tractors and cars, wood turners, animals, the forge, community information, green woodworking demonstrations, excavators and a wide range of stalls from dog food delivery to pearls. As ever an exceptional variety of quality food was in plentiful supply. Thanks

must go to the ladies who were awash with cake, tea, coffee and washing up, keeping our visitors refreshed in the Village Hall.

Phil Hanson, our Treasurer keeps our finances in order in a most efficient and comprehensive way for which on behalf of the community I would like to thank him. The headline for 2015 is that we have donated over £6,000 across twenty nine charities and organisations encompassing all age groups, continuing our aim of supporting village life with new beneficiaries in the Community First Responder and 'Branches' supporting disabled adults both added to our list Gate entry was down by approximately 29% - probably because of the dismal start to the day – for many it felt like a duvet day!

With the support of our volunteers, your donations and the whole community, we have succeeded in 'reigning' for as long as Queen Elizabeth II which we consider must be a record, but what of our future? Without volunteer committee members we cannot continue to thrive as we currently do. If you are interested in being involved why not give it a no commitment trial at our first meetings of the 2016 season, simply contact me or Linda Fishwick for meeting dates. See you all on 3rd September 2016 for another bumper fun day.

With very best wishes

Annette Smart

2015 Chair / Stalls Secretary

16 November 2015

2015 SHOW BENEFICIARIES

Total amount donated to local charities - £6,004.90

1st Leigh Rainbows

1st Leigh Scouts

Air Rifle Club

[Alfrick Church](#)

Alfrick W I.

Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop

Leigh Explorer Scouts

Leigh Gardening Club

Leigh Guides

Leigh & Bransford Badgers

Leigh & Bransford Mothers & Toddlers

Leigh & Bransford School Friends Association

[Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall](#)

Alfrick & Suckley Toddlers

Branches Disabled Adults

[British Red Cross](#)

[Broadwas School](#)

Bumble Bee Playgroup

Community First Reponder

Farm Crisis Network

Leigh Brownies

Leigh & Bransford Villages Playgroup

President's Charity – *Medecins Sans Frontieres*

[Riding for the Disabled](#)

Royal British Legion

Suckley School Fund

[Suckley Village Hall](#)

[Worcestershire Wildlife Trust](#)

WRVS Thursday Club

Table of winners

Cup/Trophy	Classes	Winner
F.E. Bumford Show Cup	Highest points in Show	Charlie Hodges
The Joan Barker Trophy	Highest points in Sections B, D and E	John Sims
Alfrick Horticultural Show & Sports Coronation Challenge Cup	Highest points won by residents of Alfrick & Lulsley in Sections B and E	John Sims
The Bill Collins Memorial Cup	Highest points won in Sections C and F	Charlie Hodges
Edith & Jack Oliver Cup for	Award by Show Judges for	Charlie Hodges
Best in Show	Best single entry in Sections A-F	
The Leigh & District Gardeners' Club Trophy	Section A, Classes 1-5	Wendy Green
The New Coronation Cup	Section B, Classes 6-13	John Sims

Ravenhill Challenge Cup	Section C, Classes 14-32	Charlie Hodges	
The Frank Clift Challenge Cup	Section D, Classes 33-37	Bob Oliver	
Berrow's Worcester Journal Challenge Cup	Section E, Classes 38-43	WendyGreen Boughton Craddock	Carol Janet
Greenleaves Rose Bowl	Section F, Classes 44-47	B J Ward	
The Alfrick & Lulsley Horticultural Show and Sports Cup	Section F, Classes 48-52	Terry Witherall	
The Greenleaves Trophy	Section F, Classes 53-65	Roy Larder	
"The Talbot at Knightwick" Trophy for Home Made Wine	Section G, Classes 66-70	Andy Page	
The Hop Pocket Wine Trophy	Section G – Best individual wine/cider/perry	Dave Williamson	
Alfrick & Lulsley Show Honey Cup	Section H – Classes 71-76	Mrs. G. Bolton	
Alfrick & Lulsley Horticultural Show Women's Institute Challenge Cup	Section I, Classes 77-93	Sally Porter	
The Alma Stodart Cup	Section I, classes 89-91	June Crockford	
Certificate for best Floral Art	Section J classes 94-96	Helen Cook	
The Bernard and Honor Brooke Memorial Cup	Section K classes 97-99	Thomas Exton Newman	Martha
Alfrick & Lulsley Horticultural Show Art & Craft Cup	Section L, Classes 100-102	Max Wilding	

The Greenleaves Junior Trophy

Section M, Classes 103-105

Katie Driscoll

**The Alfrick & Lulsley Parish
Council Junior Craft Cup**

Section N, Classes 106, 107

Hayley Strain

**The Alfrick & Lulsley
Horticultural Show Junior Art
Trophy**

Section N, Classes 108, 109

Elizabeth Newitt

**The Charles Grant Memorial
Trophy**

Section O, Class 110

Katie Clegg

**The Alfrick W.I. Jubilee
Challenge Cup**

Section P, Classes 111-113

Ann Rawlings

**Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council
Craft Trophy**

Section Q, Classes 114-118

Dave Williamson

Certificate and £25 prize

Section R, class 119

Alfrick & Suckley Toddler
Group

(pre-school children)

**Portman Building Society
Trophy**

Schools' and Children's Groups

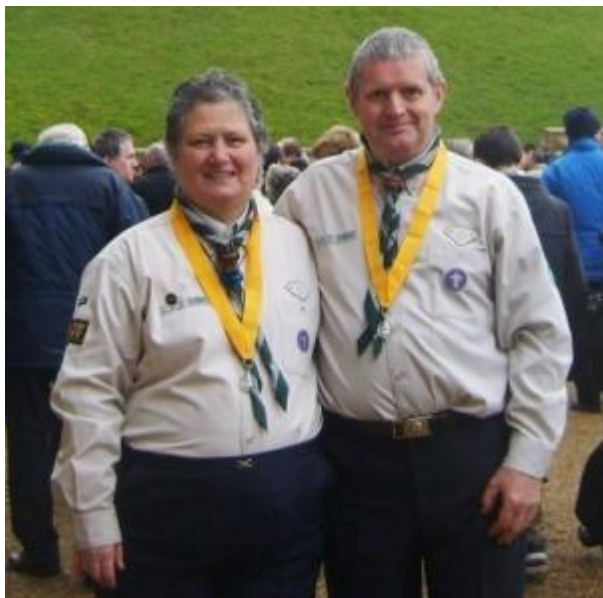
(school age children)

Section R, Class 120

First Leigh Beavers

2014 Show

PRESIDENTS 2014 - June and Paul Etheridge



June and I are very proud to be this year's presidents and we are very much looking forward to the show and the chance to meet and talk to so many friends. June was from Bransford and I was from Powick. We met in 1972 and married in 1976, holding our reception here at Alfrick Village Hall.

Our children Jennifer and David of whom we are very proud, have now given us two wonderful grandchildren who have brought so much joy into our lives and despite living in Worcester all our married lives we feel very much at home in this area.

As a couple we are known mainly for our involvement with 1st Leigh Scout Group which has provided scouting to many young people in the area since 1970 when the current group was formed. At that time June was a girl guide completing her community service award and she is still there today having led the pack since 1987.

After meeting June I was quickly recruited into 1st Leigh Cubs as a leader and moved on to lead the Scout Troop through the 80s and took up the GSL role in 1991.

Over the years the group has grown and flourished with the emphasis on "family values" This has been significant in building the leader team most of whom are ex-scouts or their families. This we feel is key to the success of the group and I was very pleased to hand over the reins this year to a "home grown" replacement.

Our first leader warrants were issued in 1974 so we are celebrating 40 years of scouting this year and hope to arrange an opportunity to get together with as many of those people we have met along the way later in the year.

Do enjoy the show.

Paul & June Etheridge

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Chairman's Report

What a wonderful day we all had on Saturday 6th September 2014. It was another great year with perfect weather on the build-up, during and after the show, we had extra visitors, a full Horticultural Marquee, our gross income was up (sadly so were our expenses), great publicity in the Malvern Gazette and lots of cards and letters of thanks and praise.

As I step down from the committee after 14 years all I can say is that it has been lots of fun and the time has flown by. During my chairmanship over the last 12 years I am pleased that we have never had to cancel a show, although 2008 was a close one with torrential rain weeks before and every other show around cancelled I was certainly anxious. Even though the playing field and car park were waterlogged and the main Worcester to Hereford road was closed - Henry Sandon (and his late wife Barbara) made it through and happily chatted to those who braved the elements to attend. The Steel Band and Pig roast cheered everyone up. On this reduced basis, just around the Village Hall, with no entrance fee, only a few of our own stalls and a bucket for donations for bric-a-brac we still made a profit!

I have met some wonderful people and the show has grown yet maintained its traditional 'fete' feel and with a real family focus and my highlight on locally sourced products and crafts it is a real crowd pleaser.

I remember setting up the show in the early days of being Chairman, on the Friday morning, debating with Derek for some time on the layout of the arena and insisting on measuring and marking out the marquee spaces - continually spraying his tape measure red - an annual tradition thereafter! We have always used Mudways Marquees and they serve us very well but in those days we had no other marquees - other than an old catering canvas and Gary, our previous Chairman and his wife June used to slave over a half metal barrel for our BBQ (you see there is no escape for ex-Chairman), but now we have our own 'kit' it has helped us become more professional and certainly makes set up easier.

One of my early decisions was to move the meetings from the then old and very cold Village Hall to the Fox and Hounds where Claire and her crew have always made us welcome. Claire has been a stalwart in taking on the BBQ & Bar, also bringing her skills to organising the afternoon teas/cakes. I should just say that the now refurbished hall plays an integral part in the whole event giving us superb facilities way beyond most other halls and is a fantastic asset for the community.

I recall meeting a teacher who used to work in Alfrick School, and in his eighties had decided to visit the places he used to live/work and so along with his grandson, he arrived in Alfrick from his hometown of Moffat, Scotland. We had a long chat and he told us lots of stories of his time at the school and I invited him to open the show on the Saturday. I know he met a few locals who remembered him – it was such a delight for him that he travelled back the following year.

I have had the pleasure of introducing 12 presidents – recognising the contribution both individuals and couples have given to the community, from Sir Michael Perry OBE, Dr Andrew Bywater, Dr Anne Lewis to Roy Larder, Gwyn Williams and this year Paul and June Etheridge to name but a few – all of whom have thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Grace Mansell has always been involved in the show, and from my first year she has always sent a letter or card to me after the show offering her congratulations and praise – she has never missed a year. In 2009 it was an honour to have Grace as our President and this brings back a particular memory, when in her normal after show letter she explained how she had lost a gold and opal earring during the show and they had been a precious gift. After we cleared the field the whole committee did a 'finger sweep' of the field – I wanted to be able to tell Grace that we had done everything possible to try and find the earring but this really was a needle in a haystack after some 3,000 visitors had walked over the site before us – as we reached the last 50 yards of the field, still looking down I saw something and to my absolute amazement there was Grace's earring. It was one of the best experiences I had when I knocked on her door and handed her a small gift box and to see her face when she opened up the tissue paper – she could not believe it and I know she still recounts this story to this day.

The peak for me was 2013, when I reached the finals of Worcestershire Women of the Year in the 'Voluntary' category and although I didn't win I met some amazing women, including Sharon Davies (Olympic swimmer) who presented our awards and together with Jonathan (my nominee) and Ginnie Wilkinson, my Mum, Gavin and friends we celebrated with a fabulous luncheon.

As any chairman will tell you, sometimes it can feel lonely 'at the top' being the decision maker and I had no experience of organising a show before I became Chairman and so I have learnt on the job - but this was helped by having a great committee, including Gavin my husband. The synergy of the team has been amazing and we have achieved spectacular results. I know that not everyone has agreed with all of my decisions – and that's OK, we are human after all – but I have listened and given everyone a right to speak and then made decisions which I believed were right for the show.

During my time as Chairman, the community has lost some wonderful people and specifically from the show committee Woody Roscoe (Patrons), Jonathan Wilkinson (Treasurer) and Hilary Canon (Dog Show), also so many of the community, Monica Scott, John Barker and Chris Tolley, also Harry Banner and Bill Collins who were regular entrants (and winners) in the Horticultural Show to name but a few of the great and good who have gone ahead... you are always in our thoughts.

I also have to say THANK YOU to the community who support the show – I really couldn't have done it without you - by donating items, lending us marquees or by use of their fields, paying staff to work at the show, giving us a free room at the pub, volunteering (and for some never seeing the show if on car park duty) and bringing friends and family to the show – you are an equal part of the show and I know you enjoy it as much as our thousands of visitors.

The show has continued to thrive and I am pleased to pass it on, as I received it from Gary Sullivan the previous Chairman, a prosperous and successful show with hopefully another 63 and more, years of enjoyment and that it continues to deliver its aim of supporting the rural community.

Please do not be sad that my time is over, smile because it happened...

Best wishes to all, Bridget Lewis

Horticultural Show:

707 Entries

135 Competitors

Dog Show:

387 Entries

131 Competitors

2014 SHOW BENEFICIARIES

Total amount donated to local charities - £9,000

1st Leigh Rainbows

1st Leigh Scouts

Air Rifle Club

Alfrick Church

Alfrick W I.

Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop

Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall

Alfrick & Suckley Toddlers

British Red Cross

Broadwas School

Bumble Bee Playgroup

Farm Crisis Network

Leigh Explorer Scouts

Leigh & Bransford Badgers

Leigh & Bransford Mothers & Toddlers

Leigh & Bransford School Friends Association

Leigh & Bransford Villages Playgroup

Leigh Brownies

Leigh Gardening Club

Leigh Guides

President's Charity

Ravenshill Woodland Reserve

Riding for the Disabled

Royal British Legion

Suckley Village Hall

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

WRVS Thursday Club

2013 Show

President : Richard Steele



Richard and his wife Ina have lived in Lulsley since 2001, realising an ambition to get away from the hustle and bustle of a big city and enjoy country life. On arriving in Lulsley they felt welcomed and have found it easy to make good friends.

He is an extremely active member of the local community supporting several important initiatives such as the Village Hall and Community Shop. The Alfrick & Lulsley Show is delighted to recognise his contribution to the community, in particular his efforts on the refurbishment of the Village Hall, through his Presidency of the 2013 Show.

Born and educated in Staffordshire Richard spent the majority of his career working for Barclays Bank. Richard recalls that when he joined the Bank it was a very different beast to today's organisation, with bookkeeping in hand posted ledgers and local clearing of cheques. How time has changed things.

Richard and Ina have two children Katie and Timothy. They are delighted to be part of such an active community and extremely pleased to meet so many new people at the 2013 show.

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Chairman's Report

Despite continuing economic and financial difficulties being faced by so many, visitors enjoyed another fantastic show on September 7th, yet again raising the extraordinary sum of £10,350 to benefit 34 local organisations.

Our visitors were thrilled by the range and diversity of the stalls and attractions together with the opportunity to view an outstanding display of entries in the horticultural marquee; to learn a new circus skill in the Big Top or to get involved in the Dog Show.

It was disappointing that the RAF Memorial Flight 'Dakota' was not available due to a technical issue but this loss was more than made up for by Richard Goodwin's aerobatic display and other arena events.

Bridget Lewis, Chairman comments "I am really proud to be able to stand here, in my 11th year as chairman, confirming that we have donated £10,350 to 34 local community groups and clubs across the full spectrum of ages. It is an enormous achievement and being part of this community makes me very proud and I say 'Thank you' to Richard Steele, 2013 President, indeed everyone who made a contribution – our loyal band of volunteers, car park attendants, stall holders, who all work tirelessly throughout the year to make this **THE** local show. Thanks too to you our loyal visitors who support our efforts by coming along and spending your cash, helping us to support local good causes.

A real high for me during the year was to reach the finals of the Worcestershire Women of the Year for 2013 in the Voluntary Category, due in part to my work on this show. As any volunteer knows it takes a huge amount of time, commitment and dedication to be an active member of a community but this is often unseen or forgotten by others and so this recognition was wonderful. It was a great experience and it was lovely to meet Sharon Davies the Olympic swimmer at a luncheon with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces –

6th September 2014

for another exciting and enjoyable day out.

Bridget Lewis

Chairman.

Horticultural Show:

658 Entries

153 Competitors

Dog Show:

385 Entries

129 Competitors

2013 SHOW BENEFICIARIES

Total amount donated to local charities - £10,350

1st Leigh Rainbows

1st Leigh Scouts

Air Rifle Club

Alfrick Church

Alfrick W.I.

Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop

Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall

Alfrick & Suckley Toddlers

Army of Angels

British Red Cross

Broadwas School

Bumble Bee Playgroup

Farm Crisis Network

Leigh Explorer Scouts

Leigh & Bransford Badgers

Leigh & Bransford Mothers & Toddlers

Leigh & Bransford School Friends Association

Leigh & Bransford Villages Playgroup

Leigh Brownies

Leigh Gardening Club

Leigh Guides

Maggs Day Centre

Malvern Food Bank

New Hope Worcestershire

On-site Vet

President's Charity

Ravenshill Woodland Reserve

Riding for the Disabled

Royal British Legion

SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Association)

Skateboard Project

Suckley School Fund

Suckley Village Hall

Village Playground

War Memorial

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

WRVS Thursday Club

2012 Show

Joint Presidents: The Reverend Andrew and Mrs Alexandra Bullock.



Andrew is Priest-in-charge of the Benefice of Alfrick with Lulsley, Leigh & Bransford, and Suckley. He and his wife Alexandra have been living within our community since April 2002.

Andrew trained and worked as a teacher specialising in dyslexia. This took him to primary and secondary schools and even to Wandsworth Prison, during which time he met and married Alexandra. While still a teacher, Andrew's sense of God's calling led him to take up theological training in Oxford.

Alexandra attended the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in London. She has recently trained as a Licensed Lay Minister and now works alongside Andrew.

They have four children.

Chairman's Report 2012

What a year! - the Queen's Jubilee, the Olympics and Paralympics!

..... and, as always, Alfrick & Lulsley Horticultural Show and Fete ...

2012 having been a very wet year, it was great to have a dry day for the Show, which once again attracted over 3000 visitors who enjoyed a showground packed with fun and excitement.

Meirion Owen's 'Quack Pack' provided hilariously entertaining duck herding demonstrations. The Indian Runner Duck is an extraordinary looking duck with quite short legs and a tall, upright body - much like a penguin. They can be up to 14" tall and can weigh around 3 to 5 lbs. As their name suggests, they run rather than waddle, and have a very strong urge to huddle together.

Their trainer, Meirion, is a very accomplished and well-respected sheepdog handler, judge and event organiser. He started sheepdog trialling at the age of nine and has since gone on to win many trials including the Welsh National Sheepdog Championship. He also captained the Welsh team at the International Sheep Dog Trials

Afternoon tea in the Village Hall was as popular as ever, with a new team providing the fare. Thanks must go to the three groups of volunteers lead by Claire from the Fox & Hounds, who took on the challenge of keeping our visitors refreshed throughout the afternoon.

A wonderful display of entries was enjoyed in the big marquee: the Horticultural Show is really central to Alfrick & Lulsley Show, having been here from the very beginning. It is a great way for the community and our schools to get involved. We hope the increasing trend in entry numbers continues as competitors gain enjoyment in gardening, art and craft, photography and home-cooking.

We all enjoyed Richard Goodwin's aerobatic display in his hand-built Christen Eagle bi-plane with its top speed of 210 mph. Richard is a pilot with a major airline but his background is as an RAF pilot flying Tornados in the Gulf War. Some lucky individuals also saw an impromptu flypast by the Red Arrows!

Music was provided to entertain the crowds by the brilliant Worcester Concert Brass.

Now in its sixth year at the Show, the Tug-o-War event is always a crowd puller as everyone likes to cheer for the underdogs. A range of teams competed, from the very professional to the local pub team and the young farmers. Everyone is welcome to enter a team; why not consider your local pub team if you fancy your chances for 2013!

The mixture of stalls and static displays worked really well. A number of people on the day commented to committee members that it was the best show that they had been to.

Bridget Lewis, Chairman commented "I am really proud, in my tenth year as Chairman, to be able to confirm that we are giving back to the local community in

excess of £10,000. It is an enormous achievement. I am very proud to be part of this community, and must say a big thank you to each and everyone who volunteers their time freely both in the organisation, build up, on the day and breakdown of the Show. To you the visitors we also send our thanks, without you we could not achieve this level of success. We look forward to seeing you in 2013".

Tribute to retiring Treasurer, Jonathan Wilkinson



Sincerest thanks must go to Jonathan who served the Show Committee from 1997 to 2012. He has provided direction and guidance through many planning and financial decisions with professionalism, the utmost integrity, and always with good humour.

He successfully managed the increased growth in our profits and likewise a considerable increase in our donations – from £3150 in 2003 to our all time high of £10,350.

Thank you Jonathan, your contribution will be sorely missed. You can now visit the show and enjoy the day.

Horticultural Show:

679 Entries

138 Competitors

Dog Show:

285 Entries

107 Competitors

2012 SHOW BENEFICIARIES

1st Leigh Rainbows

1st Leigh Scouts

Air Rifle Club

Alfrick Church

Leigh & Bransford Mothers & Toddlers

Leigh & Bransford School Friends Association

Leigh & Bransford Villages Playgroup

Leigh Brownies

Alfrick W I.	Leigh Gardening Club
Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop	Leigh Guides
Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall	On site Vet
Alfrick & Suckley Toddlers	President's Charity
Army of Angels	Ravenshill Woodland Reserve
British Red Cross	Riding for the Disabled
Broadwas School	Royal British Legion
Bumble Bee Playgroup	Suckley School Fund
Farm Crisis Network	Suckley Village Hall
Fly to Help	Village Playground
Leigh Explorer Scouts	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Leigh & Bransford Badgers	WRVS Thursday Club

2011 Show



We were delighted to welcome Roy Larder (left) to be our 2011 President. Roy came to live in Alfrick in the late 1950's spending 42 happy years married to Ivy, bringing up their three children, Tracey, Karen and Gary. Roy is the shy retiring sort who doesn't search out the limelight preferring to be 'hands on' which is why we are extremely pleased he agreed to be 2011 President. What is apparent is how much Roy has been involved in the community over the years; always a willing hand and keen volunteer. One of his biggest commitments has been to the Village Hall. For 30 years he gave of his time freely as a volunteer to manage and maintain our valuable community facilities.

The 2011 Show was very special as we celebrated our 60 th anniversary. We were pleased to welcome Tony Fisher from BBC H&W radio who settled into the job very quickly and he and his family had a wonderful day. We delivered a fantastic line up of arena events and were once again privileged to have a Spitfire flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, as well as the most spectacular, breathtaking display of

stunt plane flying from local pilot Richard Goodwin in his bi-plane. It all contributed to ensure that the anniversary was a memorable occasion.

As never before - the community of Alfrick and Lulsley, along with thousands of visitors from far-a-field, supported us - even in these financially difficult times - on a wonderful sunny afternoon to enjoy the extensive range of stalls, displays, Horticultural Show exhibits, Dog Show and Bar and BBQ. And to celebrate our anniversary we even commissioned a recipe book which made ideal Christmas presents!

The money spent on the day enabled us to continue to support village life by the donation of our wonderful profits and as Chairman it gives me great pleasure to confirm, we have donated profits of £10,500 to 25 local groups and clubs, along with four national charities with local representation in the community. In addition to our President Roy Larder's President's Award to the Nurses Care Fund - a special award has also been made to The Royal Star and Garter Homes who help care for disabled ex-service men and women in memory of our good friend Woody Roscoe, who was our Patrons Secretary for several years.

In mentioning finances and money, I would like to take this opportunity to praise the work (often hidden) of my Treasurer Jonathan Wilkinson (I know that he will be thanking his helpers!) and 2012 will be another important year for him as he has decided to 'stand down' after next year's show. On a personal level I will miss the relationship that we have developed and I can't speak highly enough of his expertise and the professionalism that he has brought to his role.

Having been Chairman for 9 years I feel that I often find myself repeating praise and thanks to so many but I genuinely believe it is the working together of the Show Committee, our magnificent groups of volunteers, the patrons and wider community which produces such a wonderful show for all to enjoy and for this I say 'Thank You'. It is an honour and privilege to be the Chairman of such a great committee and I say a special thank you to you all.

November 2011

Bridget A Lewis

Chairman

Horticultural Show entries	593
Horticultural Show Competitors	122
Dog Show Entries	118

2011 Show beneficiaries:

1 st Leigh Rainbows	Leigh Brownies
1 st Leigh Scouts	Leigh Explorer Scouts
Air Rifle Club	Leigh Gardening Club
Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop	Leigh Guides
Alfrick Church	'Peace of Mind'
Alfrick Toddlers	President's Charity
Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall	Ravenshill Woodland Reserve
Alfrick WI	Woody Roscoe Memorial
Army of Angels	Royal British Legion
British Red Cross	Suckley Hops
Broadwas School	Suckley School
Bumble Bee Playgroup	Suckley Village Hall
Farm Crisis Network	Villages Playgroup
Leigh & Bransford Mothers & Toddlers	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Leigh & Bransford Badgers	WRVS Thursday Club
Leigh & Bransford School Friends Association	