

PARWICH AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Report for Annual Parish Council Meeting

2022, our 70th anniversary year had a feeling of optimism after a couple of years of uncertainty.

We started the year with our annual quiz, this was well supported.

The talk was not so well supported but those who attended found it informative and entertaining. We also put on a display to start off our commitment to growing peat free. To celebrate our 70th anniversary we produced a lovely tea towel featuring the artwork of the children at the school, it was well received and consolidated our commitment to a close relationship with the school.

Open gardens was a wonderful day and the follow up meeting when we discuss 'what went wrong' we really didn't come up with anything. We raised significant funds which have supported other events but most importantly allowed us to distribute £1,600 to the church, bowls club, school, RBL club, carnival committee and towards coronation celebrations.

Surely the highlight of our year was winning a prize with our float at the carnival, a masterpiece of ingenuity from Andrew, thank you.

The show had a good entry in what was a difficult growing season and ran so smoothly, here we did implement a few changes learnt through running a show during lockdown. We were able to have two trips this year including a visit to the new RHS Bridgewater, both trips were well supported and most enjoyable.

The final event of the year was our apple pressing day, a new venture for us and most successful, helped I imagine by it being a bumper year for apples.

This year we had a well attended quiz in February, enjoyed by all, and a talk from Chatsworth gardens. We have our usual schedule for the rest of the year – Open Gardens on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Village Show on September 17<sup>th</sup> and apple pressing day in October tba. We are also working on an up-date to the book produced in 2002, in collaboration with the History Society, Gardens of Parwich. We hope to get this printed in time for the Show in September.