

Corsenside Parish Show

Report to Parish Council Meeting; May 2018

Although the weather wasn't at its best for last year's show, the day was still a great success – the wealth of entries in the industrial section was quite spectacular. It was encouraging to see the number of willing helpers who turned out to help set-up and clear away before and after the event, and enthusiasm for the show remains high.

It was agreed at this year's AGM to disband the leek club 'membership' element of the show. This was for a number of reasons, including the imbalance between the funds raised through membership set against the cost of prize money, as well as the fact that the restricted membership element meant that the society was not eligible to apply for grant funding. Following this, a change of name was agreed and the former 'Corsenside Leek and Vegetable Society' is now the 'Corsenside Parish Show'. It is hoped that removing the focus from 'leek show' will encourage more members of the community to get involved.

Show committee members are looking at various options for more activities and attractions on this year's show day to appeal to as wide an audience as possible, including having hot food ~~and live music~~ throughout the day, a penalty shoot-out, tug-of-war competition, face-painting and name-the-bear, as well as the usual quoits, tea-tent, bar and evening entertainment. We would of course welcome any other suggestions – it's everyone's show.

The children's handwriting and drawing competitions are being opened up to all children of the parish this year, rather than just for pupils of West Woodburn school, again in an attempt to make the show attractive and relevant to everyone across the parish.

A programme of fundraising events has been drawn up, including a Meal Night at the Bay Horse on 24th May - with a raffle and quiz; a Bingo Night on 7th June to be held here in our parish hall; and a Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th August at the Bay Horse - with a cake stall and plant stall.

As usual, the show will be held on the third Saturday in September, which this year is the 15th. Next year will be the 175th Show so we truly hope it can continue to go from strength to strength to provide a fun day bringing the whole community together.

Ron Payne
Chairman
Corsenside Parish Show.

Other Committee Members:

Maureen Johnson, Secretary
Caroline Currie, Treasurer
George Dent
Paul Johnson
Amy Brachtvogel