

Christleton Village Show 2009

Saturday 11th July

Theme; Our Village

The Parish Hall Christleton

Opened by Mr Ted Kirk



The restored cross at Littleton

Welcome to the 2009 Village Show. I hope you enjoy looking at the excellent exhibits our competitors have created. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of this show. We really are blessed in Christleton and the surrounding townships with a large number of creative people who allow us to show what superb artistic & creative ability there is in the area, especially the children who make the show come alive with their colourful work. We welcome our impartial judges, who travel from all parts of the County and N. Wales to help us. I would also like to thank my enthusiastic committee for their hard work behind the scenes,

This year we welcome members of the Chester Patchwork & Quilters organisation (Chester Ps & Qs) who will be displaying some of their special quilts and patchworks, many designed to be used in the **Project Linus** initiative, which are donated to children in distressed circumstances. We hope you enjoy their work, together with the many wonderful exhibits in our 2009 Village Show.

David Cummings Chairman.

Our Guest Opener. Mr Ted Kirk

The Kirk Family have been heavily involved in the life of this community for many years mainly through their work as Market Gardeners, with their own stall on Chester Market, Their glasshouses and grounds at Littleton were always full of the most beautiful flowers, and vegetables such as cauliflowers, sprouts, lettuce & tomatoes were grown. They also achieved fame nationally by growing orchids. Ted like his father John has also been involved in local politics, being a member and Chairman of Littleton Parish Council for many many years. He was also prominent in the rebuilding of Christleton Cricket Club after the war and in the setting up of the club's facilities as we know them today. He was also Captain of the 1st XI in the 1950's, and always enthuses about the sporting activities of his family.

The Kirk family have played a prominent part in the life of the church, and the Christmas tree is donated by them each year. Ted is one of the small group of people who have created the village that we see today, always working hard in the background to ensure the success of Christleton, Littleton and the surrounding villages. Ted also achieved an ambition a year or so ago, with the re-establishment of a historic cross at Littleton, on the site of the original Vicars Cross destroyed by a puritan John Bruen from Stapleford in 1613. A section of the original cross lay in the Kirk's garden.

Thank you to our Sponsors.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items, or purchased tickets for the raffle. The proceeds from this, together with adult entry fees, goes a long way to help fund each show, We also depend on sponsors to help cover the overall costs, and we try to ensure that each year any surplus funds go to charity. Last year £200 was donated to the refurbishment of the Scout Hut, with a further £100 to the Alder Hey Hospital for young diabetes sufferers. This year we will be supporting the Parish Council's refurbishment of the children's playground at the Village Playing Fields.

This year's show is being kindly sponsored by The Abrams Family.

We are very grateful to them for their support.

Raffle

There will also be an additional **special raffle for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd (£1 a strip}** organised by Ben & Jean Williams

On Sale.

Wildlife Occasions Cards; 5 postcards for £2

Prints of Peter Nell's painting of St James' Church.