

## ATWORTH AUTUMN SHOW as we know it

When we took over the running of the show from Maggie Macdonald in 2010 we inherited a large box of assorted stationery, some hand-written accounts and notes and £100 which was the residue of sponsorship from Neston Park.

During her time 'at the helm' both Maggie and her husband were working for large organisations so it was easy to 'get things done'.

This was not so easy for us; during the first show we borrowed a guillotine from the pub, a staple gun from a friend and a certain large national bank inadvertently paid to laminate a dozen posters which we put onto sites around the village.

Since then we have bought these items which will form part of the package we will hand on to our successors; these have not been costed in at this stage. We have also collected a large number of white sheets so we no longer have to buy banquetting roll for the tables.

Due to an administrative hiccup we had to buy another cup last year and all these cups have to be inscribed.

In 2010 we thought we could save money by printing the schedules 'in house'; this was an horrendous operation and cost us goodness knows how much in ink and paper and we then delivered 400 ourselves.

We approached Prime Arts at the end of last year to see if they would sponsor the project by printing the schedules....as yet we have had no reply.

We are sure that if we had the funds to make the prize money more attractive we would create more interest, but even if winning is not as important as taking part the gap is increasing between incomings and outgoings.

We have approached the White Hart and they will generously run a Quiz Night for us and we have a fund-raising project in mind for the bank holiday event in their car-park.

After the first year we canvassed opinion as to the date and moved it a week into September, simultaneously Melksham started their own show at the same part of the year; we also reverted to the established system of using the village magazine to print and deliver schedules but this too is costly.

We have built up a good nucleus of help over the last couple of years and have had the invaluable support of the WI.....this year's show will be on September 8<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see you all there as competitors or observer