

# Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

## Newsletter

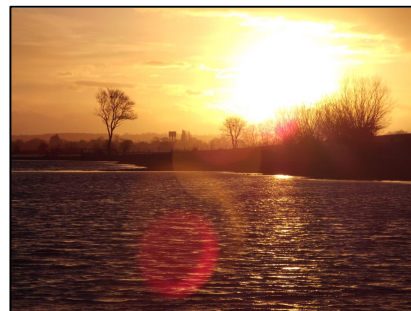
Spring 2014

At least we had a reasonable summer last year – as a result of which the Annual Show was the best for some years. See the photo galleries on the website

[www.streetcdvs.org.uk](http://www.streetcdvs.org.uk).



However, last summer is but a distant memory after the wettest winter on record. Hopefully we can look forward to improving weather and a good growing season. (*Photos of main road to Godney and Godney Farm*)



### Annual General Meeting:

The AGM took place in the pool room at the Unity Club on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and was attended by nearly 30 members and guests. The Chairman gave a report on the successes of the last year, followed by the Treasurer, Pat Baker, who issued copies of the accounts, which he expanded on. Essentially they showed that the Society continues to be in a satisfactory financial position.

Elections were held and the new officers and committee are as follows: -

President:	Ken C. Dunthorn
Chairman:	John Merrick (Avalon House, Lower Godney, Wells BA5 1RZ)
Vice Chairman:	Jim Searle
Correspondence Secretary:	Mrs Lin Driscoll
Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Mary Whitaker
Entries Secretary:	Pat Baker
Membership Secretary:	Pat Baker
Treasurer:	Pat Baker (2 Prospect Close, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5YD)
Show Manager:	Gordon West
Press Officer:	Ruth Hamlett
Committee:	John Baker, Mrs Kay Burleton, Colin Driscoll, Sonny Dunthorn, Barrie Lovelace, Mrs Sandra Lovelace, Tony Nicholls, Terry Vernoum, Plus Officers

After many years looking after the secretarial duties for the Society, Maureen Heal felt the time had come to retire – she has certainly earned a more relaxing future. She was thanked by the President for all her hard work. Sonny Dunthorn also decided to relinquish his duties as Membership Secretary and was also thanked for all his work in this respect. Sonny continues as a member of the committee. Pat Baker now holds the combined posts of Treasurer, Entries Secretary and Membership Secretary, recognizing that there was some degree of overlap in these posts.

Thanks to Pat Baker for organising the raffle and to Gordon West for arranging the refreshments.

After the break, Chris Smith, from Pennard Plants, ([www.pennardplants.com](http://www.pennardplants.com)) gave an entertaining and informative talk on “Heritage Seeds and their continuing importance in the interests of variety and taste” which had the audience enthralled. As a result, we are looking into the possibility of having a new class for Heritage Seeds in the Annual Show.

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If other members feel they would like to contribute more to the Society by joining the committee, please contact us – see “Communication” below, or contact us via the website.

Dates for your diary:

**Saturday, 17th May 2014:** Annual Plant Sale in the Library gardens, Leigh Road, Street: 8am – 12noon

This is a chance to buy plants for hanging baskets, bedding plants, tomato, cucumber & pepper plants, dahlias, chrysanthemums, fuchsias and some perennials all at very reasonable prices.

Members only can collect their fuchsia plants for class 41. The kelsae onion plants for members are likely to be available before the plant sale – probably around mid-March. Please keep in touch with Pat Baker for more details.

Money raised from the plant sale helps to fund the **Annual show (on 13<sup>th</sup> September this year)**, along with donations and sponsorship.

## Communication:

To improve communication and to save paper and postage, it would be helpful to have e-mail addresses for as many members as possible. This would reduce the cost of keeping you informed. Please send your e-mail addresses to Pat Baker ([pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk)) or John Merrick ([merrickj13@gmail.com](mailto:merrickj13@gmail.com)). **Please note this new email address!**

There is just space to continue Ken Dunthorn’s info re the Society’s cup and the people who donated them.

Class 18 The Walton Press Street Schools’ Cup – This cup was presented by the company to encourage the children of the four Street schools that teach up to year six to have an appreciation of gardening and the growing of their own food.

## Chrysanthemum Section

The Brooking Clark Challenge Cup (for the best vase in this section) – Brooking Clark was the first president of the Society.

The George Miller Cup (for the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in this section) – George was the father of one of the Society’s previous chairmen, Keith Miller, who was a well regarded grower of chrysanthemums and who exhibited both locally and nationally in the 50’s to 80’s; during part of that time scale he also was appointed chairman. He and his father ran an ironmongers business in Benedict Street, Glastonbury. Keith died in 2012 – see obituary in the Spring 2013 Newsletter.

Class 20 The Gordon Richards Trophy – Gordon was a grower of chrysanthemums who exhibited at shows in Somerset, South Wales and, in particular, at the National shows where his blooms were acclaimed by everyone. He was an enthusiastic member of the committee and was vice-chairman for a period. His untimely death was a great shock to everyone. *(To be continued)*

If members have articles or ideas for articles for a future newsletter, please let us know.

Finally – if you haven’t paid your subscription (still only £2), please send this to Pat Baker – address as above.