

Newsletter

Spring 2020

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. After a very wet and windy start to the year, we are now all affected by the Corona Virus, which will have an effect on the Society also.

Annual General Meeting:

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held in the Victoria Club on Tuesday 11th February, 2020.

The chairman reported on the previous year's activities. The Annual Show was again held in the Victoria Club function room. Of special note was the number of entries which was the highest in the history of the Society. The judges commented also on the very high quality of the exhibits. There are plenty of photos on our website Gallery, www.streetcdvs.org.uk. Exhibitors came from a wide area, and the Show attracted several new exhibitors.

Thank you to all committee members and officers. Sadly, Kate Wilson is unable to continue as joint chairman, and is also leaving the committee. Thank you Kate for all your hard work over the last year

The treasurer issued copies of the balance sheet, which indicated a healthy financial situation for the Society.

The Election of Officers and Committee followed, and those voted in were:-

President:	Ken Dunthorn
Chairman:	John Merrick
Vice-Chair:	Jim Searle
Correspondence Secretary:	Lin Driscoll
Minutes Secretary:	Mary Whitaker
Entries Secretary:	Pat Baker
Treasurer:	Pat Baker
Membership Secretary:	Pat Baker
Show Manager:	Gordon West
Public Relations/Press Officer:	Ruth Hamlett
Committee:	C. Bentley, P. Boncey, C. Driscoll, Mrs M Hughes, L. Taylor, M Taylor, R. Loader*, C. Hughes*, T. Vernoum plus officers (* = new member)

Refreshments were served after the AGM, followed by a fascinating illustrated talk by Terry Porter on growing for and building display gardens at various National Shows, including Chelsea and Hampton Court over a long period of time, and winning many medals, mostly Gold! The meeting finished after 10 pm.

Paul Boncey is again updating and organising the printing of the Schedule for the Annual Show. If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you wish to sponsor a class, please **contact Paul Boncey on 07775697879** ASAP – or see contact details at the end of this Newsletter or on our website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk. It is not known at the time of writing this if it will be possible to hold the Annual Show this year. Printing the schedule will be delayed until the situation is clearer.

The 2019 schedule will remain on the website until the 2020 version is available.

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society



Coronavirus (Covid-19)

We hope to have the Annual Show in the Victoria Club in the function room, as last year, on Saturday 12th September. However, the Coronavirus situation is changing on a daily basis, and no-one knows what the future holds for us. At the moment, the committee are monitoring the situation, but proceeding on the assumption that the Annual Show will go ahead as planned. The Plant Sale should be on Saturday May 16th. However, it seems unlikely that we will be able to go ahead with this. We are in discussion with Sweet Acre Nursery, and they have been very helpful. In the unlikely case that we are able to hold the Plant Sale, they will provide suitable plants for us. If the plant sale cannot go ahead, we hope that members will visit Sweet Acre Nursery (Godney Road,

Glastonbury, BA6 9AF) and purchase plants there.

Fuchsias for the Members' Class 41 are usually available at the plant sale. At this stage, we do not know if this class will go ahead. It may be possible for members to purchase this year's chosen Fuchsia from Sweet Acre Nursery for that class if the plant sale is cancelled. The committee unanimously chose the fuchsia variety "Star Wars" for the members' class – see photo -----→



The plant sale provides funds for the Annual Show, so we will have to look for other ways of fund-raising during the summer (suggestions welcome). An added problem is that committee meetings are not allowed, so communication will be more difficult.

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) or John Merrick (merrickj13@gmail.com). Contributions to the Newsletter also welcome. Please also look on our website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk,

and our Facebook page - .

Look after yourselves in this worrying time. If everything has to be cancelled this year, we hope to be back next year. Thank you to all our exhibitors for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the next Annual Show, whenever that is.

Update – 1st April

As you will know, the situation is changing on a daily basis! Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, Sweet Acre Nursery is now closed to the public, although they are doing some deliveries (I am not sure what is covered by this). They have a Facebook page with updated information.

We have had to delay producing the Schedule until we know if the Annual Show can go ahead.

With Mike Potter's help, I have updated the Web Site. Mike has also added a "Privacy Link" at the bottom of each page, which links to our GDPR statement, rather than having it in the News & Newsletters page.

Please keep in touch, and let me know if you have any queries or comments.