

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Society's summer newsletter. Global warming seems to be giving us more sunshine and some rather warm nights. However, we have also had enough rainfall to keep the watering down – at least outside the greenhouse. Now is the time to look carefully at all our flowers and vegetables to encourage them to be at their best for the Annual Show.

Plant Sale

The plant sale was held on 16th May on a bright, if somewhat breezy day. You may remember from the last Newsletter that we had to change our plans for the supply of plants for the sale. However, Linda and Stan at Sweet Acre Nursery on Godney Road did a wonderful job, growing plants for this year's sale, bringing them to their peak on the day. It was a nerve-wracking experience, trying to judge how many plants of each variety to buy, but everything worked out very well and feedback on the quality and value of the plants has all been positive. Notes were kept on how quickly each variety sold out, and we will adjust the numbers for next year accordingly. Hopefully that will mean fewer disappointed customers next year, as we ran out of some plants quite early on. Financially, the plant sale was more successful than we expected, although profit margins were smaller than when we grew our own plants from plugs and the net money raised was slightly down on previous years. However, the amount raised will be used to help with the cost of putting on the Annual Show.



67th Annual Show

This will be held on **Saturday 12th September** in Crispin Hall. Schedules have been sent out (contact Lin Driscoll (tel no 01458 443303) if you haven't had yours). Please return all cups and trophies to Lin Driscoll (tel no 01458 443303) as soon as possible. The children's school classes 18 & 19 have been split into two age groups this year – pupils in year 2 and under, and pupils in year 6 and under. After much discussion, the themes for these two classes are on a Disney theme – which have been very well received by the schools. Class 18's title is "Our Favourite Disney Fairy Tale", while Class 19's title is "An Adventure with the Pixar Gang of Disney Characters". Mrs Yvonne Carey has been a supporter of the Society for a long time. She has donated a cup – The Four Seasons Cup – for the additional children's section, and has also kindly agreed to present the Cups and Trophies at the Annual Show.

In view of the Centenary of the WI, the Floral Arrangement subjects this year will be "Women's Institute Centenary. An arrangement to celebrate the work of the WI." in Class 42, and "Jam and Jerusalem. An arrangement taken from the hymn Jerusalem." for Class 43. The Novice class (44) title is "Afternoon Tea. An arrangement in a cup and saucer."

We have been asked about vegetables that do not appear in the vegetable classes. However, unusual or non-listed vegetables may be entered in classes 60 and/or 62. They could – if appropriate – be part of the "Collection of Saladings" in class 61.

The schedule is now available online from our website (see below). Entry forms for the show are also available to print from the website, as are membership forms for new members.

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

Website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk

The website continues to be a source of information about The Society, and we try to keep it updated as much as possible. Please contact us with any errors you spot, or information/photos/ articles you wish to be considered for inclusion on the web pages. We hope this will be a better way of spreading information about the Society, communicating, and receiving feedback. The committee are committed to continuously updating and improving the Society. We hope that this may appeal to a wider spectrum of the population, and ensure the continued success of the Society. Don't forget to visit this site, add to your favourites and tell your friends about it! It is also hoped to set up a Facebook page for the Society. Any other suggestions welcome.

Society Dinner

A dinner was held on Saturday, March 14th at the Piper's Inn for members of the committee and some of helpers from the Annual Shows. With our new members on the committee, the numbers increased to 30 this year, even though several members were unable to attend. We will need a larger room if this event becomes much more popular. A great time was had by all, and the meal was much enjoyed - Alan Gledhill and his staff again produced an excellent carvery with choice of desserts. Ken Dunthorn again organised the dinner very successfully – thanks to him and to Pat Baker – who collected the money and arranged the wine.

Summer Social Event

Adele and Pat Baker invite you to 2 Prospect Close, Shepton Mallet BA4 5YD for a BBQ on Sunday 19th July starting at 1.00pm. This will be followed by a cream tea later arranged by their daughter Tricia.

There will be an opportunity to make a contribution to the charity "TIME IS PRECIOUS". The money collected will be used to make life as full as possible for children with a limited life expectancy.

Cup and trophy info: Some more of Ken Dunthorn's info on these:

Begonia Section

Class 37 Wessex Championship – The G. Burge Cup - Geof was the secretary of the society in the late 90's and he was an enthusiastic flower grower, particularly sweet peas and begonias. The cup is a memorial to his association with the society.

Floral Arrangement Section

Class 42 Anita Ruth Willmott Cup - Anita was a very talented flower arranger who won many prizes at the society's shows. Her premature death a few years ago was sadly felt by the committee and members. Her husband Derek donated the cup as a perpetual memory to her. Derek died in 2012.

Vegetable Section

The Unity Club Cup. This cup is presented to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the vegetable section. It was presented to the society by the committee of The Unity Club in the early years of our society's existence. The club's premises in Leigh Road, STREET was used as the site of the first CD&V show in 1949. Today all our committee meetings are still held at the club.

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As always, feedback and articles for the next issue will be welcome. The more e-mail addresses we have, the easier it is to send out newsletters – please send these (and any other comments/articles) to merrickj13@gmail.com or pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk. Remember, you can also send feedback via the Contact Us page of the website.