

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Society's summer newsletter. As we have two co-chairs, John Merrick & Kate Wilson, this year, this issue is a joint effort from us both.

A mixed picture so far this year, the main problem here at present being the lack of rainfall in most of this area – although the opposite is true of some areas, where reservoirs and dams are at risk of collapsing and causing severe flooding in Derbyshire, with flood alerts in several places in the north & Scotland!

Brexit is the other unknown this year, with no clear indication of the effect this will have – when & if it happens. As the old Chinese proverb says – “May you live in interesting times” – although it seems that this is not Chinese, and is not a proverb or a curse. It may be appropriate in relation to Brexit!

Society Dinner

Our Annual Dinner was held on 13th April at the Royal Oak in Walton. This was a new venue for us, but we had a good evening, with excellent food and service. The Royal Oak also agreed to sponsor Class 61 in the Annual Show.

Plant Sale

The plant sale was held on 18th May this year. The plants supplied by Sweet Acre Nursery were excellent, and there was a good selection donated by members. The weather was ideal for the sale, and nearly all the plants were sold. There was a slightly increased profit, which will go to help finance the Annual Show. Members were able to collect their fuchsias for the members only class in the Annual Show.

The Investiture of the New Chairman of Street Parish Council

This took place at Strode Theatre on Thursday 16th May, and, along with other local organisations, Street CDVS was again invited to send representatives to the Investiture. Four members of the committee attended, and heard about the previous year's achievements and the plans for the next year. Entertainment was provided by the local schools. The new Chairman of the Street Parish Council is Cllr. Peter Goater.

Pat's Summer BBQ

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Pat and his family arranged a BBQ to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Approximately 25 friends and family & members came, and enjoyed a great BBQ with plenty of food and drink. Money raised on the night and donations raised a total of £775. Pat and family put a lot of work into making this a success. Thanks to them all.



Merriman Park Fun Day

After a successful stand at last year's Fun Day, we are planning to be involved again this year. Merriman Park Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 7th September. This takes place in Merriman Park in Street. The Society will be having a stand at the Fun Day – perhaps a little more ambitious than last year, to promote the Society. If anyone wishes to help out on our stand at the Fun Day, please let us know (email contact details at end of Newsletter).

71st Annual Show

This will be held on **Saturday 14th September**. We are again holding our show in the Function Room at the Victoria Club. For those who do not know the area, the Victoria Club is off Leigh Road, a short distance from the High Street. Take the left turn by the entrance to Hindhayes School. The

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postcode is BA16 0HB, and there is a map in the schedule. Parking is available, which should make life easier for exhibitors bringing and collecting their entries.

May I just remind you that the fuchsia for the Members' class had to be changed from Spion Cop to Alison Patricia, as not enough were available at the time. See photo of Fuchsia Alison Patricia.



We will be able to offer refreshments in the hall, and, of course, there is a bar adjacent to the hall.

Ruth and Kate will again be running the Tombola (donations of prizes welcome!), and Kate will also be running a "Paint a Pot Competition" for the children – hopefully the gardeners and members in the future.

The children's school class 18 has the title "Bees and Pollination", a display of plant and vegetable material depicting bees, plants and flowers. Class 19 has the title "Roald Dahl" - a display of plant and vegetable material depicting any of Roald Dahl.

In the Floral Arrangement section, the theme for Class 42 is "English Country Garden". For Class 43 the theme is "Deep in the Forest" – An arrangement depicting the title. One piece of bark or wood material must feature. Class 44 – the Novice Class has the title "For Shore". A floral design depicting the sea, shore or any area of nautical-ness!. The themes were suggested by our Floral Arrangement Judge, Jake Nicholson-Lailey.

Our Cake Competition Class 66 continues – you don't even have to grow the fruit/vegetables in the cake yourself, although, of course, it is ok for you to do this.

Many of the classes now have increased prize money, so they are well worth entering. We hope that this will encourage more entries.

Full details of classes in the Show are in the schedule available on our website – details below.


Entry forms for the show are also available to print from the website, as are membership forms for new members. Closing date for entries is Thursday 12th September.

We are grateful to all those supporters who sponsor classes in the Show. They make it possible to have a great show with worthwhile prize money. However, if anyone (or company) would like to sponsor a class, please contact Pat Baker, whose email is below. Tel. No. 01749347060.

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.

Website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk

Our website contains information about the Society with links to Newsletters, Schedules and photo galleries. Check it out – and let us know if you find any errors or omissions, or have any suggestions. Feedback welcome.

We also now have a Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/streetcdvs>. There is a link to this from the website – look for the  in the header on each page.

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.