

NEWSLETTER

The Society's Annual Show was held in Crispin Hall on 13th September, attracting entries from Devon, Dorset & Wiltshire as well as all over Somerset. This year we were "competing" with the Glastonbury Harvest Show, the Walton Harvest Show, the Frome Show and the North Somerset Chrysanthemum Show. In spite of this, we had excellent entries both in number and quality. The weather this year has been somewhat "topsy turvy" with a hot dry July, a cold wet August and a mild start to September, so we did not know what to expect from our exhibitors. However, they did not let us down! The judges had a difficult job deciding how to award the prizes, and were down to looking for minute faults to separate the "front runners".

Cream Teas & BBQ - This event - held in the garden of Pat Baker and his family on Sunday 20th July - was a great success. About 30 people attended on a lovely sunny day, and around £300 was raised for the charity "Time is Precious". Great food and drink - thanks to Pat and his family for all their hard work and to the various sponsors supporting the event.

New Committee Members: At the last committee meeting before the Annual Show (20th August) two new members – Lin & Colin Driscoll were co-opted to the committee, having been proposed by Pat Baker, and seconded by Ken Dunthorn. A welcome addition to share the workload on the committee. They have already been very active at the Annual Show. The Cups & Trophies have a new shine to them, since Lin undertook to polish them!

66th Annual Show

Another excellent show. Exhibitors were careful to avoid the traffic wardens, and no-one had a parking penalty as far as we know. I have included some photos below, but hope to have a lot more photos on the website gallery fairly soon.



The major prize winners were:-

Dahlias – R. Downting (Society's Challenge Cup, Members' Challenge Cup, A E Phillips Cup, NDS Bronze Medal), M. Read (Bert Newton Challenge Cup, Hamblin Cup, NDS Silver Medal), Mrs C. Tomkins (J. Yelling Rose Bowl) and Mrs Y Carey (Wheatley Novice Cup).

Chrysanthemums – J. Cockwill (Brooking Clark Challenge Cup, George Miller Challenge Cup, Gordon Richards Trophy, Cyril & Richard Holland Trophy, Colin Mundy Trophy, Wheatley Trophy, NCS Silver Medal, NCS Bronze Medal), Mr Swaby (British Royal Legion Cup, Dorothy Talbot Cup), P. Baker (Wheatley Novice Cup) and M. Higgins (NCS Certificate of Merit).

Vegetables – H. Godden (The Unity Club Cup, J Yelling Cup, Frank Ganfield Cup, Derek Marsh Trophy, Piper's Inn Salad Bowl, NVS Medal for Best Exhibit).

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

Fuchsias – R. Hamlett (Fuchsia Cup).

Floral Arrangement – Mrs K. Burleton (Anita Ruth Willmott Cup), Mrs Y. Carey (Society's Challenge Cup).

Children's Cup – Margaret Lewis

Walton Press Street Schools Cup – Year 6 & under - Elmhurst School
Year 2 & under - Hindhayes School

Schools Design Cup – Elmhurst School

The Cups & Trophies were presented by Steve and Jill Durston – of Durston Garden Products. Steve praised the quality of the entries and the effort and dedication that went into producing the exhibits in the show.

We are grateful to all those involved with making the show a success, whether it be the setting up, running the various activities on the day, the sponsors, judges, presenter of cups & trophies, and of course, the exhibitors – without them, there wouldn't be a show. We hope that all those who came in to view the show enjoyed their visit, and will return next year – perhaps also entering at least a novice class! Photos of the show will be added to the website shortly.

The show attracted a lot of new interest – so we hope to have an even better show next year – if our English weather allows!

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

Chrysanthemum Section (cont'd)

Class 22 The Cyril and Richard Holland Trophy. This trophy was presented to the society by Richard Holland in memory of his father Cyril who was a great supporter of the society as is Richard.

Class 31 The Dorothy Talbot cup. This cup was presented as a memorial to Dorothy who was a generous sponsor.

Class 33 The Colin Mundy Trophy. This trophy was presented to the society by Colin Mundy senior whose family continue to run a greengrocery business in Street High Street.

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Congratulations to Mike Sheppard who was awarded "**Best in Show**" at the **NCS Late National Show**. He also won several classes at the Western Group Show.

Annual General Meeting – The next AGM will be held in the pool room at the Unity Club at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd February 2015. All members and potential members are welcome to attend. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary – Lin Driscoll. It would also be helpful to have any nominations for the committee and officers – all posts are up for re-election. Refreshments will be served at the AGM. There will be a raffle and a talk after the "business" part of the evening. Chris Smith will be our speaker again, talking on "The Search for Gold" – about preparation for and exhibiting at flower shows like Chelsea, Hampton Court etc.

Space is limited, but, 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.