

# NEWSLETTER

The Society's Annual Show was held in Crispin Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Although the dahlia entries were slightly down on recent years, the quality of the exhibits was high. Crispin Hall is an ideal venue, but on this occasion the main entrance had to be closed for safety reasons, and only one of the main lights was functioning. Fortunately, the sun shone in the afternoon, showing the flowers at their best, and plenty of people found their way in through the side door on Leigh Road. Hopefully Crispin Hall will have had some much needed remedial work by next year's show.

**Cream Teas & BBQ** - The Baker family once again entertained members at their house to a BBQ & drinks, followed by cream teas. Tricia's marmalade was also on sale (delicious!). Around 30 people attended in bright sunshine, with clear blue skies. £280 was raised for the charity "Time is Precious"

## **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Judges – Martyn & Val Davies - had a difficult task choosing the best in the dahlia section, in spite of the lower entry, and at the end of the day, the "Best in Show" was – after much deliberation - judged to be in the Dahlia section. The Floral Art, Fuchsias and the Children's sections were all judged by a new judge – Jake Nicholson-Lailey, from Abundiflora florists in Glastonbury. The vegetable section had a large entry with excellent quality in spite of difficult growing conditions in a rather dull, wet and somewhat chilly August. Thanks again to Ken Ellis who was our judge for the vegetable section again this year and to Bob Burns of Burns The Bread, who judged the cake section. We are grateful to Rob Hayward from Mundy's of Street Florist, who judged the chrysanthemum section. The skill of all our judges is much appreciated and attracts entries of a high calibre.



**The major prize winners were:-**

**Dahlias** – R. Downting (Bert Newton Challenge Cup, Members' Challenge Cup, NDS Silver Medal, Wheatley Trophy), Mrs C. Tomkins (Society's Challenge Cup, J. Yelling Rose Bowl, NDS Bronze Medal) and Mrs K. Forrester (Wheatley Novice Cup).

**Chrysanthemums** – J. Cockwill (George Miller Challenge Cup, Gordon Richards Trophy, British Royal Legion Cup, Cyril & Richard Holland Trophy), H. Godden (Street Challenge Cup), I. Howlett (Wheatley Novice Cup).

**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).

**Begonias** – L. Earl (The G. Burge Cup)

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**Fuchsias** – R. Hamlett (Fuchsia Cup).

**Floral Arrangement** – Mrs S. Lovelace (Anita Ruth Willmott Cup), Mrs K. Burleton (Society's Challenge Cup).

**Children's Medal** – Alfie Hamlett

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

**Schools Design Cup** – Year 6 & under - Elmhurst School

**The Colin Mundy Cup – for Best Exhibit in all Classes in the Show** – Mr R. Downting

The Cups & Trophies were presented by Mrs Yvonne Carey from Four Seasons shop. She has been a keen supporter of the Society and has gradually entered more sections of the Show, having originally only joined to enter the Floral Arrangement section!

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

**Vegetable Section (cont'd)**

Class 45 The J. Yelling Cup. Jim Yelling also donated the J. Yelling Rose Bowl (see Newsletter winter 2013 for further info).

Class 46 The Derek Marsh Trophy. This was presented by a past publican of The Elms Inn in Somerton Road, Street. For a while in the 70's and 80's the committee used the inn for their meetings.

Class 54 The Frank Ganfield Cup. Frank was a founder member of the Society in 1949. His expertise in growing vegetables, especially shallots, was a legend in Mid Somerset and beyond. The committee thought that a fitting memorial to Frank was a cup for the shallot class. It is one of the most sought after cups among the vegetable specialists.

Class 61 The Pipers Inn Salad Bowl. This was presented by a past publican of the Pipers Inn at Ashcott. The class has continued to be sponsored by subsequent publicans.

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**Annual General Meeting** – The next AGM will be held in the pool room at the Unity Club at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February 2016. 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. Mike Shepherd will be our speaker this time. He will be talking about Chrysanthemums, although we do not have a specific title yet. Mike has been a member of the Society for many years, growing chrysanthemums very successfully and showing both locally and at a national level. He is an experienced speaker and gives talks to various societies.

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](mailto:merrickj13@gmail.com) or [pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pbaker042000@yahoo.co.uk). Remember, you can also send feedback via the Contact Us page of the website.