

NEWSLETTER

The Society's Annual Show was held in Crispin Hall on 10th September. We were pleased to find that the lighting was much better this year – no need for torches when setting up exhibits the night before! Further improvements to Crispin Hall are due to begin shortly, so we look forward to an even better setting for the Annual Show next year.

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!). The BBQ was a great success - £265 was raised for the charity "Time is Precious", which will go towards furnishing the Children's area at Yeovil District Hospital.

68th Annual Show

Judges - we were delighted that Martyn & Val Davies came again to judge the Dahlia Section in spite of their busy schedule at this time of year. They are always meticulous in judging the best exhibits. The Floral Art, Fuchsias and the Children's sections were again all judged by Jake Nicholson-Lailey, from Abundiflora florists in Glastonbury. His comments and advice on the entries are always well received. The vegetable section had a large entry with excellent quality – Harry Godden has some real competition this year. Amazing leeks and carrots to mention only a few! 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 had a new National Chrysanthemum Society (NCS) judge in the chrysanthemum section, Terry Fry, and we hope he will return next year. He was impressed with the quality of the exhibits – the Best in Show being in the Chrysanthemum section this year. 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, The Society's Challenge Cup, Members' Challenge Cup, A.E.Phillips Cup, NDS Silver Medal, Hamblin Cup), **Mrs C. Tomkins** (J. Yelling Rose Bowl, NDS Bronze Medal) and **L. Fear** (Wheatley Novice Cup).

Chrysanthemums – **J. Cockwill** (Brooking Clark Challenge Cup, , Gordon Richards Trophy, British Royal Legion Cup, Cyril & Richard Holland Trophy, Dorothy Talbot Cup, NCS Silver Medal, NCS Bronze Medal, NCS Certificate of Merit), **M. Sheppard** (Street Challenge Cup), **J. Collins** (George Miller Challenge Cup)

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

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

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

Floral Arrangement – Mrs Yvonne Carey (Anita Ruth Willmott Cup, Society's Challenge Cup), **Mrs S. Hyde** (Novice Medal)

Children's Medal – Chloe Lane

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

Schools Design Cup – Year 6 & under - Elmhurst School, Year 2 & under – Hindhayes School

The Colin Mundy Cup – for Best Exhibit in all Classes in the Show – Mr J. Cockwill

The Cups & Trophies were presented by Mr Philip Eavis of Living homes, with the aid of his wife, Gill. Philip has been a supporter of the Society for many years, and is a keen gardener.

Cup and trophy info: The last of Ken Dunthorn's info on these:

The Hamblin Cup: Leslie Hamblin was the secretary of the Society in the mid 60's and early 70's. The committee decided to dedicate this cup to his memory. It is awarded to the best exhibits in the Chrysanthemum and Dahlia sections in alternate years.

The Colin Mundy Cup: This cup was donated by Colin Mundy Jnr who, together with his family, is still running their flower shop on the High Street, Street. The cup is presented to the best exhibit in all classes in the show.

Four Seasons Cup: A recent addition donated by Yvonne Carey and Four Seasons. It is now providing the second cup in the Schools section as the classes 18 & 19 now have two age sub-sections.

This concludes the Cup & Trophy info. Any suggestions for follow-on articles will be very welcome.

Annual General Meeting – The next AGM will be held in the pool room at the Unity Club at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th February 2017. 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 starting at approx. 8.30pm. We are delighted that Jake Nicholson-Lailey from Abundiflora Florists of Glastonbury has agreed to come and give the talk this time – this will take the form of a demonstration – the theme and title will be announced nearer the time – as it may depend on what flowers are available. Jake has been judging several sections in the last two Annual Shows – the Floral Arrangement, Children's and Fuchsia sections. His feedback comments are always positive and often entertaining, and much appreciated by the exhibitors. Well worth sitting through the AGM to hear this one!

An early warning for next year's Annual Show. I have just noticed that the single yellow line above the bus sections at the bottom of Leigh Road has been changed to double yellow lines right up to the Unity Club! We will have to look at options for next year for bringing and taking away exhibits 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.