

NEWSLETTER

Well, the improvements to Crispin Hall promised last year are taking longer than expected – especially as they were very late starting. This year's Annual Show was therefore held at the function room at the Victoria Club in Leigh Road. We are grateful to the trustees of the Victoria Club for allowing us to use their hall, and for the welcome they gave to us. Although the Victoria Club is away from the centre of town, it has the advantage of a large car park, which made life much easier for exhibitors when delivering their entries. It is also more accessible for those with a disability. Although we had to rethink the layout of the tables and stands, this worked very well. Although the weather was wet, we still had around the same number of visitors to the show. The Tombola – run by Kate & Ruth – proved to be a popular alternative to a raffle.

69th Annual Show

The Show was held on Saturday, 9th September. Perhaps due to the easier access, entries were well up on previous years, and of excellent quality. Two new classes – “A collection of produce displayed in a trug” and the Fruit class were well supported, and the “Ugliest Vegetable” produced some very ugly specimens this year!



The major prize winners were:-

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

Chrysanthemums – **J. Cockwill** (Brooking Clark Challenge Cup, George Miller Challenge Cup, Gordon Richards Trophy, British Royal Legion Cup, Cyril & Richard Holland Trophy, , Hamblin Cup, NCS Silver Medal, NCS Bronze Medal, NCS Certificate of Merit), **K. Warsham** (Street Challenge Cup), **J. Searle** (Dorothy Talbot Cup), **R. Fiander** (Wheatley Novice Cup).

Vegetables – **H. Godden** (The Unity Club Cup, J Yelling Cup, Frank Ganfield Cup, Piper's Inn Salad Bowl, NVS Medal for Best Exhibit), **Mrs L. Driscoll** (Derek Marsh Trophy) **C. Driscoll** (William Bentley Novice Cup).

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

Fuchsias – **P.Baker** (Members only Challenge Cup).

Street Chrysanthemum, Dahlia & Vegetable Society

Floral Arrangement – Mrs Yvonne Carey (Anita Ruth Willmott Cup), Mrs K. Burleton (Society's Challenge Cup), Mrs L. Driscoll (Novice Medal).

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 J. Cockwill

The Cups & Trophies were presented by the joint Headteachers of Elmhurst Junior School, Tracy Edwards and Mike Lawrence. Elmhurst School has had a long association with our Society, always entering fantastic exhibits although the Annual Show takes place soon after the beginning of the Autumn Term. They are also successful most of the time, and won both schools' classes this year.

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 Annual Show usually takes place on the second Saturday in September. The venue for next year's Show will be discussed by the committee, who will be happy to receive feedback from those attending. Contact details on our website – www.streetcdvs.org.uk

Bobby Beauchamp 1936-2017: Sadly, I have to report the death of Bobby on 23rd September. Many of you will remember Bobby who was the judge for the Floral Arrangement classes, plus the Schools and childrens' classes and the fuchsia section for several years. She always provided attractive notes with comments, particularly in the floral art sections. Always positive and full of helpful suggestions. She also gave a brilliant demonstration at one of our AGMs, sharing her expertise in a really positive way. Her funeral was held in Wells on October 12th, and Sandra Lovelace kindly represented the Society there. As Jenny Jones, president of the Wells Floral Art Society said – she will be sorely missed.

Annual General Meeting – The next AGM will be held in the pool room at the Unity Club at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th February 2018. 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. Our speaker for this meeting will be **Claire Hart**, who will be talking about **Growing Giant Vegetables!** Highly recommended.

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.