

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter. A year ago we were looking ahead to Brexit (I hesitate to say “looking forward!”), but this still seems some way off. And we have a General Election before Christmas. Let’s hope we can enjoy Christmas after that, and worry about Brexit in the New Year. A very cold winter has been forecast, but, as usual, one cannot rely on these long range forecasts. Even short range forecasts are subject to change.

71st Annual Show

The Society’s 71st Annual Show was held on 14th September 2019 at the Victoria Club, Street, and had the highest number of entries in the history of the Society – over 300, compared with the usual entry of around 200. We welcomed several new exhibitors from a wide area. It was not only quantity, but also the quality of the exhibits was excellent. Our dahlia judges, Martin & Val Davies, commented “It is always a pleasure for us to judge the dahlias at your show but it was particularly enjoyable this year with such a large number of very high quality exhibits. Elsewhere there was good competition in all classes and the show provided an excellent display for the visitors – a great advert for Dahlias and your Society.” And Terri Burns (Petherbridge), our cake judge, commented “The show! What an amazing turn out! The standard of entries was yet again outstanding; it really goes to show how much love, time and hard work is put into producing such wonderful results.”

The exhibits were of a very high standard, and the judges took a long time to decide on the best exhibit in each class, and by the time they had finished, people were queuing at the door to come in!

As last year, our judges this year were Martyn & Val Davies (Dahlias), Jake Nicholson-Lailey, from Abundiflora florists in Glastonbury (Floral Art, Fuchsias and the Children’s sections), Ken Ellis (Vegetables), Terry Fry (Chrysanthemums) and Terri Burns (cakes). We are grateful for their expertise. Terri Burns also presented the Trophies and Awards at the end of the show.



The major prize winners were:-

Dahlias – Mr M Hatcher (Bert Newton Challenge Cup, Silver Medal), **Mr M Hatch** (The Society’s Challenge Cup (+ £10 Griffiths Voucher)), **Mrs K Forrester** (Members’ Challenge

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Cup, NDS Bronze Medal, Hamblin Cup), **Mr R. Downting** (A.E.Phillips Cup), and **Mr G Young** (J. Yelling Rose Bowl, Wheatley Novice Cup).

Chrysanthemums – **Mr R Gulley** (Brooking Clark Challenge Cup, Gordon Richards Trophy, NCS Silver Medal, Wheatley Trophy), **Mr J. Cockwill** (George Miller Challenge Cup (+ £10 Griffiths Voucher), British Royal Legion Cup, Cyril & Richard Holland Trophy, NCS Bronze Medal, NCS Certificate of Merit), **Mr J Searle** (Dorothy Talbot Cup) and **Mr Harry Godden** (Street Challenge Cup).

Vegetables – **Mr H. Godden** (The Unity Club Cup (+ £10 Griffiths Voucher), Royal Oak Salad Bowl (+ £25 Meal Voucher), Derek Marsh Trophy.), **Mr M Read** (J Yelling Cup, NVS Medal for Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section) **Mr K Ellis** (Frank Ganfield Cup), **Mr M Loader** (William Bentley Novice Cup).

Fuchsias – **Mrs A Baker** (Members only Challenge Cup).

Floral Arrangement – **Mrs L. Driscoll** (Anita Ruth Willmott Cup, Society's Challenge Cup).

Four Seasons Cup – Alfie Hamlet

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 Gulley**

Photos from this year's Show & Plant Sale are available on the website Gallery pages, as well as from previous shows. An excellent way to see what is expected in the various classes.

As always, any feedback from the show, and comments from members will be considered by the committee. Suggestions for the schedule and any errors or possible improvements welcome. I have even heard comments that the name of the Society needs updating to widen the scope of the classes and attract younger members. Anyone who would like to join the committee and influence the future of the Society is invited to put themselves forward at the AGM.

Merriman Park Fun Day 7th September 2019 – report by Kate Wilson

The Society had a successful stall at the Merriman Park Fun Day. There was a lot of interest in the work of the Society. We gained two new members and raised an amount of £61.20 for our funds. Thanks to all those who helped on the day.

Leslie Alan (Sonny) Dunthorn - 1930-2019

Leslie Alan Dunthorn was known to everyone as Sonny – a name given to him by his mother. He was a the Past President of the C D & V Society and regularly attended committee meetings. He always helped at the plant sales and the flower shows.

In his younger days he was a good sportsman and played football and cricket for Street's first teams. Although born in Glastonbury, he adopted Street as his home, where he lived with his wife, Joy, who audited our accounts. He will be missed. (Report by Ken Dunthorn)

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Annual General Meeting – The next AGM will be held in the **Victoria Club at 8pm on Tuesday 11th February 2020. Please note the change of venue and time for this AGM.**

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. 8.45- 9 pm. We are delighted to have Terry Porter as our speaker. Terry grows vegetables for various shows, including Chelsea. He will be talking about growing for Chelsea, and we hope to have some tips for our own flower and vegetable growing for our next Annual Show.

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.