

NEWSLETTER
THE DAFFODIL SOCIETY
WESSEX GROUP
(Established 1988)

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A chilly start to the year. Nothing new there. However, this is the time to think of better things to come – the arrival a spring perhaps. I am sure your bulbs are popping up now but beware there is sure to be blip in the weather.

I start this newsletter off by having a brief look at the AGM held last year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on Saturday 20th October 2018 once again at Yatton Village Hall, Yatton, Somerset. Eighteen members and guests attended from a very wide area. The officials and committee were elected as follows:-

Chairman/Treasurer
Derek Phillips
Vice Chairman
Ray Hayward
Secretary
Basil Billinger
Show Secretary
Gwynne Davies
Committee Members
Jackie Petherbridge
Eric Pickard
Zara Evans

Zara was welcomed on to the committee and Gwynne officially took over as show secretary.

Caryle Cheesewright indicated her wish to step down from the committee. The meeting unanimously thanked for her contributions over many years.

DP and BB gave their respective reports to the meeting that were all agreed. DP covered the show report in his remarks.

DP circulated the accounts for the 2017/18 season. A surplus £918 was recorded. This is mainly due to the bulb auction and raffle.

GD requested that members let him know by email or telephone if they were entering the Wessex Show. The only specific classes he wished to know are 1 – 5. It makes the job much easier.

2019 RAFFLE/BULB AUCTION

What can I say but a big **THANK YOU** to all involved.

Firstly to our major bulb sponsor Roger Braithwaite of Bramcote Bulbs with other contributions from Ron & Adrian Scamp of Quality Bulbs not forgetting

Keith Boxall and Ted Perren who donated some interesting varieties.

Secondly to our auctioneer, Derek, who wielded the gavel but more importantly produced a detailed schedule of what was on offer before the AGM. A tremendous effort. Also to the all who helped on the day to sort, distribute record and sell raffle tickets.

Finally, to you the members who dug so deep again. Thanks.

The bulb auction that was keenly contested at times and raised £673 and the raffle £260. Outstanding.

BIKINI VASES

It was agreed that we should look to get in another supply of vases for resale. Derek had almost given up making contact with the sole supplier. The thought was they had gone out of business. Then, unexpectedly, completely out of the blue he received an email from them a couple of weeks ago.

Things moved very fast. We now have a supply of small and medium size vases. They will sell £5.20 and £5.60 respectively. 26 have already been sold so if you require any get in touch with Derek or myself.

2019 SHOW DATES

These are the dates we are aware of at time of publication. This will help in planning your show diaries for the coming session:

Sat 9th March - Burnham on Sea H.S. Somerset (David Bryant 01278 788058)
Note: New Venue, Community Centre, Berrow Road, Burnham

Sat 16th March - Yatton H.S. Village Hall, North Somerset (Mr & Mrs Astle 01934 838047)

Sat 16th March - Broadway, Upwey & Dist H.S. (Eve Morris 01305 813942)

Sun 17th March - North Somerset C.D.S. (Bob Ford 01761 436913)

Sat 23rd March – West Moors H.S. Dorset (Sue Hamlett (01202 871536)

Sat 30th March - Nailsea H.S. North Somerset (Martyn Davis 01278 855563)
Note; One week earlier than normal.

Sat 6th April - Ferndown H.S. Dorset (W Howarth Tel 01425 276164)

Sun 7th April - Dorset County Show, Dorchester (Miss R Cox 01305 264249)

Sat 13th April Wimborne Show, Dorset (John Gillingham 01202 887006)

Sun 14th April - The Daffodil Society, Wessex Group, Henton, Somerset
(Gwynne Davies 01202 477978
gwynnemdavies@aol.com)

Sat/Sun 20th & 21st April - Daffodil Society National Show
Pershore College, Pershore, Worcs. (Gill Griffin 01438 222040)

Sat/Sun 27th & 28th April - Daffodil Society late competition. Henry Street Garden Centre, Reading (Gill Griffin 01438 222040)

WESSEX SHOW

For our show on 14th April the Senior Judge will be Peter Wilkins from Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Peter has been a judge for many years and has served on the National Committee and did a stint as National Show Secretary when it was held at Myton School. Welcome to Henton, Peter.

TAYLORS BULBS

To mark the 100th anniversary of the company is to host a day devoted to all things narcissus. This is to be held at Washway House Farm, Washway Road, Holbeach, Lincolnshire on Wednesday 10th April.

The day starts at 10 am and costs £5 per person which includes a light lunch and refreshments.

If you wish to attend apply on at taylorbulbs.com for tickets.

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