

NEWSLETTER  
**THE DAFFODIL SOCIETY**  
**WESSEX GROUP**  
(Established 1988)

**January 2018**



Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. I hope you still find it worthwhile. It's been a wet winter but spring is on its way. Well at least I have bought my seed potatoes!

Starting with the AGM held last year.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017 once again at Yatton Village Hall, Yatton, Somerset. It was a record attendance of 26 members attended from a very wide area. Well done to all.

The officials and committee were elected en bloc as follows:-

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

DP and BB gave their respective reports to the meeting that were all agreed. No show report was given as it had been adequately covered elsewhere.

DP circulated to the meeting the accounts for 2016/17. A surplus of £478 was recorded.

Bulb donation from Bramcote Bulbs, backed up by some from Quality Bulbs and Keith Boxall. A spontaneous round of applause was given to Roger Braithwaite of Bramcote Bulbs for his valuable support.

The meeting was brought up to date on show venues for national events. JP congratulated DP on being appointed a Vice President of the DS. Another round of applause.

The meeting concluded at 14.55 and moved on to the bulb auction.

### **2017 RAFFLE/BULB AUCTION**

What an event. DP thought we had taken a record amount last year, but we have doubled it!

Despite the fears that we would be taking loads of bulbs away unwanted, there was just so many.

However every last bulb has gone.

With over 50 prizes in the lottery how could anyone in a room of 30 people fail to win? But they did, six of them.

Don't know how many tickets individuals were buying, but most must have had at least 10.

Total lottery receipts = **£278**  
(last year was £165)

The auction receipts are **£782.50** (last year was £389)

So we passed the £1,000 mark in receipts today, unbelievable.

Grateful thanks for all that dug deep at the meeting and those who bought by proxy.

*Editor's note: I wonder whether this is why the AGM is so well attended!*

### **2018 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 10<sup>h</sup> March - Burnham on Sea H.S. Somerset (David Bryant 01278 788058)

Sat/Sun 10/11th March - RHS Rosemoor, Devon. (Jackie Petherbridge 01934 833641)

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March - Yatton H.S. Village Hall, North Somerset (Joan Pittock Tel 01934 832790)

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March - Broadwey,  
Upwey & Dist H.S. (Eve  
Morris 01305 813942)

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March – Pawlett  
Spring Show and Sedgemoor  
Gardening Show. (Phil Kerton  
01278 683517)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> March - North  
Somerset C.D.S. (Bob Ford  
01761 436913)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> March - Cheltenham  
HS Pump Room, Cheltenham  
(Barry Stagg 01242 519245)

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March – West Moors  
H.S. Dorset (Sue Hamlett  
(01202 871536)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March – Dorset  
County Spring Show (Rebecca  
Cox 01305 264249)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April - Nailsea H.S.  
North Somerset (Martyn  
Davis 01278 855563)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April - Ferndown H.S.  
Dorset (Bill Howarth Tel  
01425 276164)

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April - Timsbury H.S.  
(Keith Pursey 01761 402640)

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> April - The Daffodil  
Society, Wessex Group,  
Henton, Somerset (Jackie  
Petherbridge 01934 833641

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April – Wimborne  
Horticultural Soc (John  
Gillingham 01202 887006)

Sat/Sun 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Daffodil  
Society National Show  
Coughton Court,  
Warwickshire.  
(Gill Griffin 01438 222040)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April Daffodil Society  
Late Competition. Orchard  
Community Centre, Kings  
Reach, Biggleswade.  
Contact: Gillian Griffin:  
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Would appreciate reports  
from these shows for the next  
newsletter.

### **COTEHELE DAFFODIL WEEKEND**

The date is Sat 17 and  
Sunday 18 March. 11am-  
4pm.  
It is a free event for NT  
members. Normal admission  
charges for non NT members

There is a lovely collection of  
daffodils grown on the  
Cotehele Estate. Nr Saltash,  
Cornwall.

The orchard houses a  
collection of historic daffodils  
rescued from the Cornish  
hedgerows where they were  
ploughed up and dumped  
during wartime when the  
fields were needed for edible  
crops.

Local garden enthusiasts will  
make and display fresh  
daffodil sculptures and there  
will be a display of historic  
and new varieties of daffodils  
by local daffodil growers Ron  
Scamp and Fentongollen.  
There were some interesting  
information boards on the  
local daffodil industry if I  
remember rightly.

There is also a free guided  
tour of daffodils in the garden  
on both days at 2pm. I went  
on the tour a few years back,  
incognito. However when I  
saw one of their "special"  
daffodils marked with a slate  
as bred by Rev Englebert....I  
just had to mention to the  
guide at the end of the tour  
that it should be Rev  
Engleheart!

*Jackie Petherbridge*

### **THE DAFFODIL TRIANGLE**

This takes place at the  
following locations

**KEMPLEY DAFFODIL  
WEEKEND 17-18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2018**

**AWNELLS FARM OPEN DAY  
FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2018**

**OXENHALL DAFFODIL  
WEEKEND 24 – 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2018**

**DYMOCK WEEKEND 31<sup>ST</sup>  
MARCH – 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018**

The daffodil triangle is well  
worth a visit....although try  
and to avoid the open days.  
You can often get an update  
on how the daffodils are doing  
nearer the flowering season  
on the Gloucestershire wildlife  
trust web site. When you hit  
them in full bloom it is a  
wondrous site.

There is also a community  
run pub (with resident  
landlord) almost next to the  
church as you approach  
Dymock village. I think it is  
closed on Mondays but I  
recommend it for lunch. It is  
very popular.

*Jackie Petherbridge*

Just a final thought:-

Mary, Mary quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With bees and bugs,  
And lots of slugs,  
And little snails all in a row.

How very true, but where  
would we be without them?

*Contributions for future issues are vital  
for the newsletter to continue.  
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