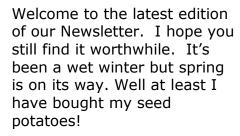
NEWSLETTER

THE DAFFODIL SOCIETY WESSEX GROUP

(Established 1988)

January 2018



Starting with the AGM held last year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on Saturday 21sth 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^h March - Burnham on Sea H.S. Somerset (David Bryant 01278 788058)

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

Sat 17th March - Yatton H.S. Village Hall, North Somerset (Joan Pittock Tel 01934 832790) Sat 17th March - Broadwey, Upwey & Dist H.S. (Eve Morris 01305 813942)

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

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

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

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

Sun 25th March – Dorset County Spring Show (Rebecca Cox 01305 264249)

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

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

Sat 8th April - Timsbury H.S. (Keith Pursey 01761 402640)

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

Sat 14th April – Wimborne Horticultural Soc (John Gillingham 01202 887006)

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

Sat 28th April Daffodil Society Late Competition. Orchard Community Centre, Kings Reach, Biggleswade. Contact: Gillian Griffin: 01438 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 17-18TH MARCH
2018

AWNELLS FARM OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018

OXENHALL DAFFODIL

WEEKEND 24 - 25TH MARCH
2018

DYMOCK WEEKEND 31ST
MARCH - 1ST 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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