

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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President Mrs Lorna Price



Chairman Mrs Sue Lipscomb

Dear Members,

The Spring Show this year was surprisingly good considering the dreadful weather leading up to it. Those of you who attended will have seen the benches filled with lots of good exhibits although not absolutely packed as has been the case in previous years. Those of us showing daffodils and spring flowers and shrubs generally had a tough time. As I write this letter many of the shrubs that I often enter in the show are only just coming into bloom, a good three weeks later than normal.

As usual our grateful thanks must be extended to many of the committee and friends who helped to make the show a success. Ken Halls, who usually leads the team was on the other side of the world but had handed his meticulous planning to Graham Thirkettle and Maureen Ridler who ensured the smooth running of the show. Our thanks are also extended to Richard Needham whose excellent photos cataloguing the whole event are on our website.

And talking of websites, I do hope those of you with access to computers have taken a good look at ours (www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk) Ralph Weston and Diane Kolonko have put many hours of work into creating a very interesting and informative site. It's now down to the rest of us to add to this great beginning. If any of you have information you think other members would find interesting, do please send it to our two webmasters.

As usual the society will have a large presence at the Village Market to be held at Aston Clinton School on May 12th. We shall be selling lots of plant and produce so please do come and support us at this event.

Finally, planning is now well advanced for the Summer Show and we look forward to seeing you there. The schedule will soon be posted on the website and hard copies will be sent to members too.

With very best wishes,
Sue Lipscomb

The Annual Social Supper Saturday 9th March

The Annual Social Supper this year was another roaring success with the food cooked and presented by John Seaton. The supper was followed by '**Guider Adventures in Mexico**', a talk with slides by Hilary Weston, which was most enlightening. There was plenty of time to chat with friends and the raffle helped raise funds for the society.



Elizabeth Weston

Society Diary

All talks are held in the Anthony Hall, Aston Clinton and start at 8 pm. They are all free to members, but there will be a raffle and produce & plant stall to defray costs. Non-members are charged at £2. Coffee and tea are served in the interval.

Wednesday 8th May

Talk with slides: "**The Dorset Countryside**" by John Morris

Sunday 12th May - **Plant and Produce Stall at School "Village Market"**

Time from 11am: Aston Clinton School:
Please bring as many plants as possible.

Wednesday 12th June

A talk with Slides: "**A Floral Cornucopia**" by Prof Sandy Primrose

Wednesday 10th July

Garden Evening Visit Prof Sandy Primrose's Garden.

Our Website

Since the last edition, the development of our website has advanced considerably. It has been divided into sections which are listed on the LHS of the front page. Typically we now have our diary showing the society's events through the year. We also list other events that may be of interest to readers. Then there is a section on our newsletters and special sections for our Spring and Summer shows. There is a photo Album page which will store all our photos from here-on-in. Keep an eye on the "Notice Board" which is a page for miscellaneous items. We are developing our hints and tips. If you have a question then contact the Society through the website and we will get in touch with you and may even publish the advice on line. Finally from the website you can now get a 5 day weather forecast provided by the met office. A brief overview is found on the front page (top right) and you can get many more details by pressing the link underneath. Please promote our website amongst your friends and acquaintances. Both the Parish Council and Wendover village websites have links to our website.

To access it go to: www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Or just type into your search engine

The Aston Clinton, Buckland Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society 17th Spring Show

Saturday 6th April

The Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society held its 17th Spring Show and plant sale on Saturday 6th April at Aston Clinton School.

This was without doubt one of the most difficult Spring shows due to the adverse weather conditions; many other shows had been cancelled. But despite the fact that entries in the flowering section of the show were way down there was tremendous support from the public with attendance as high as normal. It was a beautiful sunny day as well which helped to contribute to another successful show.

The most prestigious award in the daffodil section (The Masters Trophy) was won by Graham Thirkettle and the best bloom in show was also awarded to Graham. The novice daffodil section was won by Felicity Nicholls, the pre-junior children's class by Beth Amer and The Junior Daffodil Shield by Anna Dickinson-Lomas. The local Star of the Show was Ralph Weston who won the Violet Rolfe Daffodil Shield for the person with most point in the daffodil section of the show. Ralph also won the Frank Pullin Cup. Sue Lipscomb won the Village Six & Pauline Rust Trophy and also the Grow for Show. Bill Pennery won the Pink Daffodil Trophy & the Society Bloom.

The Show also has sections for floral art, spring flowers, domestic, handicrafts and children's classes. The Spring Cup for flowers was won by Graham Thirkettle and Michael Ray won the village tulip trophy. The prize in the Floral Art section was awarded to Teresa Kirkland. Elizabeth Weston won the Domestic Section and Joan Allen Handicrafts. The trophies in the children's classes were awarded to Ben Collins (5 and under), Lottie Dickinson-Lomas (6 to 8 years) and Abigail Whitworth (9-13). A full list of trophy winners is on page 4

The trophies & awards for the show were presented by Doreen Graves, a very long standing member of our society. The Show Secretary would like to thank all those people who helped to organise, set up and run the show, and to all the exhibitors and general public who supported us. All this ensured the success of the show.

The plant and produce sale went very well with very little over. Takings were up and we thank you all for supporting this side of the show. Because of the cold weather we could not obtain or sell a number of our usual lines, but all our fuchsias and ivy geraniums sold out. The Browns also came along with their usual display different plants, trees and shrubs.

Don't forget that we shall be at the **'Village Market' at the school on the 12th May** where we plan to have a wider range of plants for your garden. If you have plants, produce and especially Rhubarb that we can sell at the market, please bring it directly to our stall after 10am

List of Trophy and Cup Winners at the 2013 Spring Show

Daffodil Section

The Grow for Show Trophy awarded to Sue Lipscomb
The Pre-Junior Daffodil Shield Age 5 or under awarded to Beth Amer
The Junior Daffodil Shield Age 6 to 14 awarded to Anna Dickinson-Lomas
The Doug Warr Novice trophy awarded to Felicity Nicholls
The Martin Johnston Shield for best bloom in Div 11 awarded to Sue Lipscomb
The Violet Rolfe Daffodil Shield awarded to Ralph Weston
The Villages Pink Daffodil Trophy awarded to Bill Pennery
The Villages Six Daffodil Trophy awarded to Sue Lipscomb
The Pauline Rust Trophy awarded to Sue Lipscomb
The Society Bloom Trophy awarded to Bill Pennery
The White Daffodil Trophy no entries
The Frank Pullin Trophy awarded to Ralph Weston
The Penrice Cup Trophy awarded to Sue Lipscomb
The Masters Daffodil Trophy awarded to Graham Thirkettle
The best-unregistered seedling no entries
The Daffodil Society Best bloom in Show and Bronze Medal awarded to Graham Thirkettle

Spring Flower Section

The Spring Cup for Flowers awarded to Graham Thirkettle
The John Seaton Tulip Cup awarded to Michael Ray
The Village Tulip Cup awarded to Elizabeth Weston

Floral Art Section

The George White Floral Art Shield awarded to Teresa Kirkland

Domestic Section

The Lorna Price Domestic Challenge Plate awarded to Elizabeth Weston

Children Section

The Lorna Price Cup: Children under 5 awarded to Ben Collins
The Lorna Price Cup: Children 6 to 8 awarded to Lottie Dickinson-Lomas
The Savigar Cup: Children 9 to 14 awarded to Abigail Whitworth

Handicraft Section

The Park Farm Handicraft Challenge Plate awarded to Joan Allen

Annual Summer Show

The Main Changes to the Summer Show Schedule are: Photograph – “On my Travels”

Floral Art: Title – “Summer Holidays” Children’s Photograph: “My Best Friend” (Pet or Human)