



# ***MIDDAHL 2018***

## The Midlands Dahlia Society Magazine



## Dates for your diary 2018

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| March<br>Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                                      | 8.00pm                                | <b>Talk</b> Q & A session on<br>dahlia propagation                          | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>April</b><br>Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                               | 8.00pm                                | <b>Talk</b> by <b>Mick Poultney</b> on<br>Compost                           | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>May</b><br>Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 2.30pm                                | <b>Plant Sale</b>   | Wellesbourne<br>Village Hall       |
| <b>August</b><br>Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>                              | 8.00pm                                | <b>Single Bloom show</b> , set<br>up from 7.00pm                            | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>August</b><br>Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 2.00 –<br>5.30pm<br>9.00 –<br>12.00pm | <b>59<sup>th</sup> Annual Show</b><br>Staging and judging – see<br>schedule | Kenilworth<br>School<br>CV8 2DA    |
| <b>September</b><br>Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday<br>9 <sup>th</sup>  |                                       | <b>National Show</b><br>Staging and judging – see<br>schedule               | Wisley                             |
| <b>September</b><br>Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> |                                       | <b>National Show</b><br>Staging and judging – see<br>schedule               | Harrogate                          |
| <b>September</b><br>Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>                              | 12.00pm                               | <b>One Day Show</b><br>Set up from 9.00am,<br>judging 11.00am               | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>October</b><br>Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>                             | 8.00pm                                | <b>Talk: David Hall:</b> growing<br>at Halls of Heddon - tbc                | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>November</b><br>Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>                             | 7.00pm for<br>7.30pm                  | <b>Annual Dinner</b>  | Kenilworth<br>Golf Club<br>CV8 2EA |
| <b>December</b><br>Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>                            | 8.00pm                                | <b>Two Dave's Talk</b> – what's<br>new?                                     | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>January 2019</b><br>Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | 8.00pm                                | <b>Tuber Sale</b>   | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |
| <b>February 2019</b><br>Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | 8.00pm                                | <b>AGM</b>  | KS&SC<br>CV8 2PA                   |

**No meetings in June and July.**

Front cover photos:

Top left: **Midlands Championship** winning entry by **Steve Burns**.  
 Top right: **Best exhibit in show** – **Ian Sutherland** in the **Styvechale Trophy** class  
 bottom: **Philip Damp Trophy** class won by **Ian Hill**.

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## From the editor



I hope you are pleased with this year's edition of Midahl. There is much comment on this being the society's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. There is an article of proposed events to commemorate this – please read and let me know your views.

There are many photos to remind you of the society and individual achievements in 2017.

My thanks go to those who have provided articles for this edition.

Rob Cheetham

Our web site can be found at: [www.dahlia-mds.co.uk](http://www.dahlia-mds.co.uk)

## President's Report

By Ron Guest

I hope by the time you are reading this article spring will be with us, at the time of writing it, the '*Beast from the East*' is raging outside and we are waiting for storm Emma to arrive.!!!

I can't believe that the society is in its sixtieth year and still going strong, this is due to you our members and the strong committee who have been willing to support our activities.

Dahlia growing must be good for the health as we have two members that have now reached the ripe old age of Ninety and are still actively involved with the running of society, Yes, I am talking about **Les Jones** and **Fred Wilson** who celebrated their birthdays in the summer of last Year. For those of you who came to the Members show last September you know we presented them with a pair of calendars that were produced specially to remind them of the good times that they have had with us, we also put on a buffet and provided a wonderful cake that looked like a dahlia. Going on with the theme that dahlia growing is good for you we also have two other members that are now nearer 90 than 80.



Going back on the last year it was a good one for the society, we held three shows with the main one over the August bank holiday weekend again well supported by

the top showmen in the country. I think we can say it is now becoming a third National. I know that the hospitality we show exhibitors is one of the reasons we are able to tempt them back year after year and I must thank all who help with this important task. But on a serious note, if we expect these show men to support us, we should also be prepared to exhibit at some of the society shows around the Midlands, if not farther afield. We also hosted the National Dahlia Society's Judging exam for the second time in Three years with five of the candidates successfully becoming National Judge. The reports on the two member's shows are again in other pages of the Midahl, I will just pass comment on the fine exhibit **that Rob Cheetham** staged to win the three-vase class, the nine blooms of Oakwood Goldcrest would have won anywhere, well done Rob.

We had two good National shows winning the Herbert Brown Cup at Wisley and coming third at the Northern National Show in Harrogate. I am sure we have a full report on both shows else were in the Midahl. Once again thanks to all who gave their time and Blooms to travel and stage the exhibit. We must congratulate the Irish Dahlia Society on the magnificent exhibit to win the Arthur Luck at Harrogate they staged three giant decoratives that stood out far and above anything else, a sport of the new giant Aggie White named Lui White both, I am told, are sports of Bryn Terfel.



Lui White (photo D Bates)



Aggie White

We held once again tuber and plant sales - the two-main fund-raising events in our year, once again they were very successful, I must thank all who donate tubers and plants and for those who come to purchase them, I have to say you are very generous on the purchasing of both the tubers and plants and keeps our Treasurer very happy. Yet again thanks to our ladies that provide the teas at the plant sale.

My fingers are now completely worn out and the '*Beast of the East*' is raging outside, can I wish you all a good growing season for 2018 and I look forward to seeing you at the shows.

## Chairman's AGM Report

Rob Cheetham.

The society had a very successful year. The show season started with the Single Bloom show. 21 exhibitors staged a record 220 vases. **Stuart Clensey** won best in show. He had sent some Poms with **Ian Sutherland** to use in Ian's staging talk, whilst judging was taking place, Ian entered one in the show, which won! **Dave Bates**, assisted by **Tim Williams** judged the show, thanks Dave.

The Annual show saw **Steve Burns** win the championship. We had many exhibitors from all over the UK, **Mel Cookman** came from Hull and commented on the welcome he had received. **Ian** and **Liam Ledger** came down from Sunderland to assist with the NDS Judging exam, but also entered a few exhibits and winning the Basket class. The novice section was well supported with new member **Liz Appleby** winning a red card with her waterlilies. **Tim Williams** took over the show manager role from **Fred Wilson**, thanks to both for their work. The show was an excellent team effort and thanks to all who helped.

The Sunday show was well supported with your truly getting his Oakwood Goldcrest out to win the best in show and Championship. There were some good novice entries with **Christine Cottingham** being successful. Rather than going to the Cottage at lunchtime, we had organised a buffet lunch as a surprise for **Les Jones** & **Fred Wilson** to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. As a gift we presented them both with their own 'dahlia calendars'.



At the National shows we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Herbert Brown and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Harrogate. An excellent result thanks to **Paul Bugden** and **Peter Clubb** who went in the van to stage the exhibits. Also thanks to **Tim Williams** for organising the blooms.





Members of the society assisted with blooms and staging of the NDS Malvern show entry, which gained a Gold award.

We had an excellent Tuber sale, followed by a successful plant sale in May. Both require lots of effort and support – both tubers and plants to raise finances for our shows. Thanks to those who provide refreshments which make the events attractive to visitors.



Tuber sale – 40 people attended.



Plant sale, also well attended.



Particular thanks to **Tim Williams** and **Ron Guest** for working as our auctioneers – quite hard work.

Our first talk was by **Graham Robson** who showed us wildlife in Marton. **Graham Macfarlane** came down from Barrow in Furness to tell us how he grows his dahlias. In October **Jason Smith** talked about the nursery where he works, particularly poinsettias he was growing for the winter season – by the millions! **Dave Bates** and **Dave Reid** told us about new varieties and the Leeds Trials winners.



The annual dinner was held at the golf club, as usual, with **Marie-Jane Roberts** as guest of honour. A good time was had by all, always a nice occasion. Thanks to the dinner committee for organising this.

Membership of the society is strong – we have 94 members. We still have a vacancy for Midahl editor, **Denise Cheetham** has agreed to be general Secretary.

I am looking forward to this year's shows, hopefully the weather will be a bit better for growing dahlias.

## 2017 Dinner Report

By Rob Cheetham

The dinner went very well, the meal was excellent as usual, trophies were presented and raffle prizes won.

**Marie-Jane Roberts** was our guest of Honour this year. She gave an excellent talk on how she got interested in dahlias leading to taking over Tom McLelland's varieties and propagating her own seedlings. She also gave us a critique of basket exhibits – she often wins the Lilian Hall Rose bowl at our main show, often using miniature cactus / semi-cactus varieties.

There were not as many people attending the dinner this year, however we still had visitors from different parts of the UK.

My thanks to the dinner committee for organising a very good evening.



It has been suggested that more people may attend the dinner if it is held at a lunchtime, rather than the evening. If you would prefer to have a change for next year, 2019, then please let a committee member know.

## 'a Midlander' by 'Young Frank'

by Frank Newbery

How did I become a 'Midlander'? The main influence in this happening were Philip Damp and Eddie Durrant who we met regularly on the show circuit around the country.

They used to go to Plymouth for the then mid-August show. Setting up for the Society Championship, I helped Eddie with blooms etc from time to time. Liz and Phil also used to break their journey for a coffee at Pensford on the way down to Plymouth.

When the Midlands show moved to a marquee in the park at Leamington Spa, phil gave me a schedule and required a membership fee, so that was when 'young Frank' officially became 'a Midlander', with the beginning of a lifetime friendship with so many members.



**Midlands** have a proud reputation for their 'Society' class entries which requires a 'team Spirit' culture within a Society, which is not easy to achieve. My experience at our Bristol Society was that promises of blooms and help were easily broken when self-interest was put before the Society needs.

A surprise one day was to be informed that I was a 'Vice President' of the society for my interest and help over many years in the affairs of the Society. This culminated in the past year with the NDS awarding Gold Medals to David Reid and myself, who are both vice -presidents of the Midlands Society. A fairly unique experience for the Society without doubt.



Frank & David  
receiving their  
medals from  
NDS President  
Ron Guest.



When the NDS had to revise the Society stand arrangements at the Malvern Autumn show, the main help came from Midlands members who have always been the main supports of this enterprise, and I have always been a proud member of this team. Today we are fortunate that we have Rob Cheetham organising and erecting the stand, and then dismantling it, which means that he has to devote 3 days to the show stand requirements every year.

There are several fairly regular people in the team with others who can help out at times, which is a big help, as we only have a limited time available to complete the stand before the RHS judges need to evaluate the stand. A lot of the work involves fitting Oasis in baskets and vases, ready for the floral arrangements. So, the team will always welcome help with all these tasks to ensure that we continue to get RHS awards for the society. My sincere wish to all the members is 'carry on the good work to enhance the reputation of the Society'.



Malvern Gold Award winning team 2017

*'Good Growing and Showing'. Frank.*

## Tom McLelland – an Appreciation

by Dave Reid

The late Tom McLelland, a native of Paisley in Scotland, will long be remembered in the Dahlia world for his work in popularising the Miniature Cactus / Semi-Cactus type of dahlia.

Until he took up the challenge to introduce a strain of new varieties, the type was considered a 'Cinderella' class by the majority of exhibitors.

To assist him in his hybridisation, he managed to acquire a good parent variety (seed producer) which I believe was from a USA origin. His first success in 1995 was when he produced Weston Nugget, a light bronze one, of exhibition standard. Then in 1998 the dark red Weston Pirate, his most successful one on the show bench, which is a banker variety for exhibitors.



Weston Pirate

In 2000 it was Weston Spanish Dancer, which has proved his most popular one as a general multi-purpose garden, cut flower bi-colour in red and yellow.

Altogether he raised around twelve varieties including: Weston Flamingo, Weston Kelpie, Weston Miss, Weston stardust, Weston Sunup and Weston Tea Time. Tom adopted the prefix Weston after the area in south Derby where he settled when he transferred to the Rolls Royce aircraft division with his employment.



Weston Spanish Dancer

As a result of the number of varieties produced, the National Dahlia Society introduced a separate championship class for them. Previously they had been combined with the Small Cactus / Semi- Cactus and were seldom shown.

In recent times the type has become one of the most highly entered at National Shows. Also, it has inspired several raisers to add to what is now available. It is a fitting tribute to the late Tom McLelland that a Miniature Cactus – Josudi Aurora was awarded the Harry Howarth medal as the best performing variety in the 2017 NDS Leeds Trials.

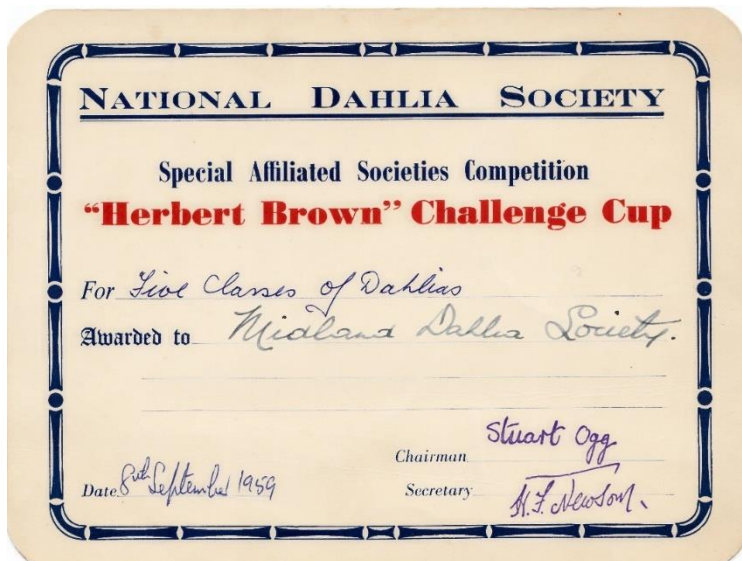


Josudi Aurora

## Herbert Brown Challenge Success

by Rob Cheetham

As Frank Newbery states in his 'a **Midlander**' article, the Midlands Dahlia Society has a long tradition of winning the Herbert Brown Challenge Cup. I was handed the first-place card from the very 1<sup>st</sup> time the society won the cup – in 1959. The Midlands went on to win in 1960 and 1961, and many times since, most recently in this last year - 2017. Thanks to Les Jones for showing me the card, copied below.



## Peter's New Pom

by Rob Cheetham

**Peter Clubb** has been a society member for some time now, regularly winning red cards and trophies. More recently he has got into sports and seedlings. Here are a couple of photos of his new Pompon **Hollywood Twilight**.

Well done Peter.



## From the Archives – Fifty Years Ago

by Dave Reid

In 1968, in celebrating the first 10 years since founding the Midlands Dahlia Society, members had much to be proud of when they had a field day at the National Show in Westminster. No fewer than 4 national championships were secured. Maurice Woodfield winning the AT Barnes in the 12 Giant Decoratives, Les Jones in the Large Decoratives, Bob Eales the Medium Decoratives and Eddie Durrant Small Cactus, plus a good number of red cards in other classes.

The society was never far from criticism, both inside and in the national gardening press in debate. A topical debate was: 'is it fair the NDS medals be awarded to entries from a collective source (e.g. societies) in single classes?'

The annual show again attracted exhibitors from across the country, and the standard was of the best seen outside the national shows. Car parking appeared to be a problem. Visitors including the president of the USA National society, along with many others from the States, who were impressed by the size, colour and quality of the blooms in abundance. The dates of the show and the National Show were altered to accommodate their visit.

The society jumble sale produced a magnificent sum of £40, coats fetching 3s. 6d (17.5p).

A member's query: 'can you tell me what is the cause of single blooms developing (instead of a full multi petal bloom)?' Answer: the reason is still unknown and a number of ideas have been put forward for this phenomenon. One given was: an excess of fertiliser or high fertility, along with a wet period in mid-summer, when nitrogen is being released. Some varieties were prone to the condition, and it only needs the right conditions to bring into effect. It begs the question – will the conditions be repeated the following year? Some varieties have been found to revert to double form the following year, others not so. It was advised to get fresh stock and not to take a risk.

## State of the Art (and other topics)

by Dave Reid

One would not say that the past summer season's weather was one that you would wish for, to produce blooms you aspire to, in order to get the top awards.

One bonus for growers in recent years has been the lack of late frosts around the end of May, and early planting out has become less of a hazard, and it prevents the

problem of plants needing to be re-potted, congestion in the cold frames and in greenhouses, with all the extra watering....

At the beginning of July there was a very warm spell, followed by rain, and, as a result, I have never experienced such a rapid growth in the laterals. Then in the later part of September, the rains came, resulting in heavily laden moisture atmospheres, which did a lot of damage to blooms. Especially to ones under cover, where there was a lack of air circulation. It calls into question the positioning of giants and others in order to get the best circulation around them. It follows that in future we are likely to get this wet pattern of weather due to rising sea temperatures. But, despite all the unfavourable weather conditions at times, quality blooms and exhibits were staged and show entries not greatly affected.

The banker show varieties are maintaining their popularity, and very few recent introductions are making an impact. As I edited the NDS Winter Bulletin country-wide roundup, it was interesting to note that one of the most recent of new introductions – the red small decorative, Sheval Megan, had a good year and was awarded a good number of top awards. Amongst others Ryecroft Helen, the yellow medium semi-cactus is also getting established. Barbarry D'Amour – a red miniature decorative is being well used, along with Barbarry Primrose Hall in its first year, a yellow miniature ball, looking very good.



Barbarry Primrose Hall

The miniature cactus/semi-cactus types have had a boost from the introduction of the Josudi strain of varieties. Josudi Hercules, a very well formed pink dahlia, produces a mass of needle sharp petal formed blooms and did very well in the 2016 Leeds trials. The latest one – Josudi Aurora was the best performing variety in the Leeds trials 2017 and is another top-class addition to this very competitive class. Available from halls of Heddon for 2018. To see a miniature cactus take the top honour in the Leeds trials is a fitting tribute to the late Tom McLelland who began a programme of introductions in the late 1990, which has transformed this class at national level.

The small ball class continues to struggle to find a number of new varieties. The only one of recent times has been Westerton Folly and Blyton Softer Gleam still remains the preferred one.



It is encouraging to see the popularity of large poms which has attracted several new varieties. The size requirements which were ignored for many years and sometimes described as Dutch Poms is attracting raisers to increase ones available. Among those being used as Miss Kennedy, Jodie Wilkinson and the immaculately formed Nulands Josephine (syn, Burlesca), plus a number awaiting release.

### **Silver Medal award**

The NDS Executive Committee is concerned that the NDS Affiliated Silver medal is being mis-used. It has been reported that it has been awarded to exhibits that do not qualify for the award. The society's constitution states that it is only to be given to the best exhibit in show, judged under NDS rules. It cannot be given to an individual vase within a multi vase exhibit. Baskets and bowl classes not judged to NFDS rules also do not qualify.

### **Compost Danger**

A colleague recently went into hospital for a suspected lung cancer operation. The result was that it turned out to be fungal condition brought on by an infection from compost!

### **Judging Query**

When a sport of a giant bloom is entered in a sport class it requires a bloom of the parent for the judges to compare. Should the comparison bloom itself also be considered for any award in the show?

### **2018 Releases**

Of the new releases in 2018, the sport of Bryn Terfel, Aggie White- a pale yellow one whose form appears better than the parent is available from Halls of Heddon. Another sport of Bryn Terfel was seen at last year's Harrogate show. Also from Halls of Heddon are Josudi varieties – Aurora, Neptune and Hercules, which will be a big boost to the miniature cactus classes. Neptune is a particularly attractive bi-colour, but tends to bloom near the foliage, so a side bud should be used.



Josudi Neptune  
(photo D Bates)

### **Midlands 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As we celebrate the society's sixtieth anniversary from founding, one looks back over all those years and it marks a period of achievement, not equalled by any other society throughout the country, for local or national support of the dahlia. It also

covers a period of great change across the horticultural scene. The introduction of soil-less composts, mist propagation, the high standard of bloom formation of exhibition varieties, and the introduction of new classes at national and local shows, plus the beginning of using judging rings. Many personalities, who have appeared both locally and nationally, have gone from the scene, but too numerous to mention by name.

So, the society carries on, and will continue to do so, to be a leader in the field, and one to be respected

## Performance Variation

by Dave Reid

It is interesting to note how show varieties perform differently or are preferred from country to country, under almost similar climatic conditions.

On looking over the 2017 results from 60 USA shows, which record the top awards and best in class details, it is very surprising that Kenora Challenger is not mentioned. Their preference is for Clearview Eadie and Kenora Jubilee. In small cactus Embrace is a clear leader, along with waterlily Pam Howden. Mary's Jomanda is well supported along with Weston Spanish Dancer, Ryecroft Jan, Inland Dynasty and Spartacus.

## Water

by Les Jones

Water comes in three different forms – solid, Liquid, Gas. The chemical symbol for water  $H_2O$  - 2 parts Hydrogen and 1 part Oxygen. Solid in the form of ice, liquid in normal temperatures and steam at higher temperatures (depending upon Atmospheric pressure). It is the only liquid that expands when frozen. The world would come to an end without water. We humans drink it, shower and wash our clothes in it. etc.

Our Dahlias only survive through drinking water. It is said that a big tree will use up to 200 gallons in 24 hours. A lot of moisture will be lost by evaporation through the leaves.

The dahlia, after a hot sunny day, will sag. So, at sundown, go over the foliage with a watering can and it will recover. A little 'fairy liquid' in the water will help the water to stay on the foliage.

## Single Bloom Show Report

by Bruce Watson

Our first show of the year was a great success with a record 220 blooms being exhibited.

'Best in Show' was won by **Stuart Clensey** with his Pompon. **Peter Clubb** was 'Second Best in show' with his small cactus. **Terry Cripps** and **Graham Young** again did well in the Novice Classes.

**Best in Show:** Ian Sutherland receives the whiskey on behalf of Stuart. Right: a photo of the winning Pom bloom.



**Runner up Best in Show:** Peter receives the half bottle. His winning Oakwood Goldcrest bloom above right.

While the judging was taking place, a very interesting lecture on staging was given by **Ian Sutherland**, who travelled all the way from Blackburn to talk to us.

On the right is the final exhibit staged by Ian.



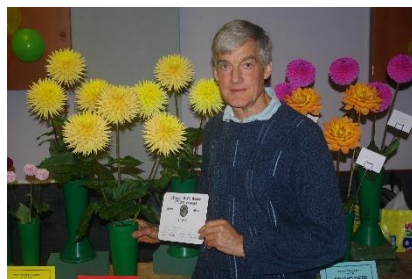
# Single Bloom Show results below:

| <b>Class</b>         | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Giant Dec         | B Caswell             | P Freeman             | R Morris              |
| 2. Giant Cactus      | B Caswell             | B Caswell             | P Freeman             |
| 3. Large Dec         | R Guest               | B Caswell             | B Watson              |
| 4. Large Cactus      | P Clubb               | P Clubb               | P Freeman             |
| 5. Medium Dec        | R Guest               | R Guest               | D Reid                |
| 6. Medium Cactus     | M Pattenden           | P Clubb               | R Guest               |
| 7. Small Dec         | P Clubb               | P Fulford             | C Wragg               |
| 8. Small Cactus      | P Clubb               | F Wilson              | R Morris              |
| 9. Min Dec           | M Pattenden           | A Charlesworth        | G Elliott             |
| 10. Min Cactus       | I Sutherland          | L Jones               | M-J Roberts           |
| 11. Small Ball       | L Caswell             | L Caswell             | R Morris              |
| 12. Min Ball         | R Guest               | M Pattenden           | P Fulford             |
| 13. Waterlily        | L Caswell             | L Caswell             | G Elliott             |
| 14. Collerette       | L Caswell             | L Caswell             | P Clubb               |
| 15. Fimbriated       | L Jones               | B Watson              | L Jones               |
| 16. Pompon           | S Clensey             | R Guest               | P Clubb               |
| 17 Large Pompon      | T Cripps              | T Cripps              | C Wragg               |
| 18 Any other variety | L Jones               | L Jones               | -                     |
|                      |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Novice: Class</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |
| Giant or Large       | G Young               | G Elliott             | G Young               |
| Medium               | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Small                | C Toll                | G Young               | G Young               |
| Min or Pom           | T Cripps              | T Cripps              | C Toll                |

## Members Show Report

by Tim Williams

This was a small show compared to previous years with 104 vases staged. The highlight was the 3 vase Championship, attracting 8 entries. The Silver Medal was won by **Rob Cheetham** for his championship entry. The Bronze Medal was won by **Peter Clubb** for his vase of miniature Decoratives.



Members Show results are as below:

| Class                | 1 <sup>st</sup>       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Championship      | R Cheetham            | Linda Caswell         | R Guest               |
| 2. Giant Dec         | B Caswell             | R Guest               | -                     |
| 3. Giant Cactus      | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| 4. Large Dec         | B Caswell             | F Wilson              | P Stanoch             |
| 5. Large Cactus      | R Guest               | F Wilson              | -                     |
| 6. Medium Dec        | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| 7. Medium Cactus     | B Carter              | R Cheetham            | P Clubb               |
| 8. Small Dec         | P Clubb               | B Carter              | -                     |
| 9. Small Cactus      | R Cheetham            | P Clubb               | L Jones               |
| 10. Min Dec          | P Clubb               | D Boulstridge         | S Digweed             |
| 11. Min Cactus       | R Cheetham            | L Jones               | L Jones               |
| 12. Small Ball       | B Carter              | L Caswell             | -                     |
| 13. Min Ball         | D Boulstridge         | R Guest               | P Clubb               |
| 14. Waterlily        | R Guest               | L Caswell             | B Carter              |
| 15. Collerettes      | L Caswell             | L Caswell             | G Tait                |
| 16. Fimbriated       | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| 17. Pompon           | L Jones               | R Guest               | P Clubb               |
| 18 Large Pompon      | T Cripps              | D Bates               | S Digweed             |
| 19 Any other variety | L Jones               | D Bates               | G Young               |
| <b>Novice: Class</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |
| Giant or Large       | C Cottingham          | P Bugden              | G Young               |
| Medium               | C Toll                | G Tait                | -                     |
| Small                | C Toll                | C Cottingham          | G Young               |
| Min or Pom           | C Cottingham          | C Toll                | G Young               |
| Any other variety    | G Tait                | G Tait                | G Young               |



We thank Robin Pearce, assisted by Marie-Jane Roberts for judging the show, Peter Clubb assisted by Linda Caswell judged the novice section.



Robin with Marie-Jane  
left



Peter with Linda right

**Linda Caswell** won the **Tom Bebbington Salver** for the most points in the three society shows. A very pleasant and successful show was brought to close with a surprise buffet put on by Angela and the girls to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays of former president Mr Leslie Jones and our Patron Mr Fred Wilson.

A good time was had by all.

**Fred Wilson** has asked me to highlight the Championship class at this show – he sees it as an excellent class which is the highlight at the end of our show season. He encourages all members to target an entry in 2018. (editor)

## MDS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Rob Cheetham

Given that 2018 is the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the society several ideas have been put forward to celebrate this event.

**Coach trip to the Wisley show** on the first day – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> September, this will enable those who normally cannot attend the show to see all the exhibits as well as the multitude of small plant nursery stalls at this RHS autumn show. Cost is likely to be £20 – £25, with entry £15 ( or £7.50 if an NDS member).

**Summer social event** in Kenilworth?

**Trip to the Nursery** where Jason Smith works near Evesham.

If you are interested in attending / helping with these please let a member of the committee know.

## Herbert Brown Report 2017

by Tim Williams

The Midlands Dahlia Society was once more again victorious, winning for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in its history.

The team was led by **Peter Clubb** and assisted by **Paul Bugden**, with Chairman **Rob Cheetham** the driver. The van was packed at Leek Wooton Barn by the kind permission of Mrs Edgar.

Blooms staged were: 3 Kenora Challenger, 2 Bryn Terfel, 1 Sir Alf Ramsey, 3 Rycroft Helen, 5 Oakwood Goldcrest and 5 Barbarry Primrose Hall. It was a close result:

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Midlands DS        | 96 points; |
| Bishop Auckland DS | 95 points; |
| Kent DS            | 94 points. |



## Arthur Luck Report 2017

by Tim Williams

The same team travelled to Harrogate with only a small amount of blooms due to the bad weather a week earlier. The exhibit consisted of 3 Kenora Challenger, 2 Sir Alf Ramsey, 1 Bryn Terfel, 3 Rycroft Helen, 5 Trelyn Kiwi, 5 Marston George.

We came third, with the winners being The Irish DS; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop Auckland DS. Many thanks to all who supplied blooms and helped with packing the van.

We hope we can do the double in the near future!



## MDS 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Show report

by Rob Cheetham

The **Midlands Dahlia Society Annual Show** was supported by exhibitors from many parts of the UK. The quality of blooms was excellent, given the weather prior to the show. The honours were shared across many exhibitors – 10 different exhibitors won in the 15 Trophy classes.

The **Midlands Championship** for the **Mawby Trophy** was won by **Steve Burns** in a strong class of 6 entries with a mix of varieties. **Steve** had a wonderful 'top class' entry comprising: Cream Moonlight, Hamari Accord, Trelyn Kiwi and Winholme Diane. The exhibit was also awarded an **NDS Silver Medal** for best exhibit in show. His vase of dianes won the **Decorative Cup** for medium / miniature dec dahlias. It was good to welcome **Jimmy Heginbottom** to the show having a very long journey down from Barrow in Furness with **Graham Macfarlane**. **Jimmy** came



Steve Burns

second, with **Graham Macfarlane** third. **Graham** won the **Cactus Cup** with a vase of Kiwi Gloria. **Steve Burns** also won the **Dennis Watson Challenge Cup**; as well as the **Christy Brooks Challenge Cup** with Kenora Challenger - his vase of Challenger won the **Les Jones Perpetual Challenge Trophy** for best vase of Giant / Large Semi Cactus in show.

We were pleased to see **Macrobert Walker** at the show. He won the **Lady Godiva Trophy** showing Hillcrest Candy, Winholme Diane, Kiwi Gloria and Alf's Mascot. **Macrobert** also won the **Pauline Eales Award** and the **Friendship Trophy** showing Mary's Jomanda.

**Ian Hill** came down from Yorkshire to win the **Philip Damp Trophy**, with a good show of Cream Alvas, John Hill, Sir Alf Ramsey, Alva's Superb and Bryn Terfel. This was a strong class of 5 entries with good quality blooms and a mix of varieties. **Ian & Liam Ledger** also had a long journey (from Sunderland) and came second with Hamari Gold, Pink Spur and Mabel Ann. **Mel Cookman** was third.



Ian Hill

**Mel** was more successful in a class of 5 entries **to** win the **Irish Challenge Trophy** with a strong entry of 3 blooms of Westerton Lillian.

**Ian Sutherland** won the **Styvechale Trophy** showing two



Ian Sutherland

vases of Trelyn Kiwi, one of which won the **Violet Davies Premier Award** for best vase in the show, as well as the

**Eddie Durrant Memorial Trophy** for the best vase small/ min cactus / semi

cactus in show. There were 6 entries in this class, the majority were Kiwis! **Ian** does well whichever class/ variety he enters – he also won the **Stella Trophy** showing Trelyn Kiwi and Josudi Hercules.

**Brian Caswell** won the **Leicester Challenge Cup** with 3 blooms of Janal Amy. **Paul Fulford** won his first Trophy class winning the **Gordon Steel Trophy** for 6 medium decs of Charlie Two.

In a strong class with 5 entries, **Peter Clubb** won the **George Irvine Perpetual Challenge Cup** with Gurtla Twilight, Willows Violet and Moorplace. **Brian Carter** put up an excellent entry to win the **John Griffiths Senior Cup**, again, for 2 vases Jomanda. This also won Brian an **NDS Bronze medal** for the second-best exhibit in show, as well as the **S&E Braddock Perpetual Challenge Trophy** for the best vase of small / miniature ball in show.

In the Special Classes **Ian Sutherland** won the **Bruce Watson**

**Trophy** for 20 blooms, 20 varieties in a small class with only 3 entries this year. In a very strong class of 9 entries and a mix of varieties, **Frank Bolsover** won the **Elaine Fenton Trophy** in this 3 blooms of 3 varieties class. In class 45 – 3 vases one bloom per vase, there were 17 entries, with **Macrobert Walker** winning the class.

The Intermediate section had few, but good entries, with **Rob Cheetham** winning the **72 Trophy**, showing 2 good vases of Oakwood Goldcrest.



Mel Cookman



Peter Clubb

The members classes had good support with **Graham Macfarlane** winning the **William Daffern Trophy** for best exhibit, whilst **Linda Caswell** won the prize for most points in the section. **Mel Cookman** won the **George Woodfield Trophy** as the best bloom of Giant / Large decs in show with one of his Sir Alf Ramsey blooms. The **H Dunkley Trophy** for the best vase of Poms in the show, showing Rhonda Suzanne, went to **Ian Sutherland**.



Liz Appleby

5 exhibitors entered the Novice classes, **Neil Mallaby** won the **Don Brawn Trophy** with 3 blooms of Nulands Josephine. New member **Liz Appleby** won with her waterlilies.



Neil with his wife

We must thank all members for assisting with setting up and closing down the show.

Special thanks to Angie and team for the bacon batches & hot drinks early Sat morning, as well as the team for the lunches on Sat & Sun.

The team rose to the challenge to get a birthday cake for **Barry Smith**, who let slip that it was his birthday.



Exhibitors commented that they look forward to the friendly reception they get at the Midlands and that is what keeps them coming year after year, so once again thank you.

We also thank our show judges for their time and efforts.





## MDS 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Show – Results

### Open to All

| Class   | 1st          | 2nd           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. The Midlands Championship for the Mawby Trophy | S Burns      | J Heginbottom | G Macfarlane / P Clubb            |
| 2. The Lady Godiva Trophy                         | M Walker     | R Guest       | -                                 |
| 3. Phillip Damp Trophy                            | I Hill       | I & L Ledger  | M Workman                         |
| 4. The Leicester Challenge Cup                    | B Caswell    | -             | -                                 |
| 5. The Irish Challenge Trophy                     | M Cookman    | D Reid        | B Carter                          |
| 6. The Christy Brookes Challenge Cup              | S Burns      | B Carter      | R Guest                           |
| 7. The Gordon Steel Trophy                        | P Fulford    | F Bolsover    | B Carter                          |
| 8. The Dennis Watson Challenge Cup                | S Burns      | R Morris      | T Upton                           |
| 9. Pauline Eales Award                            | M Walker     | B Carter      | R Guest                           |
| 10. The Styvechale Trophy                         | I Sutherland | M Walker      | F Bolsover                        |
| 11. The John Griffiths Senior Cup                 | B Carter     | B Caswell     | -                                 |
| 12. The Pam Parsons Challenge Cup                 | A Hayes      | -             | -                                 |
| 13. The Friendship Trophy                         | M Walker     | R Vickers     | -                                 |
| 14. The George Irvine Perpetual Challenge Cup     | P Clubb      | R Guest       | I & L Ledger                      |
| 15. The Stella Trophy                             | I Sutherland | I & L Ledger  | L Caswell                         |

### Section B- Intermediate

|    | Class   | 1st           | 2nd       | 3rd       |
|----|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| 16 | 3 blooms Giant or Large Dahlias 1 bloom per vase                  | M Cookman     | P Freeman | -         |
| 17 | 2 vases Medium Dahlias 3 blooms in each                           | R Cheetham    | -         | -         |
| 18 | 2 vases 3 blooms per vase of Small Dahlias One Variety per vase   | R Cheetham    | -         | -         |
| 19 | 2 vases 3 blooms per vase miniature or Pompon Dahlias             | D Boulstridge | S Digweed | N Mallaby |
| 20 | 2 vases 3 blooms per vase, one vase medium one vase small Dahlias | -             | -         | -         |

## Section C- Members

|     | <b>Class</b>   | <b>1st</b>   | <b>2nd</b>   | <b>3rd</b>  |
|-----|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 21  | 3 Blooms Giant Decorative Dahlias                    | M Cookman    | R Guest      | I hill      |
| 22  | 3 Blooms Giant Cactus and /or Semi-Cactus Dahlias    | B Caswell    | -            | -           |
| 23  | 3 Blooms Large Decorative Dahlias                    | M Cookman    | -            | -           |
| 24  | 3 Blooms Large Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias     | P Clubb      | F Wilson     | -           |
| 25  | 3 Blooms Medium Decorative Dahlias                   | R Guest      | P Fulford    | F Bolsover  |
| 26  | 3 Blooms Medium Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias    | G Macfarlane | R Cheetham   | D Higham    |
| 27  | 3 Blooms Small Decorative Dahlias                    | P Fulford    | P Fulford    | J Digweed   |
| 28  | 3 Blooms Small Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias     | P Clubb      | I Sutherland | R Cheetham  |
| 29  | 3 Blooms Miniature Decorative Dahlias                | S Burns      | S Burns      | A Hayes     |
| 30  | 3 Blooms Miniature Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus Dahlias | I Sutherland | I Sutherland | M-J Roberts |
| 31  | 3 Blooms Small Ball Dahlias                          | L Caswell    | F Newbery    | P Fulford   |
| 32  | 3 Blooms Miniature Ball Dahlias                      | L Caswell    | A Hayes      | H Richards  |
| 33  | 5 Blooms Pompon Dahlias                              | I Sutherland | P Clubb      | F Newbery   |
| 34  | 3 Blooms Collerette Dahlias                          | L Caswell    | -            | -           |
| 35  | 3 Blooms Water Lily Dahlias                          | L Caswell    | I Sutherland | F Newbery   |
| 36  | 3 Blooms Bi-Coloured Dahlias                         | M-J Roberts  | L Caswell    | F Newbery   |
| 37  | 3 Blooms Large Pompon                                | C Wragg      | N Mallaby    | N Mallaby   |
| 37A | 3 Blooms Any classification not already listed       | -            | L Jones      | -           |

## Section D- Novice

|     | <b>Class</b>   | <b>1st</b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|
| 38  | 1 Bloom Giant or Large Dahlia                        | G Young    | L Appleby  | G Young    |
| 39  | 1 Bloom Medium Dahlias                               | -          | -          | -          |
| 40  | 3 Bloom Small Dahlias                                | N Mallaby  | L Appleby  | N Mallaby  |
| 41  | 3 Bloom Miniature Dahlias                            | G Young    | L Appleby  | -          |
| 42  | 3 Blooms Pompon or Large Pompon                      | N Mallaby  | P Bugden   | L Appleby  |
| 42A | 3 Blooms any other Classification not already listed | L Appleby  | N Mallaby  | -          |

## Section E- Special Classes, Open to all

| <b>Class</b>  | <b>1st</b>   | <b>2nd</b>   | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup></b> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--|
| 43. Bruce Watson Trophy                                       | I Sutherland | A Hayes      | T Upton / -                            |
| 44. Elaine Fenton Trophy                                      | F Bolsover   | I Sutherland | M Walker                               |
| 45. Three Vases of Dahlias, One Bloom per Vase                | M Walker     | I Sutherland | R Morris                               |
| 46. 2 Vases Waterlily 3 blooms per vase                       | I Hill       | L Caswell    | T Upton                                |
| 47. 2 Vases Collerette 3 blooms per vase                      | L Caswell    | -            | -                                      |
| 48. 2 Vases Miniature Cactus or Semi Cactus 3 blooms per vase | I & L Ledger | M-J Roberts  | L Caswell                              |
| 29. Lilian Hall Rose Bowl basket class                        | I & L Ledger | M-J Roberts  | T Williams                             |

## Seedlings

| Class |   | 1st       | 2nd        | 3rd        |
|-------|---|-----------|------------|------------|
| 50    | 3 Blooms one variety of Small or Miniature Dahlias    | A Hayes   | L Stothard | L Stothard |
| 51    | 3 Blooms, 1 variety of Medium, Large or Giant Dahlias | D Reid    | -          | -          |
| 52    | 3 Blooms 1 variety any other Variety of Dahlias       | L Caswell | -          | -          |

## Additional Awards

|   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| National Dahlia Society Silver Medal        | Best Exhibit in the show   | S Burns      |
| Violet Davies Premier Award                 | Best Vase in the show  | I Sutherland |
| N.D.S. Bronze Medal                         | Second Best Exhibit in the Show  | B Carter     |
| N.D.S. Bronze Medal                         | Best Exhibit in Novice Classes   | N Mallaby    |
| The Cactus Cup                              | Best Vase of Medium Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus in the Show              | G Macfarlane |
| The Decorative Cup                          | Best Vase of Medium or Small or Miniature Decorative Dahlias in the    | S Burns      |
| Eddie Durrant Memorial Trophy               | Best vase of Small or Miniature Cactus and/ or Semi-cactus In the show | I Sutherland |
| George Woodfield Trophy                     | Best Bloom of Large or Giant Decorative Dahlias in the Show            | M Cookman    |
| Leslie Jones Perpetual Challenge Trophy     | Best Vase of Large or Giant Cactus and /or Semi-Cactus in the Show     | S Burns      |
| S. & E. Braddock Perpetual Challenge Trophy | Best Vase of Small / Miniature Ball Dahlias in the Show                | B Carter     |
| H. Dunkley Trophy                           | Best Vase of Poms in the Show  | I Sutherland |
| William Daffern Trophy                      | Best Exhibit in Members Classes  | G Macfarlane |
| The Evening Telegraph Cup                   | Most Points in Trophy Classes  | I Sutherland |
| The Don Brawn Trophy                        | Best Exhibit in Section B C  | N Mallaby    |
| The 72 Trophy                               | Best Exhibit in Section B Classes                                      | R Cheetham   |
| The Roger Turrell Trophy                    | Best Exhibit in the seedling Class                                     | A Hayes      |
| The Bruce Watson Trophy                     | Winner of Class 43   | I Sutherland |
| The Elaine Fenton Trop                      | Winner of Class 44   | F Bolsover   |
| Lillian Hall Rose Bowl                      | Winner of Class 49   | I & L Ledger |
| Special Prize - £5                          | Member gaining most points in Sect. C                                  | L Caswell    |
| Tom Bebbington Tray                         | Member with most points in all 3 society shows                         | L Caswell    |

## Varietal Analysis of 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

Collated by Brian Caswell

As usual, in the following analysis, only vases containing one variety were counted. This year the most popular variety was '**Mary's Jomanda**' where 27 vases were exhibited, as opposed to last year when it was Jomanda. This report does not take into account seedlings.

390 vases were staged and 3 baskets which were, as usual, outstanding. Because of dual classification, and lack of time, we've grouped small and miniature ball into one group.

| <b>Giant Decoratives</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SIR ALF RAMSEY           | 21          | 8           | 21          | 20          |
| KENORA WILDFIRE          | 21          | 23          | 6           | 18          |
| BRYN TERFEL              | 3           | 5           | 1           | 9           |
| MINGUS WHITNEY           | -           | -           | -           | 2           |
| WHITE ALVA'S             | -           | -           | 1           | 2           |
| ALVA'S SUPREME           | -           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| FAIRWAY SPUR             | 7           | 6           | 1           | 2           |
| KIDDS CLIMAX             | -           | -           | 1           | 2           |
| PINK SPUR                | -           | -           | 1           | 2           |
| MABEL ANN                | -           | -           | -           | 2           |
| HAMARI GOLD              | 3           | 4           | 1           | 1           |
| JOHN HILL                | 1           | 4           | -           | 1           |
| WANDA'S CAPELLA          | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| LULA PATTIE              | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| RHANNA TAMMY             | -           | -           | 1           | -           |
| SHIRWELL GRETA           | -           | -           | 10          | -           |
| BILL HOLMBERG            | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Large Decoratives</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| WESTERTON LILLIAN        | 4           | 8           | 8           | 4           |
| ELMA E                   | 2           | 3           | 2           | 2           |
| SILVER CITY              | 7           | 1           | 2           | -           |

| <b>Medium Decoratives</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MASCOT MAYO / CHARLIE TWO | 4           | 8           | 7           | 24          |
| ALF'S MASCOT              | 4           | 4           | 7           | 5           |
| WHITE CHARLIE TWO         | -           | -           | -           | 9           |
| BARLESTONE BEAUTY         | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| ANDREA CLARK              | 2           | 2           | 1           | -           |
| SUNSHINE PAUL             | -           | 2           | -           | -           |



|                     |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| BJ BEAUTY           | - | - | 2 | - |
| CLEARVIEW LOUISE    | - | - | 1 | - |
| DIKARA MOON         | - | - | 2 | - |
| EVELYN FOSTER       | - | - | 1 | - |
| TRENGROVE MILLENIUM | 2 | 1 | 3 | - |
| AVOCA AMANDA        | 1 | 1 | - | - |

| <b>Small Decoratives</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| PRIMROSE DIANE           | 7           | 9           | -           | 12          |
| SHEVAL MEGAN             | 2           | 2           | 3           | 7           |
| WINHOLME DIANE           | 7           | 6           | 8           | 4           |
| GAVIN'S CHOICE           | -           | -           | -           | 4           |
| CREAM DIANE              | -           | -           | 2           | 4           |
| CRYFIELD ASHER           | -           | -           | -           | 3           |
| GATESHEAD FESTIVAL       | 1           | 3           | 2           | 1           |
| RUSKIN DIANE             | -           | 2           | -           | -           |
| AMBER FESTIVAL           | -           | -           | 1           | -           |
| ROGER TURRELL            | -           | -           | 1           | -           |
| RYCROFT BRENDA T         | 1           | 4           | 1           | -           |
| JOAN WALKER              | -           | 3           | -           | -           |
| BLYTON EVEREST           | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Miniature Decoratives</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MARSTON LILAC                | -           | -           | -           | 11          |
| BARBARRY PRIMROSE HALL       | -           | -           | -           | 3           |
| BARBARRY A'DOUR              | -           | 1           | 1           | 2           |
| LORETTA                      | -           | -           | -           | 2           |
| DIKARA SURPERB               | -           | 1           | -           | 2           |
| MARSTON GEORGE               | 4           | 9           | 7           | 1           |
| MARSTON SUSANNE              | -           | 4           | 5           | 1           |
| BLYTON GOLDEN GIRL           | 1           | 2           | -           | 1           |
| TWILIGHT BOY                 | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| BARBARRY SURPRISE            | -           | 1           | 3           | -           |
| MARSTON SNOWBALL             | -           | 3           | 2           | -           |
| BARBARRY PRIMROSE            | -           | 1           | 2           | -           |
| POLVENTON KRISOBEL           | 1           | 1           | 1           | -           |
| MARILYN WOODWARD             | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| MARBARRY DRIFTER             | -           | 2           | -           | -           |
| BARBARRY VULCAN              | -           | 1           | 1           | -           |
| BARBARRY HAZE                | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| BARBARRY CRESCENT            | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| BARBARRY GARLA               | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| BLYTON LADY IN RED           | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Giant Cactus &amp; Semi Cactus</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| JANAL AMY                             | 6           | 9           | 6           | 6           |
| AMGUARD RELISH                        | -           | 3           | -           | -           |
| PINK JUPITER                          | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| DEBRA ANN CRAVEN                      | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Large Cactus &amp; Semi Cactus</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| KENORA CHALLENGER                     | 9           | 15          | 17          | 20          |
| HAMARI ACCORD                         |             |             |             | 1           |
| TROOPER DAN                           | 1           | 1           | 1           | -           |
| CRYFIELD EDNA                         | 1           | 1           | -           | -           |

| <b>Medium Cactus &amp; Semi Cactus</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| HILLCREST CANDY                        | 21          | 15          | 12          | 10          |
| CREAM MOONLIGHT                        | 3           | 2           | -           | 8           |
| RUSKIN SUNSHINE                        | -           | -           | -           | 7           |
| EASTWOOD MOONLIGHT                     | 2           | 4           | -           | 3           |
| GRENADORE PASTELLE                     | -           | 6           | 2           | 2           |
| RUSKIN HELEN                           | -           | -           | -           | 2           |
| RYECROFT HELEN                         | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| VAL'S CANDY                            | 8           | 2           | 1           | -           |
| CLAYTS CANDY                           | 1           | 3           | -           | -           |
| WHITE MOONLIGHT                        | -           | 2           | -           | -           |
| JAKE'S CANDY                           | -           | 1           | -           | -           |

| <b>Small Cactus &amp; Semi Cactus</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| KIWI GLORIA                           | 5           | 4           | 3           | 14          |
| TRELYN KIWI                           | 3           | 14          | 9           | 5           |
| DEBORAH'S KIWI                        | -           | -           | 1           | 4           |
| OAKWOOD GOLDCREST                     | 4           | 5           | 5           | 3           |
| RUSKIN MYRA                           | -           | 7           | -           | 3           |
| RADFO                                 | -           | 1           | 2           | 1           |
| AMBRE FESTIVAL                        | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| LEMON CREST                           | -           | 2           | -           | 1           |
| CHERWELL GOLDCREST                    | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| RUSKIN LISA                           | -           | -           | 5           | 1           |
| BRIGHT EYES                           | -           | -           | 1           | 1           |
| HILLCREST JERSIE                      | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| LEMON ELEGANS                         | -           | 3           | 1           | -           |
| RYCROFT ZOE                           | -           | -           | 2           | -           |
| CHRISTINE MARIA                       | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| ROCK CLIFF BILLY                      | -           | 1           | -           | -           |

| <b>Large Pompon</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| JODIE WILKINSON     | 4           | 5           | 7           | 1           |
| Ms KENNEDY          | -           | 3           | 2           | 1           |
| NEWLANDS JOSEPHINE  | -           | 1           | -           | 1           |

| <b>Min Cactus &amp; Semi Cactus</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| WESTON PIRATE                       |             | 7           | 4           | 8           |
| GRACIE S.                           |             | -           | -           | 3           |
| JOSUDI HERCULES                     |             | -           | -           | 2           |
| TOM MCLELLAND                       |             | -           | 1           | 2           |
| WESTON MISS                         |             | 5           | 4           | 1           |
| WESTON BUCANEER                     |             | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| WESTON SPANISH DANCER               |             | 3           | -           | 1           |
| JOSUDI NEPTUNE                      |             | -           | -           | 1           |
| JOSUDI AURORA                       |             | -           | -           | 1           |
| JOSUDI TELSTAD                      |             | -           | -           | 1           |
| JOSUDI MERCURY                      |             | -           | -           | 1           |
| WESTON STARDUST                     |             | -           | 2           | -           |
| CAROLS SPANISH DANCER               |             | 1           | 1           | -           |
| AVON MARIA JONES                    |             | -           | 1           | -           |
| RYCROFT PIXIE                       |             | 2           | 1           | -           |
| ALL CARESS                          |             | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Small / Min Ball</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MARY'S JOMANDA          | -           | 42          | 14          | 27          |
| JOMANDA                 | 20          | 12          | 26          | 18          |
| BLYTON SOFTER GLEAM     | 12          | 4           | 4           | 6           |
| WESTERTON ELLA GRACE    |             |             |             | 3           |
| RYCROFT BELLA           | -           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| LANCRESSE               | -           | -           | 1           | 2           |
| WESTERTON FOLLY         |             |             |             | 1           |
| BARBARRY SALTSA         | -           | 1           | -           |             |
| BLYTON GOLDEN GIRL      | -           | -           | 1           |             |
| MARSTON KAREN           | -           | -           | 2           |             |
| MARSTON MARGARET        | -           | -           | 1           |             |
| RYCROFT MARKSMAN        | -           | 1           | -           |             |
| BARBARRY GARLA          | -           | 3           | -           |             |
| DAVE'S CHOICE           | -           | 1           | 1           |             |

| <b>Collerette</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| DON HILL          | -           | -           | 1           | 2           |
| SUSAN GILBERT     | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| VIVIEN RUSSEL     | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| BRECON FIELDER    | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| POOH              | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| ANN BRECKENFELDER | -           | 2           | -           | -           |
| LYNDA T           | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| TEESBROOKE REDEYE | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| LINDA CASWELL     | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Waterlily</b>  | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| KILBURN GLOW      | -           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| GWYNETH           | 8           | 6           | 4           | 1           |
| BRACKEN BALLERINA | -           | -           | 1           | 1           |
| SHEP'S MEMORY     | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| CAMEO             | -           | 1           | 2           | -           |
| TARATAH RUBY      | 3           | 1           | 2           | -           |
| WOTTON DREAM      | -           | 3           | 1           | -           |
| WOOTON COCH       | -           | -           | 1           | -           |

| <b>Pompon</b>      | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GURTLA TWILIGHT    | 8           | 14          | 12          | 9           |
| MOOR PLACE         | 3           | 5           | 8           | 7           |
| WILLO'S VIOLET     | 1           | 1           | -           | 3           |
| LISMORE CAROL      | -           | -           | 2           | 1           |
| LISMORE MOONLIGHT  |             |             |             | 1           |
| NOREEN             |             |             |             | 1           |
| MINLEY CAROL       |             |             |             | 1           |
| NEWLANDS JOSEPHINE |             |             |             | 1           |
| IRISH GLOW         |             |             |             | 1           |
| IRIS               | -           | 2           | -           |             |
| LESLIE WILLO       | -           | -           | 1           |             |
| RHONDA SUSAN       | -           | -           | 1           |             |
| RHONDA             | -           | 1           | 1           |             |
| VINO               | -           | 1           | -           |             |

| <b>Fimbriated</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| NORMANDY FRILLS   | -           | 2           | 2           | -           |

## MDS AGM 2018

The AGM was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February. The minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> AGM were accepted and are shown below. **Denise Cheetham** was nominated as Secretary. There had been no nomination for Midahl Editor, so this remains vacant, the existing officers and committee members were re-elected. The society chairman **Rob Cheetham** gave his report which is on page 6.

## MDS Accounts

The accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 were presented by Treasurer Bruce Watson at the AGM, and are shown below.

### MIDLANDS DAHLIA SOCIETY

#### Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31st December 2017

|  | 2017  |                   | 2016  |                   |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
|  | £     | £                 | £     | £                 |
| <b>INCOME</b>                            |       |                   |       |                   |
| Subscriptions                            |       | 415               |       | 375               |
| Donations                                |       | 200               |       | 142               |
| Profit on Raffles at meetings            |       | 91                |       | 123               |
| Plant & Tuber sales                      |       | 2,317             |       | 1,984             |
| Annual Dinner                            |       | 66                |       | 56                |
| Prizes won                               |       | 30                |       | 0                 |
| Barclays Bank Interest                   |       | 2                 |       | 5                 |
| Room hire                                |       | 112               |       | 0                 |
|  |       | <u>3,233</u>      |       | <u>2,685</u>      |
| <b>Less EXPENDITURE</b>                  |       |                   |       |                   |
| Insurance                                | 161   |                   | 158   |                   |
| Printing & Stationery                    | 72    |                   | 46    |                   |
| Postage                                  | 76    |                   | 17    |                   |
| Transport                                | 241   |                   | 138   |                   |
| NDS Sponsorship and Subs                 | 50    |                   | 33    |                   |
| Net cost of shows                        | 1,909 |                   | 1,724 |                   |
| Hire of rooms for meetings               | 25    |                   | 22    |                   |
| Lecture Fees                             | 120   |                   | 50    |                   |
| Miscellaneous expenses                   | 387   |                   | 45    |                   |
| Accountants Fee                          | 30    |                   | 30    |                   |
| Depreciations of Assets                  | 30    |                   | 30    |                   |
|  |       | <u>3,101</u>      |       | <u>2,293</u>      |
| <b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b> |       | <u><u>132</u></u> |       | <u><u>392</u></u> |

# MIDLANDS DAHLIA SOCIETY

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017

|                               | 2017              |                   | 2016              |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               | £                 | £                 | £                 | £                 |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>           |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| VASES at 1st January          | 330               |                   | 330               |                   |
| Add Additions                 | 0                 |                   | 0                 |                   |
| Less Depreciation             | 60                |                   | 30                |                   |
|                               | <u>          </u> | 270               | <u>          </u> | 300               |
| AMPLIFIER at 1st January      | 15                |                   | 15                |                   |
| Less Depreciation             | 15                |                   | 15                |                   |
|                               | <u>          </u> | 0                 | <u>          </u> | 0                 |
|                               |                   | <u>          </u> |                   | <u>          </u> |
|                               |                   | 270               |                   | 300               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Cash at Barclays Bank PLC     |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Current Account               | 955               |                   | 1,204             |                   |
| Reserve Account               | 10,089            |                   | 10,087            |                   |
| Debtor...Advance rent payment | 409               |                   | 0                 |                   |
|                               | <u>          </u> | 11,453            | <u>          </u> | 11,291            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>           |                   | <u>          </u> |                   | <u>          </u> |
|                               |                   | 11,723            |                   | 11,591            |

Represented by:-

### ACCUMULATED FUND

|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward 1st January            | 11,591            | 11,199            |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year | 132               | 392               |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
|  | 11,723            | 11,591            |

B.D. Watson.....

Treasurer

.....Secretary

### Accountants Report

I have prepared the above balance sheet at 31st December 2017 and attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended from the books and records of the Midland Dahlia Society and I certify that they are in accordance therewith and in my opinion show a true and fair view of the Society's affairs at 31st December 2017

21 Mantilla Drive  
Coventry CV3 6NJ  
18th January 2018

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## AGM Minutes 2017

### Minutes of 58<sup>th</sup> AGM of MIDLANDS DAHLIA SOCIETY

**Held at KENILWORTH SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB ON 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

Present – The President Mr R Guest supported by members of the Executive Council of the MDS.

#### **ITEM 01 – NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

Denise Cheetham (taking the notes) read the notice convening the meeting.

#### **ITEM 02 – APOLOGIES**

Mr J Smith, Mr F Taylor, Mr R Pearce, Mr T Bratcher, Mr and Mrs J Digweed, Mrs M-J Roberts

#### **ITEM 03 – MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM were previously circulated to all members. The Chairman asked if they could be taken as read: Proposed by Mr L Jones and seconded by Mr P Fulford – Carried.

#### **ITEM 04 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

None

#### **ITEM 05 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The society chairman's report took the form of a presentation. Topics covered were:

**Single Bloom Show** which went very well – Ron Guest won best in Show.

**Sunday Show** - Peter Clubb won in the new Championship class

**Main Show** – Another good show, Ian Sutherland won the Championship. Visitors came from near & far, Gabby won the seedling class; Marie-Jane won the Basket class. Good team of judges & stewards, catering team, Angela & Paula sorting out entries and prizes.

**Wisley** – 3<sup>rd</sup> again, NDS Tombola went very well.

**Harrogate** – Short of blooms so we did not go.

**Malvern** – the NDS won a gold award, an extra award was given to the bureau, thanks to Midlands members who help with blooms and staging.

**Tuber sale** - 50 people attended, we did very well, thanks to all the help given.

**Plant sale** – another good event, Tom Bebbington donated 100 plants.

**Talks** - Dave Bates on classification in March; Barry Smith in April, 2 Dave's talk in Dec.

**Annual Dinner** - chairman shared some of his and Denise's hobbies.

**Sub Committees** – working well.

**Others** – 82 members paid up; still need secretary & Midahl editor; good links with the National society.

**Conclusion** – another good year, Dave Gillam has started a Facebook page which has 1000 viewers – it is encouraging an interest in dahlias. Anticipate another good year for the Midlands in 2017.

A brief discussion took place about the use of fern in baskets.

### **ITEM 06 – SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The AGM chairman thanked Denise for taking the notes, there was no secretary report.

### **ITEM 07 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Balance Sheet was presented by Bruce Watson. It had been a good year income was slightly up on last year. Donations depend upon the numbers at the various events. Good tuber sale. Interest on bank deposits almost zero (unfortunately). Expenditure – we have used up the stamps we purchased before the price increase.

Discussion took place re the 0% interest rate – the committee said it would review options.

The Raffle at the Dinner goes towards flowers, guest of honour dinner cost. £10 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at Wisley had been misplaced and would be carried forward to the 2017 accounts.

Les Jones proposed, Fred Wilson seconded the adoption of the accounts – Carried.

### **ITEM 08 – ELECTION OF PATRON**

Nominee: - Mr F Wilson Proposed: - Mr Les Jones, seconded by Mike Crump – Carried.

### **ITEM 09 – ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Nominee: - Mr R Guest Proposed: - Mr P Fulford, seconded by Paul Bugden – Carried.

### **ITEM 10 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

| Nominees: -         | Proposed by   | Seconded by   |                      |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Chairman            | Mr R Cheetham | Mr B Caswell  | Mr P Fulford Carried |
| Vice Chairman       | Mr T Williams | Mr F Wilson   | Mr P Bugden Carried  |
| General Secretary   | vacancy       |               |                      |
| Assistant Secretary | vacancy       |               |                      |
| Treasurer           | Mr B Watson   | Mr T Williams | Mr M Crump Carried   |
| Show Secretary      | Mrs A Guest   | Mr F Wilson   | Mr L Jones Carried   |
| MIDHAL Editor       | vacancy       |               |                      |
| Publicity Officer   | Mr R Cheetham | Mr P Clubb    | Mrs A Jones Carried  |

## **ITEM 11 – ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Two members, Mr M Woodfield and Mr N Johnson, were standing down, letters of thanks for their services to the society had been sent to them by the Chairman.

Nominees: -

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Mrs D Cheetham  | Mrs A Jones      |
| Mrs M J Roberts | Mr B Caswell     |
| Mr P Fulford    | Mr A Hayes       |
| Mr L Jones      | Mr D Reid        |
| Mr P Bugden     | Mrs C Cottingham |
| Mr G Young      |                  |

The nominees were proposed to be elected ‘en bloc’ by society President Mr R Guest, seconded by Mr F Wilson – Carried.

## **ITEM 12 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim Williams was proposed to be a new Life Vice President of the society – proposed by Mr R Guest, seconded by Mr B Watson – carried.

Mr Les Jones presented the president Mr R Guest, the Chairman Mr R Cheetham and the Treasurer Mr B Watson with the NDS Affiliated Societies Silver Medal for ‘doing a good job’ for the society.

There being no other business, AGM chairman Ron Guest thanked all who had attended and then declared the meeting closed.

## The Midlands Dahlia Society – Who's Who

Founded 1958, Affiliated to the N.D.S.

**Patron:** Frederick Wilson

**President:** Ron Guest Tel 01926 852362

### Life Vice Presidents

|              |                   |               |                |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| June Davis   | Marjorie Durrant  | Audrey Jones  | Brian Caswell  |
| Thomas Terry | Fred Wilson       | Don Davis     | Arthur Hayes   |
| Angela Guest | Ronald Guest      | Leslie Jones  | Cyril Checklin |
| Bruce Watson | Maurice Woodfield | Frank Newbery | Dave Reid      |
| Frank Taylor | Edna Wilson       | John Digweed  | Tim Williams   |

**Chairman of the Executive Council:** Rob Cheetham

25, Station Road, Kenilworth, Tel:01926 858681

#### Vice Chairman

Tim Williams

Church Road

Long Itchington

CV47 9PR

#### General Secretary

Denise Cheetham

Station Road

Kenilworth CV8 1JJ

#### Treasurer

Bruce Watson

39 Mountford Close

Wellesbourne

CV35 9QG

#### Publicity

Rob Cheetham

Station Road

Kenilworth, CV8 1JJ

#### Show Secretary

Angela Guest

18 Rouncil Lane

Kenilworth, CV8 1FF

#### Midahl Editor

vacancy

### Executive Council

Paul Bugden (Kenilworth)

Christine Cottingham (Dunchurch)

Arthur Hayes(Kenilworth)

Dave Reid (Barlestone)

Graham Young (Dunchurch)

Brian Caswell (Lower Tysoe)

Paul Fulford (Kenilworth)

Audrey Jones (Kenilworth)

Marie-Jane Roberts (Barford)

#### Past Presidents:

Rev Holland; Don Brown; Philip Damp; Denis Watson; Les Jones

**Show Sub Committee:** B Caswell, P Fulford, T Williams, L Jones, A Hayes,  
P Bugden, A Guest

**Annual Dinner Sub Committee:** D Cheetham, A Jones, M-J Roberts,  
C Cottingham

**Herbert Brown / Arthur Luck Sub Committee:** P Fulford, T Williams, L Jones,  
P Bugden

**Programme Sub Committee:** M-J Roberts, D Reid

**Honours Sub Committee:** R Cheetham, R Guest, B Watson

**Midahl Sub Committee:** R Guest, R Cheetham

**Committee meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, except September



Committee members for 2018.



**Midlands Annual Show 2017 – M Walker won the 3 bloom/ 3 vase class.  
The 17 entries are shown above.**



**Lots of activity at the Annual Show 2017.**