

DON'T FORGET THE APRIL TALK IS IN THE AFTERNOON. (poster attached)

This is partly as an experiment and partly to minimise problems with booking the hall. There will be herb plants for sale but please note this will be **CASH ONLY** We will continue to have the card machine available for raffle sales

THE BAFTA AWARD

At every talk we will be having the BAFTA competition. Just bring **one bloom** that you are particularly proud of, in your own vase, and place it on the table. To vote, you just place a piece of pasta in the container in front of the flower you like best. There is always a prize for the most popular flower.



WITSTOCK 13TH MAY

You will be pleased to know that we have signed up to a stall at Witstock (aka Witley Fair) and have decided to return to running a plant stall. For this to be manageable we do need your support in two ways:

PLEASE BRING SPARE PLANTS TO THE STALL IN THE MORNING
PLEASE OFFER SOME OF YOUR TIME IN THE AFTERNOON TO RUN THE STALL.

It gets very busy so we need lots of hands on deck.

Witstock is a lovely village event held on the field adjacent to the hall.

We don't have details of our pitch or timings yet but will let you know as soon as we do.

Chairmans Chat.

Thank you all so much for making the Spring Show such a lively occasion and for your patience with the communication issues for the presentations. The judges, as always, praised the standard of entries. I hope the cooks among you appreciated the helpful comments. The judge was certainly thorough! The cup winners are listed below. Well done to all of you and thank you for entering.

GEORGE EDWARDS CUP For the Best Exhibit of Daffodils and/or Narcissi in Classes 1 – 11	Louise Ashwell-Symes
CUTLER CUP For the Best Exhibit in Classes 14 and 15	Peter Herring
THE REDHEAD BOWL For the Best Exhibit in class 35	Catherine Bullock
NORMAN CUP For the Best Exhibit in class 33	Not awarded
WITLEY EVERGREENS CUP Best exhibit in Classes 19, 20, 25 - 27	Valerie Herring
DAVID SWIFT MEMORIAL TROPHY Most points in the Crafts Section	Sarah Carter
WITLEY W.I. CUP (Cookery) Best Exhibit Classes 47 -52	Margaret Ashwell

Some of the cups will be sent for engraving and you will get them as soon as possible. As regards the Norman cup, and in the light of comments you have made to us, the



committee will be discussing whether we have grounds for asking for a refund, as many of us either had blind plants or very few bulbs germinated.

As expected, the hall smelt amazing. We had very short notice that the Swallow room at the back had not been passed for use by the insurers, following a bad flood around the beginning of the year, but the positive feedback we had from having the tea tables within the main hall has led us to consider

making this a permanent feature.

Another change in the air is the formation of a sub committee for the shows, as we have not had any offers to join us as Show secretary's assistant. This will comprise Trevor, Jan, Barbara and myself. We still need one extra committee member please.



Thank you to the committee and all the extra helpers whose hard work helped make the day a success. *Christine Cox, Chairman*

GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS

Since we now have members from the Grayswood Gardening Club, following its closure, we have been asked to highlight the Grayswood Open Gardens. Do look out for this. More details when we get them.