

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society
Your friendly Garden Club

Despite the April showers there was an excellent turn out of members for our Plant and Seed Swap evening. Although it has hardly been gardening weather so far this year, there was an amazing number of plants to choose from, plus seeds and gardening books. Gardeners' Question Time proved wide-ranging with questions about manure, recalcitrant nerines and the best way to stake delphiniums! Altogether a most convivial and sociable evening!

With a record number of thirteen entries for the competition, which this month was a Single Daffodil, extremely well done to Antoinette Green for scooping first prize for her most unusual bi-coloured narcissus!

With the weather hopefully improving, now is the time to be thinking about your entries for our Annual Garden Show, which this year is being held on 9 September at The British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, with sections for Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Photography and a re-introduced Children's Section. The new Show Schedules are now available from Hartwells or the Village Information Centre or, alternatively, you can download a copy from the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies website at,

<https://www.gfgs.org.uk/shows/schedules/bourtonvaleshowschedule2023.pdf>

Needless to say, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with the build-up and running of the show on the day so, if you could spare the time, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 10 May at 7.30 pm at the Baptist Church Hall when our guest speaker will be Adrian James who will be telling us about *Three West Country Gardens* – Marwood Hall in Devon, Mapperton Gardens in Dorset and Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset. The competition is a *Vase of Tulips*.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members and visitors are always most welcome! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like details of this year's programme or a copy of the Show Schedule.

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