



National Vegetable Society - Lancashire DA Autumn / Winter 2017 News Letter

Dear Members

We hope you have all had a good growing season this year, despite the mixed bag of weather. We've had real extremes and I think summer was the last week in May. Was certainly a hot one. Fortunately I'd chosen to take that week off work and was full time down the greenhouses and polytunnels. It may now be the end of September, with drops in temperature and darker days, but there's still plenty to be getting on with.

The DA's had a very successful Show season. Our 1st appearance at Chorley Flower Show, now in its 3rd year, achieved a Gold Medal. It was a cracking show, a very reasonable entrance fee of £9. The Amateur Marquee was breath taking with very high standards of Society Exhibits. We hope to be back next year.

In August came Southport, with another fabulous vegetable display achieving a Large Gold and the Perpetual Challenge Trophy "*presented by the late Sir Herbert W Barber, JP; for an outstanding non-competitive exhibit.*" Try remembering that for a live radio broadcast !

On 9 September, David Metcalfe and Michael Osborn took the DA Road Show up to a new DA show in Stanley, Co Durham. Bob Mason and Paul Goodman also travelled up to show their support.

Mid September saw the annual Harrogate Autumn flower show with DA Members entering various exhibits, some getting placings. David and Michael travelled down to the Malvern Autumn Show a couple of weeks ago and achieved placings for their veg – leeks and shallots. Well done !

So, coming up, we have the very informative and interesting talks. Always something new to learn from them.

Thursday 12 October 2017 - David Thornton, FNVS - Seeds

As many of you will remember we have had David, a professional horticulturalist, to speak to us on a couple of previous occasions. David and his wife acquired the Select Seed Company about 18 months ago. The select seed company specialise in many of the vegetable varieties not available through other seed suppliers. This will be a fascinating talk about all aspects of seed production through to cultivation.

Thursday 9 November 2017 - Ian Stocks - Long Carrots and Parsnips

We have another speaker traveling quite a long way. **Ian Stocks** will be coming south from Scotland to show us how he grows Long Carrots and Parsnips. You can pretty well guarantee that at any of the large shows, Ian will be somewhere in the cards with his wonderful specimens. I think Ian will probably have some carrot seed with him to sell.

Thursday 14 December 2017 - AGM + Review of the Shows

We keep the AGM as brief as possible and this is followed by a pie and pea supper, then Paul Henshaw's ever popular review of this year's shows. Always a good evening.

2017 Programme of Talks

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Don't forget that the DA now has a FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NVSLancs/>

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We look forward to seeing you at the talks.

Regards

The Lancashire DA Team