



# DISLEY & LYME

## Horticultural Society

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NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



### DIARY DATES:

It's a while since the last Newsletter but we hope you have not forgotten the Society AGM which is coming up on **Friday 3rd December commencing at 8pm** at Disley Community Centre, immediately after this years Disley Christmas Tree lighting and Carol Service. Come along for a warm up, join us in a glass of festive mulled wine, coffee and a mince pie and have your say on how you think your Society should face the challenges of 2011. No point whinging if we don't meet your aspirations if you don't put your point of view forward!

### RECENT EVENTS:

Since the last newsletter we have had a Gardens Open Day, a trip to Prince Charles organic garden at Highgrove, The 103<sup>rd</sup> Show and a coffee morning and bulb sale, quite an eventful schedule!

The well attended **Garden Open Day** & afternoon Cream Tea in July was held in the very orderly gardens of 14 Hilton Road, how do folk keep their lawns so immaculate and what beautiful views across Disley golf course and the Derbyshire hills beyond.

The **HIGHGROVE COACH OUTING** in August was booked up very quickly and well worth the visit despite the fact that we probably visited between seasons. The garden structure and planting provided great interest and the feedback received from the attendees was all very positive, I'm sure we will return in due course.

**Saturday 14th August** saw the 103<sup>rd</sup> Disley Show held once

again at the Disley Amalgamated sports ground. Entry remained free for children and there was the usual array of show attractions for them with the increasingly popular pet and fancy dress competitions generating record numbers of entrants; there was face painting, a bouncy castle and a slide, all generating some brisk trade.

This year we were joined by representatives from the **Streptocarpus Society** who brought some added colour and a depth of knowledge that they were happy to gently share with those expressing interest. We are pleased to advise we have already secured their support at next years show.

With over 1000 class entries I think it safe to say the show should be judged a success; many thanks to all who gave up their time to help out and to stage their produce and handicrafts.

In October we held a Coffee Morning and Bulb sale in High Lane Village Hall but despite a good turn out we had a good few bulbs left over which were ultimately sold on by a number of members at their places of work!

### SHOW SPONSORS

We would like to formally thank this years principal show sponsors:

- Co-operative funeralcare
- Cooper Sons Hartley & Williams – Solicitors
- Dave Emmerson – Bill Plant, Driving School
- Disley Podiatry Clinic
- High Lane Garage
- Nightingales Solicitors
- Swizzels
- Thornville Arts

Without the help of these sponsors and that of many other local businesses and individuals who contributed raffle prizes and the like the show would struggle to thrive. Even with this help the show runs at a financial loss and only survives as a result of the fund raising efforts made throughout the year. Should you or your business wish to sponsor our next show please contact Dean Stafford, his details are at the foot of this page.

### ALLOTMENTS SHOW CHALLENGE

At next years show we are planning an allotment challenge competition where we will be seeking allotment teams to pit their growing skills against each other. Whilst details have not yet been finalised we are hoping that a few of the local allotments will join in and that we will have even more wonderful examples of locally grown produce on display on the show benches.



### Member's corner

Things have been a little quiet in the members corner over the last few newsletters if you have any horticultural related items that you wish to sell, or even donate to Society members let Les know on 07771 958269 and we will advertise them in the next newsletter.

*"Good Gardening"*  
*Hope to see you at the AGM*  
*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December*

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