

Ramsden Bellhouse Horticultural Society

Chairman's Report 2014

A year ago, I had my arm twisted and took over the Chairmanship of the Society.

The biggest challenge we faced was to stop the continuous annual deficits in our accounts before our reserve funds ran out.

As you all know, at the last AGM you agreed to reduce some of the expenditures and think of ways to raise funds for the Society.

I won't enumerate all the steps taken as Dawn will be reporting on the effectiveness of the measures taken. Nor do I want to go into the details of our fund raising efforts, but suffice it to say that we have dramatically reversed the constant deficits in our accounts by pulling together.

I should thank Isabel for all the drinks she organises at the meetings; also for the splendid table of historical artifacts of the World Wars at David Render's presentation. On that point, I would also like to thank Tony and Celia for arranging David's visit.

Thank you Val and Gloria for running the Plant Stall at the Village Fete;

Thanks to Marion for running a very successful Beetle Drive and for running the raffles at the meetings;

Thanks to all the members who donate the raffle prizes through the year;

Thanks to Isabel for organising the Village Hall hanging baskets which looked exceptionally good this year;

Thanks to Val and Angela for the 160 cream teas at the Garden Party and for Val's generous donation of tombola prizes;

Thanks to Philippa and Derek for opening their Garden to the members and Ken for opening the Hut on Sundays;

Dawn also needs to be thanked for the brilliant way in which she is doing the accounts.

Joan Lewis will be giving a résumé of the year's events. Joan currently does the hall bookings, arranges the speakers, takes the minutes of the meetings and is membership secretary. We should all thank her for her dedication. Quite understandably, Joan wishes to step down from her multiple positions, which she has efficiently carried out for many years. The intention is that a new member gets elected onto the committee and shadows Joan for a few months before taking on some of her duties. The rest of the functions will be dispersed among other members of the Committee.

I wish to end by thanking the Committee and you, the membership, for your support and your efforts in making this year such a success.

Rusi Hodivala

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Show Secretary's Report

The mini shows we trialed out this year seem to have been a success and we will be running them again in March and April 2015.

The Summer and Autumn Shows went well and I have put together an historical analysis of participation over the last four years. As a reminder of these shows, I have also itemised who actually stood out with Certificates of Merit at the Shows. In the past these awards have only be mentioned at the relevant shows, but I feel they need to be acknowledged at the AGM. It is good to see so many different members gaining these awards.

Next year's Summer Show will not be held in conjunction with the Village Fete. The dates for the two main shows will be **13th June** and **12th September 2015**. I hope to have the Schedules agreed and printed early in the New Year.

Can I thank all those who help to set up and dismantle the tables etc, those who help to run the Shows and those who provide the catering facilities.

Rusi Hodivala

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Awards for 2014

Award	Winner	Points Awarded
Daffodil Cup	Mike Jolland	20
Cousins Rose Bowl	Rusi Hodiala	20
Haines Dahlia Trophy	Rusi Hodiala	8
Committee Cup (Fruit)	Tony Rogers	11
Grace Cup (Flowers)	Rusi Hodiala	48
Peace Cup (Vegetables)	Rusi Hodiala	31
Ramsden Vase(Total Points)	Rusi Hodiala	127
Edwards Handicraft Cup	Marion Shillum	8
Clutterbuck Cup (Homecraft)	Thomas Carpenter**	18
Floral Art Cup	Gail Carpenter	19
Clutterbuck Memorial (Lady)	Marion Shillum	36
Ted Harris Memorial (Man)	Rusi Hodiala	127

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Certificates of Merit 2014

March (Daffodils)		
Best in Show	Mike Jolland	3 Stems of Spring Flowers
April (Tulips)		
Best in Show	Rusi Hodiala	3 Stems of Flowering Shrubs
Summer Show		
Best Exhibit in Rose Classes	Thomas Carpenter	
Best Exhibit in all other Horticulture Classes	Tony Rogers	
Best Floral Art Exhibit "Tea With Aunty"	Pat Faust	
Autumn Show		
Best in Vegetable Classes	Andy Gaskin	
Best Flowers Exhibit	Mike Jolland	
Best Exhibit of Dahlias	Rusi Hodiala	
Best Exhibit of Fruits	Marion Shillum	
Best Exhibit in all Horticulture Classes	Andy Gaskin	
Best Exhibit for Floral Art	Gail Carpenter	