EHS SPRING SHOW 2010 - REPORT

The Spring season before the show had been particularly cold and dull with the result that the plants in the gardens were a few weeks behind schedule.

The winter flowers of snowdrops and aconites had put on an impressive show of their colours and made the gardens begin to look as though they were coming to life again. They were still in flower when the crocus bloomed and they all put on a very impressive show for all to see.

The "Harbinger of Spring", i.e. the humble daffodil was much later than normal but was a welcome sight.

The Spring Show is usually crowded with one whole side of the hall full of variations of the narcissi family. Unfortunately, there were almost no daffodils in bloom for the two weeks before the show. Luckily, we had a warm spell and during the last week leading up to the show we were rewarded with a show of some of the various members of this family.

The show itself was larger than last year with an increase in most of the other classes of entries. Our members made a fantastic effort in supporting the show and we had 245 entries.

We had two special tables at the show – one raising funds for St Vincent's Nursing Home by selling very attractive Easter gifts. The second was a regular visitor to our shows – the chocolatier, Ilze van der Merwe who tempts us with her home made delights. She can be contacted on : <u>ilze@ilzeschocolat.com</u> or <u>www.ilzeschocolat.com</u>.

My thanks go to all those who support the show by entering the different classes and thus producing a fascinating array of exhibits to admire.

Also, to all those who come to meet up with other members and friends and by doing this make a really vibrant show. Onwards to the Summer show on the 19th June. Hope to see you there.