

Spring 2014 Show Report

The higher temperatures during the week leading to the Show seemed to bring the gardens to life. The bright daffodils that greeted visitors as they entered the hall matched the sunlight outside.

When you study the daffodil classes it is interesting to see the differences in the divisions. Unless you visit Spring horticultural shows you don't normally have the opportunity to see such a range in one place, and close-up. There was a beautiful example of a cyclamineus daffodil. In layman's terms the outside petals are angled sharply back from the central trumpet. The more exact definition is in our Spring Show Schedule so feel free to take a peek.

It wasn't just daffodils on display, I was surprised to see a plate of broccoli on the show bench - it's lovely to see such a variety of exhibits.

There were numerous photographs being displayed picking up the themes of "Spring", "Yellow", "Urban landscape" and "Shadows".

The Floral Art was themed around key dates at this time of year – St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday. There were some beautiful interpretations.

I was pleased to see the number of children's entries is increasing and we now have exhibitors across all age ranges. There are some photographs in the gallery of their excellent work.

We had an additional attraction at the Show, which was "Fifth Dimension Chocolates", an Ickenham based chocolatier who started his business just a few months ago. His innovative products are rather eye-catching and I assure you they are as tasty as they look! We hope to welcome Russell back to our next Show.

This was a large show with almost 300 exhibits and it attracted a considerable number of visitors in the afternoon, most of whom enjoyed the homemade cakes. No-one seemed too bothered that they were missing England's fine victory over Italy in the Six Nations Rugby.