



Photos: Barbara Segall

### Herb Society at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show

Thank you to all involved in the design and build of our two sites. And sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped to cover the full days open to the public on the two sites this year. We achieved a Lindley Silver Gilt medal as an educational charity for the display in the Plant Heritage and Societies marquee. The suffragette colours in Hilda's Healing Garden were a big hit with the public and the bees. Much of the display went on to a local primary school, thanks to our designer Bev for initiating the re-location of many of the wonderful herbs, mainly supplied by Trustee Malcolm Dickson and his son Thomas of Hooksgreen Herbs.

The childrens' family display was a

great success according to our feedback and it was especially enjoyed by children, our future herb lovers and growers, who came onto the stand to plant and find out about herbs. Annie Leonard provided some amazing hands-on, fun activities for families and little fingers. Thanks to her efforts and hard work the Society gained extra exposure.

RHS Tatton is a wonderful place to showcase a Society such as ours, and our aim was to promote The Herb Society and gain members. We certainly achieved that and gained 44 new members and hopefully many more afterwards. Thanks to all who were involved for their hard work and continuing support.

Barbara Wilkinson

*Above left: Congratulations on a Lindley Silver Gilt medal for The Herb Society exhibit at RHS Tatton Flower Show 2018.*

*(Left to right): Herb Society Chairman Roger Clampit; Trustees Barbara Wilkinson and Annie Leonard, with volunteer Toni Slater on Hilda's Healing Garden.*

*Above right: Trustee Annie Leonard set up the second of The Herb Society's exhibits at Tatton. This was to be a place where children and their parents could plant up the four-square herb garden over the lifetime of the show. There were many other activities to involve them in the joy of growing herbs.*

### Looking ahead Diary Date

The 2019 Herb Society Annual Get-Together will be an unmissable event. Put 14 September into your diary now. It is due to take place at Weleda, Ilkeston DE7 8DR (near Derby). Visit [www.weleda.co.uk](http://www.weleda.co.uk) to learn more about the company. Weleda has been growing and creating 100% natural, organic medicine and body care products for over 95 years.



### New book from Jekka



*A Pocketful of Herbs* is the title of Jekka McVicar's latest book, due for publication in March 2019. In this pocket-sized, compact book Jekka covers herbs in an A-Z format, offering information about growing, hardiness, cultivation and what each herb is good for in the kitchen.

*Herbs* hopes to have an article from Jekka about the book in the first issue of 2019 to coincide with the book's launch, and it is possible that we may have a special offer for *Herbs'* readers, so watch this space.