

# The Daffodil Society Northern Group

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Happy new year from the Northern Group.

Looking back briefly to last year's Bulb Auction at Pilley on 22 September. We had a good day, an exciting auction and a really interesting and practical talk from John Gibson, about his life as a daffodil breeder and his aims and hopes for the future.

Last year was challenging to say the least, Harrogate closing early on the last day (rain!) and even more shocking, the Great Yorkshire Show being cancelled after the first day. So a huge hope that this year is better. Having said that, the daffodil bulbs dug up like turnips, so they enjoyed all that water. The Northern Group AGM is on 3 March 2013 at Denton on the west side of the northern region, with speaker, refreshments and the early show. Harrogate Spring Show is 25 to 28 April 2013 (please note that exhibitors can stage from 2 pm on 24 April, judging begins promptly at 7.30 am on Thursday morning). The staging area is open all night with N group facilities available for tea and coffee. Security guards are present through the night. All show details, including local shows, are available on the Northern Group website : [www.thenortherngroup.co.uk](http://www.thenortherngroup.co.uk) and downloads of show schedules are also available, including the Late Show at Pilley.

Some sad news. Don Barnes has been ill since before Christmas and spent time in hospital. He has now had to go back in and is expected to be in for a fairly long time. Many of you will know him from his long spell as Secretary of the Daffodil Society and might like to drop him a line or a card to cheer him up. The contact address is:

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Michael Carlisle Centre  
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Kindest regards and good growing in 2013

Wendy Akers – President Northern Group