



## Final Report for Daffodil Trial 2008-2009

The following entries were given the Society's Award of Garden Merit (H4)   
(given to plants that are considered to be excellent for garden use):

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***Narcissus* 'Queen Beatrix' AGM (H4) 2009  
Classification 1 Y-Y [Trial no. 3]**

Raised by K van der Veen, sent by and available from Fr Veul Bloembollenbedrijf.

*"An excellent garden plant. Big, bright yellow flowers with good impact."*

Flowered for 21 days in 2009 (from 27<sup>th</sup> March), with 34 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.



***Narcissus* 'Patrick Hacket' AGM (H4) 2009  
Classification 1 Y-Y [Trial no. 4]**

Raised by Rosewarne EHS, sent by M Vandervliet. Available from R. Scamp, Quality Daffodils, 14 Roscarrack Close, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 4PJ.

*"It has a large number of excellent yellow trumpet flowers. The flowers really stand out. It's a good garden plant with strong healthy foliage."*

Flowered for 25 days in 2009 (from 13<sup>th</sup> March), with 32 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.

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***Narcissus* 'Wimbledon County Girl' AGM (H4)  
Classification 2 Y-Y [Trial no. 12]**

Raised by H A Vandervliet, sent by M Vandervliet.  
Available from R. Scamp.

*"Has staying power. Very nice flowers with great impact. Flowers are a uniform height."*

Flowered for 25 days in 2009 (from 13<sup>th</sup> March),  
with 28 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.

Mainly upright habit with outward facing flowers.

Flowering stems 59cm in height, with a mix of  
upright and arching glaucous grey-green foliage to  
46cm in length. Flowers 9.2cm in diameter.



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***Narcissus* 'Andrew's Choice' AGM (H4) 2009  
Classification 7 Y-O [Trial no. 29]**

Raised by Barbara Fry, sent by M Vandervliet.  
Available from Bloms Bulbs.

*"A very high flower count. Lots of secondary blooms."*

Flowered for 22 days in 2009 (from 24<sup>th</sup> March),  
with 67 flowering stems per 10 bulbs. Produced 1  
to 2 flowers per stem.

Height 55cm. Foliage glaucous green (138A),  
becoming paler yellow-green (145A-B) towards the  
base. Flowers 1-3 per stem, 70mm wide; perianth  
segments to 30mm long, mucronate, yellow (c9A);  
corona 12mm long, yellow-orange (23A) paler  
towards base. Flowers facing upwards. Scented.

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***Narcissus* 'My Story' AGM (H4) 2009  
Classification 4 W-P [Trial no. 32]**

Raised by Murray W Evans (USA), sent by J  
Pennings. Available from Bloms Bulbs and Walkers  
Bulbs at Taylors, Washway House Farm, Holbeach,  
Spalding, Lincs, PE12 7PP.

*"An amazing plant with great impact. The flower  
colour is very good and the flowers hold their  
colour well."*

Flowered for 18 days in 2009 (from 30<sup>th</sup> March),  
with 28 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.





***Narcissus* 'Sabrosa' AGM (H4) 2009**

**Classification 7 Y-Y [Trial no. 36]**

Raised by J W Blanchard, sent by J Pennings.

Available from R Scamp.

*"A mass of well formed miniature flowers."*

Flowered for 27 days in 2009 (from 19<sup>th</sup> March), with 50 flowering stems per 10 bulbs. Produced 2 to 4 flowers per flowering stem.

***Narcissus* 'Classic Gold' AGM (H4) 2009**

**Classification 10 Y-Y [Trial no. 38]**

Raised by W J M Blom, sent by J Pennings.

Available from R. Scamp

*"A fantastic number of flowers. A long flowering period. Distinctive flowers. Would also be good as a rock garden plant."*

Flowered for 27 days in 2009 (from 19<sup>th</sup> March), with 213 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.

Upright habit with upward facing flowers.

Flowering stems 17.5cm in height, green foliage to 16.5cm in length. Flowers 2.8cm in diameter.



**The following cultivar received the AGM in 2009, based on the knowledge and experience of members of the Daffodil and Tulip Committee.**

***Narcissus* 'Small Talk' AGM (H4) 2009**

**Classification 1 Y-Y [Trial no. 42, 43 & 44]**

Raised by J W Blanchard, sent by J Pennings and M Bradbury. Available from Broadleigh Gardens, Barr House, Bishops Hull, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1AE.

Flowered for 28 days in 2009 (from 6<sup>th</sup> March), with up to 36 flowering stems per 10 bulbs.

Upright habit with a mix of outward and slightly downward facing flowers. Flowering stems 15cm in height, glaucous grey-green foliage to 13cm in length. Flowers 4cm in diameter.

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## Trial Notes

**Objective:** To assess, compare and demonstrate over two years a range of cultivars recommended for trial by the Daffodil and Tulip Sub-Committee.

**Entries:** There were 44 entries. Entries were submitted by nurserymen and individuals from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

**Culture:** The plot was rotovated with a tractor-mounted rotovator and prior to planting the ground was cultivated by hand.

Bulbs were planted on 23 October 2007, at a depth of 3x the height of the bulb (approx 15cm/6"), spaced 15cm apart each way, in blocks of 25 double bulbs for each entry.

Entries were examined for virus each spring and affected bulbs removed. Some bulbs were also removed due to basal rot and neck rot.



*7 April 2009 Trials Assessment Panel meeting*

**Records:** A record was made of the date of start and finish of flowering, the number of flowering stems per bulb and the number of blind bulbs in each entry.

**Judging:** The Daffodil and Tulip Trials Assessment Panel assessed entries in the trial, individually and collectively, based on a points system using the following criteria:

<b>Impact/Grace and Charm</b>	<b>Max</b>
Colours	10
Style and Proportion	10
Carriage and Pose	5
Bloom Density	5
	Total 30

<b>Durability</b>	<b>Max</b>
Weather resistance	5
Flower life	5
	Total 10

<b>Constitution</b>	<b>Max</b>
Plant health & vigour	5
Plant habit	5
	Total 10

**Maximum Score = 50**

After considering the cumulative scores on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009, the Trials Assessment Panel recommended the Award of Garden Merit (AGM) to 7 entries (excluding *N. 'Small Talk'*).

As well as ratifying the awards recommended by the Trials Assessment Panel, the Daffodil and Tulip Committee also gave *N. 'Small Talk'* an AGM at their meeting on 13 October 2009.

### Flowering Details for 2008-2009 Daffodil Trial

Trial No	Name	Classification	Award	Sender	Flower stems / 10 bulbs		No. of days flowering	
					2008	2009	2008	2009
1	'Queen Mum'	1 W -Y		M Vandervliet	20	35	36	21
2	<del>'Egypt'</del> Name unknown	<del>1 Y-Y</del> 4 W-Y		W F Leenen	16	27	39	27
3	'Queen Beatrix'	1 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	Fr Veul Bloenbollenbedrijf	28	34	28	21
4	'Patrick Hacket'	1 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	M Vandervliet	19	32	42	25
5	'Ethereal Beauty'	<del>2 W-GWP</del> 2 W-WWP		Ringhaddy Daffodils	12	13	15	15
6	'Blues' (re-planted from 2006-2007 trial for interest)	2 W-Y		W F Leenen	18	28	36	28
7	'River Dance'	2 W-Y		Ringhaddy Daffodils	19	20	17	13
8	'Cornish Peach'	2 W-Y		M Vandervliet	22	41	47	25
9	'Scented Breeze'	2 W-YYP		Ringhaddy Daffodils	22	20	29	21
10	<del>'Parabole'</del> Name unknown. 'Parabole' is not registered and the flowers are not the same colour as stated on the entry form	<del>2 W-O</del> 2 Y-O		Fr Veul Bloenbollenbedrijf	18	26	29	16
11	'Cardiff'	2 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	19	35	36	25
12	'Wimbledon County Girl'	2 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	M Vandervliet	18	28	30	25
13	'Primegold'	2 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	19	23	38	22

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					2008	2009	2008	2009
14	'State Express'	2 Y-GOO 2 Y-YYO		B Duncan	26	41	17	17
15	'Akita'	2 Y-O		Fr Veul Bloenbollenbedrijf	22	29	35	20
16	'Glen Clova'	2 Y-ORR		Fr Veul Bloenbollenbedrijf	34	31	55	21
17	'Shining Light'	2 Y-R		Bloms Bulbs	17	28	25	12
18	'Eyrie'	3 W-YYP		Ringhaddy Daffodils	25	38	19	15
19	'Jersey Roundabout'	4 W-Y		M Vandervliet	23	23	30	14
20	'Wave'	4 W-Y		Fr Veul Bloenbollenbedrijf	18	25	25	20
21	'Flambards Village'	4 W-YYO		M Vandervliet	11	16	21	17
22	'Golden Lion'	4 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	20	24	18	17
23	<del>'All In'</del> Name unknown	4 Y-YYO 1 Y-Y maturing to 1 W-Y		W F Leenen	21	35	39	23
24	'Chipper' (re-planted from 2006-2007 trial)	5 Y-Y		Miniature Bulbs UK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	'Ara'	6 W-Y		M Vandervliet	11	18	29	24
26	'Wisley' (re-planted from 2006-2007 trial for interest)	6 W-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2007</b>	Lierop	22	21	44	32

Trial No	Name	Classification	Award	Sender	Flower stems / 10 bulbs		No. of days flowering	
					2008	2009	2008	2009
27	<i>jonquilla</i> var. <i>henriquesii</i> 'Twinkling Yellow'	13 Y-Y 7 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2008</b> <i>Subject to clarification of nomenclature. Nomenclature query resolved. Plant was named N. 'Twinkling Yellow'</i>	J Pennings	36	32	53	35
28	'Garden Opera'	7 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	37	80	29	18
29	'Andrew's Choice'	7 Y-O	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	M Vandervliet	47	67	35	22
30	'Sweet Surprise' Name unknown	9 W-GYO 4 W-O		W F Leenen	10	13	29	21
31	'Ffion Hague' (re-planted from 2006-2007 trial for interest)	11a W-P		Lierop	17	N/A	33	N/A
<b>Dwarf</b>								
32	'My Story'	4 W-P	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	J Pennings	28	28	37	18
33	'Safina'	4 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	21	28	32	28
34	'Jersey Torch'	4 Y-R		M Vandervliet	20	26	31	18
35	'Yellow Wings'	6 Y-Y		Bloms Bulbs	16	21	41	24
36	'Sabrosa'	7 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	J Pennings	58	50	37	27
37	'Yellow Pearl'	7 Y-Y		J Pennings	23	36	33	21
38	'Classic Gold'	10 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	J Pennings	71	213	40	27
39	Golden Bells Group	10 Y-Y		Maveridge International	44	55	23	17
40	'Apollo Gold'	10 Y-Y		J Pennings	83	59	40	31



Trial No	Name	Classification	Award	Sender	Flower stems / 10 bulbs		No. of days flowering	
					2008	2009	2008	2009
41	'Miss Muffit'	1 Y-Y		M Vandervliet	28	N/A	74	N/A
42	'Small Talk' (re-planted from 2006-2007 trial)	1 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	J Pennings	19	25	38	28
43	'Small Talk' (fresh stock Oct 2007)	1 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	J Pennings	13	36	51	28
44	'Small Talk' (stock originated from Mitsch Daffodils, USA) Planted 1st Nov 2007	1 Y-Y	<b>AGM (H4) 2009</b>	M Bradbury	7	17	44	28

Senders addresses:

Bloms Bulbs, Primrose Nurseries, Melchbourne, Beds, MK44 1ZZ

M Bradbury c/o Trials Office, Wisley

B Duncan bulbs available from Ringhaddy Daffodils

W.F. Leenen, Warmonderweg 6, 2171 AH Sassenheim, The Netherlands

W.van Lierop & Zn. B.V., Grasweg 31, 1761 LJ Paulowna

Maveridge International, Gwenveldsdijk 44, 1744 GE St Maarten, The Netherlands

Miniature Bulbs UK, The Warren Estate, 9 Greengate Drive, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 9EN.

J S Pennings, Schorweg, 14'De Bilt', 1764 MC Breezand, The Netherlands

Ringhaddy Daffodils, Ringhaddy Road, Killinchy, Newtownards, Co. Down, N Ireland, BT23 6TU

M Vandervliet c/o Trials Office, Wisley

Fr Veul Bloembollenbedrijf, Boermansweg 28A, 1761 LL Anna Paulowna, The Netherlands

**Key to classification** from the [International Daffodil Register 1998](#) / RHS

For garden purposes daffodils are classified in thirteen divisions. Whether of wild or cultivated origin, once a selection has been made distinguished by a cultivar name it should be assigned to Divisions 1-12. Daffodils distinguished solely by botanical name should be assigned to Division 13.



**Division 1 - Trumpet Daffodil Cultivars**  
One flower to a stem; corona as long as, or longer than the perianth segments.



**Division 2 - Large - Cupped Daffodil Cultivars**  
One flower to a stem; corona more than 1/3, but less than equal to the length of the perianth segments.



**Division 3 - Small - Cupped Daffodil Cultivars**  
One flower to stem; corona not more than 1/3 the length of the perianth segments.



**Division 4 - Double Daffodil Cultivars**  
One or more flowers to a stem, with doubling of the perianth segments or the corona or both.



**Division 5 – Triandrus Daffodil Cultivars**  
Characteristics of *N. triandrus* clearly evident: usually two or more pendent flowers to a stem; perianth segments reflexed.



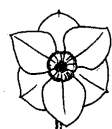
**Division 6 - Cyclamineus Daffodil Cultivars**  
Characteristics of *N. cyclamineus* clearly evident: one flower to a stem; Perianth segments clearly reflexed; flower at an acute angle to the stem, with a very short pedicel ('neck').



**Division 7 – Jonquilla and Apodanthus Daffodil Cultivars**  
Characteristics of Sections Jonquilla or Apodanthi clearly evident: one to five (rarely eight) flowers to a stem; perianth segments spreading or reflexed; corona cup-shaped, funnel-shaped or flared, usually wider than long; flowers usually fragrant.



**Division 8 - Tazetta Daffodil Cultivars**  
Characteristics of Section Tazettae clearly evident: usually three to twenty flowers to a stout stem; perianth segments spreading not reflexed; flowers usually fragrant.

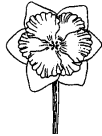


**Division 9 – Poeticus Daffodil Cultivars**  
Characteristics of the *N. poeticus* group: usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments pure white; corona very short or disc-shaped, usually with a green and/or yellow centre and red rim, but sometimes of a single colour; flowers usually fragrant.



### **Division 10 - Bulbocodium Daffodil Cultivars**

Characteristics of Section Bulbocodium clearly evident: usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments insignificant compared with the dominant corona; anthers dorsifixed (ie. attached more or less centrally to the filament); filament and style usually curved.



### **Division 11 - Split Corona Daffodil Cultivars**

Corona split, usually for more than half its length.

#### **a) Collar Daffodils**

Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in two whorls of three.



#### **b) Papillon Daffodils**

Split-corona daffodils with the corona segments alternate to the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in a single whorl of six.

### **Division 12 – Other Daffodil Cultivars**

Daffodils not falling into any of the previous categories

### **Division 13 – Daffodils distinguished solely by botanical name**

Perianth segments = petals

Corona = cup/trumpet

The colour code consists of two letters or two groups of letters, separated by a hyphen: the letter(s) before the hyphen describe the perianth segments; the letter(s) following the hyphen describe the inside of the corona. Hence an all yellow daffodil is Y-Y and one with a white perianth and pink corona is W-P. For purposes of description, the perianth segments may be divided into three zones – outer, mid and base; the corona into three zones – base, mid and rim; so a daffodil with a white perianth and a corona with a green eye, yellow mid-zone and red rim would be described as W-GYR.

Y = yellow    R = red    P = pink    G = green    O = orange    W = white

#### **Intermediate**

An Intermediate Daffodil is defined as a single-floreted cultivar from divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 11 with flower diameter typically 51mm – 80mm.

Further information on this trial is available from:  
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