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## **CHOOSE AND PLANT SPRING BULBS NOW FOR SHOW SUCCESS**

Dear Association Member

Our Spring Show will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April next year and now is the time to be thinking about your entries and, in particular, the bulbs you could be growing to produce flowers for exhibit.

Daffodils and tulips can both be purchased now. Whilst daffodils can be planted now, and a long growing period is beneficial, delay planting your tulips until November or December to avoid tulip virus. Try to buy good quality bulbs from reputable suppliers either in store, there is always a good selection at RHS Harlow Carr, or online from specialist companies. We have recently used Peter Nyssen and The Anglia Bulb Company and found them to be very good but of course there are others and you may well have your own tried and trusted. The bulbs may be more expensive but should produce larger, more interesting and spectacular blooms. Check the flowering times for the bulbs you are buying as these will vary. For the Show you will want to have late flowering daffodils but early flowering tulips.

Our suggestion is to plant in pots if you can as this allows you to more easily give them some protection from wind and/or rain if this is needed. You can also move them into a sunnier or shadier location as required to try and have them flowering at the correct time. As well as the cut flower classes there will be one for 'one container of bulbs or corms in flower, any variety or varieties' which you can also think about preparing for now.

We hope that's of help, and if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us on [info@addinghamaga.org.uk](mailto:info@addinghamaga.org.uk)

Happy Growing and Showing!

Peter & Jill Cooke