

Lois Scott

After spending her working life as a secondary school teacher, Lois was able to indulge her passion for plants and gardening when she retired in 2005. She undertook the RHS level 2 course and it was there that a tutor suggested she might enjoy becoming a member of the Hardy Plant Society. Lois attended a local meeting in early 2007 and promptly joined up. She was soon a committee member; her organisational skills were recognised and she became secretary of the East Yorkshire Group and editor of their newsletter. While in this post, several of the articles she commissioned were selected for publication in *Cornucopia* and *The Hardy Plant*.

Lois went on to improve her horticultural knowledge by undertaking the Plant Systematics course at Cambridge, and also the RHS level 3 course. She frequently attended HPS events throughout the country, and was always on the look-out for interesting speakers for the East Yorkshire Group.

Lois was a self-confessed plantaholic. Her back garden contained not only beds and borders but also queues of plants in pots, all waiting for a space.

Latterly she and her husband Keith took on the role of HPS National Groups Co-ordinators. Lois was very influential within the HPS; her generous and encouraging nature persuaded many to participate to a level they had not thought possible. Her contributions at the national level led to invitations for the East Yorkshire Group to host a Lecture Day in 2017, and the national AGM in 2019 - both highly successful events.

She will be greatly missed.



Susan Rowe, member of East Yorkshire HPS

Dr Dilys K Davies

A key figure in the story of the Hardy Plant Society, Dr Dilys Davies died on 17th January 2020 aged 89 years. A keen gardener and plantswoman, Dilys joined the HPS in 1975, and shortly afterwards she helped to form the North West Group. She was Chairman of the HPS from 1993 to 1996, when she was invited to become one of the Vice Presidents of the Society. Dilys wrote many articles, and her reference guide *Alliums, the Ornamental Onions* was published by Batsford in 1992, in association with the HPS.

Dilys is remembered with affection by her many friends in the HPS; a tribute to her will be published in the autumn issue of *The Hardy Plant*.