

AIRMAIL EDITION

**DAFFODIL BULBS**  
**1981**

From

**BALLYDORN BULB FARM**

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## INTRODUCTION

We only list a newly named cultivar for sale when we have a stock of 20 or so bulbs to meet anticipated orders, but in 1980 orders for N. Port Erin and Fairmaid have left only a few offsets and small rounds to be replanted. These varieties and others in our General List such as N. Firestorm, Foundling, Gransha, Golden Radiance, Hilford, Moonspell and Rialto will all be in short supply this year, so early orders will be necessary.

We could not send out any N. Dove of Peace for which we had more orders than stock, partly because we sent out so many gratis for trial in previous years, but mainly because the stock did not lift well and was dipped and replanted for lifting in 1982. There should however be a few N. Gin and Lime for sale from the 1979 planting.

The special offer of 10 bulbs for exhibition at \$50 post free has been popular and is repeated.

Another special offer of five numbered seedlings is made this year with the object of obtaining a report on their performance on the exhibition bench, and as garden plants. The five selected seedlings will include cultivars which have gained individual awards or have been part of a prize group, and all will be distinct enough to warrant being named. We would remind customers that in recent years we have sent out for trial as seedlings under number (often as gratis bulbs) cultivars since named, such as N. Firestorm, Hilford, Moon Rhythm, Right Royal, Rio Rouge and N. Top of the Hill as well as many others, and we would hope that most, if not all, of the five selected seedlings in this No.2 Parcel will qualify for a name and that this will be a cheap method of obtaining early a cultivar later to be named.

## OVERSEAS ORDERS AND PREPAID POSTAGE CHARGES

Dollar prices are in U.S. \$ converted at the arbitrary rate of \$2.00 = £1 sterling, and apply only to prepaid orders. Other orders will be priced at the exchange rate prevailing when paid. Prepaid postage is calculated on the same basis as follows:—

	U.S.A. by Air Mail	U.S.A. by Surface Mail	Japan, Australia & New Zealand Air Mail	Japan etc., Surface Mail
Up to 5 bulbs	\$12.00	\$8.00	£9.00	£5.60
5 to 10 bulbs	\$15.00	—	£11.00	—
10 to 20 bulbs	\$19.00	\$15.00	£12.50	£7.50

FREE BULBS WILL BE ADDED AS USUAL TO MAKE GOOD POSTAGE CHARGES, AND ALLOWANCE FOR FREE BULBS SHOULD BE MADE IN CALCULATING THE POSTAGE CHARGE. ANY VARIETY SPECIALLY ASKED FOR WILL BE INCLUDED IF STOCK IS AVAILABLE.

## SPECIAL OFFERS FOR 1981

No.1 Ten bulbs for exhibition in five or more classes made up only of cultivars which have been prize winners as single blooms or in groups as named varieties, or as seedlings under number. Catalogue value at least \$75.00

\$50.00 post free by airmail to U.S.A. (includes postage \$15.00 or so)

£20.00 post free to U.K. or Eire

Special rates for delivery by air or surface mail to other countries.

No.2 Five selected seedlings for exhibition

\$30 post free by air mail to U.S.A. (includes postage \$12.00 or so)

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No Value Added Tax is added to orders from U.K., Eire or overseas.

# CHOICE NEW DAFFODILS

## NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1981

- 3w-yyr **CASTLEHILL 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
Very lasting flower with pure white perianth and small deep yellow crinkled crown strongly banded dark red. Good stem and neck. Previously seedling 74/3w-yyr/xxx (Fairmile x Merlin)  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 3w-gwy **TOP OF THE HILL 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
Beautiful tall flower of CREPELLO type with sparkling white perianth and small pale crown green-eyed and edged yellow. Several show successes 1980 including NORTHERN BANK Trophy. Previously 74/3w-gwy/1xxx  
**£15; \$30.00 each**
- 9w-ggy **FROST IN MAY 6** (Ballydorn).  
Unusual FRIGID x CANTABILE seedling of DIV 9 character with pure white perianth and tiny deep yellow green throated corona, sweetly scented and closed anthers. Thin foliage but free flowering. Distributed for trial as seedling Frigid x/yellow. Only a few to go.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 2w-p **KIRKINGTON 2.3** (Mrs. Abel Smith)  
Early pink with solid deep rose pink crown of good constitution. Shown in winning seedling groups as E3/82.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
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- GENERAL LIST**
- 2w-w **ALDRINGHAM 3** (Ballydorn).  
A pure white smooth flower with slightly flared lobed crown. Good stem and poise. Bred from Guy L. Wilson parent bulbs.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 1w-w **APRIL LOVE 3** (Mrs. Abel Smith)  
A sister seedling of Tutankhamun. Large pure ice white flower. Won F. E. Board Trophy for best seedling at Daffodil Show, 1974.  
**£10; \$20.00 each**
- 2w-r **AVENGER 4** (J. L. Richardson) FCC 1969  
**£1.25; \$2.50**
- 3w-gyr **BRADDOCK 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
Strangford x Fermoy cross. A very brilliant flower with broad red banded crown.  
**£8; \$16.00 each**
- 2w-p **BRAMLEY 2-5** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
A charming early flower with a wide frilled cup rimmed pink.  
**£1.50; \$2.00 each**
- 2w-wwp **BRIDESMAID 4** (Ballydorn).  
A truly white flower of crystalline purity with a long flared crown, flushed soft pink at mouth.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **CAPISCO 3** (Ballydorn).  
Pure white overlapping perianth with very small bright cup banded red and with deep green eye. Early and tall for this division. Many recent awards  
**£1.50; \$3.00 each**

- 2w-w **CHURCHMAN 2** (Ballydorn).  
Recognized as one of the best in this Division for show and garden display.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 2w-w **CHURCHTOWN 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
A pure white Courage cross of trumpet character. Previously seedling 72/2C/10. Closely resembles CHURCHMAN but wider crown mouth. A few only.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 3w-y **CUSHENDUN 5** (Ballydorn).  
A beautiful small white flower with deep yellow small neat crown. Previously seedling Cushendall x/Tall yellow.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**
- 2y-w **DAYDREAM 3** (Grant Mitsch). F.C.C. R.H.S. 1966.  
**75p; \$1.50 each**
- 6w-o **DOVE OF PEACE 3** (Ballydorn).  
The cyclamineus x shown at Boston 1979. None available 1981.
- 2w-y **DUNDROD 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
From Preamble seed by unknown pollen parent. A well coloured bi-colour of great substance and good form. Now doing well in group classes.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 2w-y **DUNLAMBERT 2** (Ballydorn).  
Strong early plant with flat overlapping spade segments and large expanded yellow crown. A good doer.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2y-y **EMILY 3** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
Silver Howard x Aircastle. An unusual flower with rounded lime-yellow perianth and deeper yellow crown.  
**£1.50; \$3.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **FAIRGREEN 5** (Ballydorn).  
Tall white flower with small yellow crown edged orange with a deep green eye.  
**75p; \$1.50 each**
- 3w-gyy **FAIRMAID 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
A Fairgreen x of very high quality and good deep green throat. Photo on centre page of "Daffodils in Ireland". Previously seedling 73/3w-gyy/xxx.  
**£8; \$16.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **FAIRSEL 4** (Ballydorn).  
A tall white flower with a distinct orange rimmed crown. Vigorous.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**
- 3w-ggr **FARAWAY 4** (Ballydorn).  
Striking colour in the deep red crown with a deep green throat and broad white overlapping perianth of substance. Best seedling Div. 3B Omagh 1975.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 1w-w **FARO 3** (Ballydorn).  
Really strong white trumpet. Best in class Nashville 1980.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **FAVOR ROYAL 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
A superb pure white flower on a tall stem and good neck with a brilliant red rim to the crown which has for its centre a beautiful deep green throat. A constant winner.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**

- 1w-w **FINCOOL 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2y-r **FIRESTORM 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
A Vulcan cross resembling its seed parent, but bolder brighter colour in crown. One of the winning Silver Simmonds Medal group R.H.S., 1978. Best 3 stems Southern California Show, 1979.  
**£8; \$16.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **FLORIDA MANOR 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
Tall Clockface of excellent form and substance. Smooth flower with neat orange banded crown and green eye.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 6w-p **FOUNDLING 3-4** (Carncairn). A.M. R.H.S. 1972.  
The delightful pink crowned cyclamineus which has been very successful at Shows. Very few to go.  
**£10; \$20.00 each**
- 3w-goyr **FOUR WAYS 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
A colour break as the crown is at first suffused orange but then shows four zones, green, orange, yellow and a red rim.  
**£6; \$12.00 each**
- 1y-n **GIN AND LIME 2-3** (Carncairn)
- 2w-w **GLANDORE 3** (Ballydorn).  
A pure white flower of good form from Cortina x a Greenisland seedling cross with strongly overlapping shovel-shaped perianth segments and a well-expanded crown. Vigorous plant.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2y-r **GLENCRAIG 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
A large brilliant Craigwarren x Gaucho seedling of great substance and vigour. Previously seedling 72/2A/CR.  
**£1.50; \$3.00**
- 2y-o **GOLDEN AMBER 3** (Ballydorn).  
Unusual pale buff perianth and orange red expanded crown. Unusual garden flower of lasting quality on a vigorous plant.  
**£2; \$4.00**
- 2y-y **GOLDEN AURA 4** (J. L. Richardson).  
A show flower of the highest quality. Deep gold throughout with bell-shaped crown and smooth shovel-shaped perianth segments.  
**£3; \$6.00**
- 1y-y **GOLDEN RADIANCE 3** (Ballydorn).  
A large flower bred from Golden Rapture of uniform golden yellow and of exhibition quality. Vigorous. Very few to go.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 1y-y **GOLDEN SOVEREIGN 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
An exceptional deep golden trumpet of highest quality and vigorous constitution. Deep solid gold throughout. Golden Rapture x seedling cross. Previously 74/1A/1.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 6y-y **GOLDEN WINGS 3** (Ballydorn).  
A large golden cyclamineus. A CHARITY MAY cross with shorter deeper crown. Very successful in U.S.A. shows.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 3w-gor **GRANSHA 4** (Ballydorn).  
A Merlin seedling with very golden orange crown, a deep green eye, and a non-predominant scarlet rim. Very few.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**

- 2y-w **GRAND PROSPECT 4** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
Camelot x Daydream. A fine show flower of sulphur yellow. The trumpet type crown reverses when fully developed.  
**£6; \$12.00**
- 2y-y **GREAT EXPECTATIONS 3-4** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
An exciting addition to the few all yellow flowers in this Division from Golden Aura x Camelot.  
**£6; \$12.00 each**
- 4y-yyr **HAWAII 4** (J. L. Richardson).  
**£1.50; \$3.00 each**
- 2w-o **HILFORD 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
Previously seedling 72/Buncrana X/1. Pure white overlapping perianth with a remarkable deep apricot orange crown. In the winning Royal Mail Trophy group, Omagh, 1979. Very few.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 9w-gyr **IRELAND'S EYE 6** (Ballydorn).  
A sparkling flower of pure white with a crinkled crown of dark olive green extending well into the yellow mid zone and ending with a band of deep red. Good stem and neck. The brightest poeticus yet raised here. Only four or five available.  
**£10; \$20.00 each**
- 3w-gyy **JAMESTOWN 4** (Ballydorn).  
Distinctive yellow ruffled crown. Very flat overlapping perianth. Very strong stem and good neck. A regular winner. Great substance.  
**£4; \$8.00 each**
- 2y-o **KILLEEN 3** (Ballydorn).  
A good yellow-orange red of which the crown deepens in colour with age. A Kilmorack x, previously seedling 76/2A/20.  
**£6; \$12.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **LANCASTER 4** (Ballydorn).  
A distinctive yellow much crinkled crown which has a faint orange flush on opening and a striking deep green eye. Won its class Ballymena, 1977. One of winning group Omagh, 1979, for Royal Mail Trophy, and constantly successful.  
**£4; \$8.00 each**
- 3w-yyo **LANGFORD GROVE 3-4** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
Hamzali x Aircastle. A good exhibition flower. Pure white slightly reflexed perianth with very flat yellow crown banded deep orange.  
**£5 \$10.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **LICHFIELD 4** (C.R. Wootton).  
Only two and three available.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **LISBANE 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
A beautiful green eyed flower with a deep red wire rim to crown against broad white perianth. Tall and strong.  
**£4; \$8.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **LUSKY MILLS 4** (Ballydorn).  
Flat pure white perianth, and broad orange red band on a yellow crown centred on a green eye. Good stem and neck. Best seedling Omagh 1977 and best vase of DIV. 3 Ballymena 1977.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **MERLIN 4** (J. L. Richardson). A.M. R.H.S. 1962.  
Very few.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**

- 3y-o **MOON RHYTHM 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
A distinctive large flower of sulphur yellow perianth becoming paler with age and a crown of orange red. Best Div. 3A flower Harrogate Show, 1979. Previously seedling 73/3A/1.  
**£12; \$24.00 each**
- 2y-w **MOONSPELL 2** (Ballydorn).  
A vigorous reversed bicolor with strong colour contrast and of trumpet character. Best flower R.H.S. of Ireland, Dublin, 1979. Only a few bulbs this year.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2w-y **MOUNTPLEASANT 4-5** (Ballydorn).  
Deep yellow crown flushed orange. Flat pure white perianth.  
**75p; \$1.50 each**
- 2w-yyr **NORTHERN SCEPTRE 4** (Ballydorn).  
A very brilliant large flower with strong orange red non predominant band on yellow throated crown and pure white overlapping perianth. Best flower N.I. Group late show 1977. Many show successes 1978/80.  
**£5; \$10.00 each**
- 3w-grr **NORTHERN SPELL 4** (Ballydorn).  
Seedling 75/3br/Late. Capisco x. A very white perianth, and a delightful small crown with thin dark red non predominant rim.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 2w-r **NORVAL 4-5** (J. L. Richardson).  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 3w-gyo **NOTABLE 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
Unusual crown colour, green, yellow and a broad orange band making a large flat expanded crown. An excellent garden plant.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**
- 3w-yyr **OMAHA 4** (Ballydorn).  
An exhibition flower of large size with broad flat pure white perianth and flattish expanded crown with well defined margin of intense red. A good plant.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 3w-yyy **PARK SPRINGS 2** (Mrs. Abel Smith). A.M. R.H.S. 1979 F.C.C. as a Show flower 1979.  
Ethel x Syracuse. A lovely flower of waxy texture, good form and poise. Crown greenish pale lemon framed by almost circular perianth.  
**£2.50; \$5.00 each**
- 3w-ggw **PORT ERIN 5** (Ballydorn).  
A Portstewart x Tryst x of very great substance and form. Very pure white and small crinkled crown with exceptional deep green nearly half-way up into corona. Previously seedling 76/3w-ggw/xxx.  
**£8; \$16.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **PRESTO 5** (Ballydorn).  
A large smooth petalled flower with a long stiff neck. Crown broadly banded with orange red, holds its colour well.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 2w-y **PRINCE OF BRUNSWICK 1** (Ballydorn).  
A very early medium size garden flower of cool colouring from a Brunswick x Promptitude cross. Broad white perianth, yellow crown becoming ivory with primrose edge.  
**75p; \$1.50 each**
- 2y-r **RIALTO 3** (Ballydorn).  
A highly coloured flower with expanded crown of deep orange red approaching crimson. Broad overlapping golden perianth. Only two or three available.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**

- 2y-r **RIGHT ROYAL 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
One of the winning group for Royal Mail trophy, Omagh, 1979. Highly coloured large flower of excellent proportions. Great substance, strong stalk and good neck. Previously seedling 72/2A/1.  
**£8; \$16.00 each**
- 2o-r **RIO ROUGE 3** (Ballydorn).  
A beautiful and unusual flower. Foxhunter x Alight seedling. Broad copper-toned perianth of good form, and nicely expanded red crown. In the Silver Simmonds Medal group R.H.S., 1978.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2w-p **ROSE ROYALE 3** (J. L. Richardson). A.M. R.H.S. 1964.  
**£3; \$6.00 each**
- 8w-o **SPARKLING EYE 4** (Dutch).  
Our favourite late flowering Tazetta.  
**50p; \$1.00 each**
- 2w-w **SPELGA 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
A Dunseverick x of great substance. Very white throughout with large well expanded crown. Good neck and strong stalk.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **STRANGFORD 5** (Ballydorn).  
A striking flower with white overlapping rather pointed petals and a widely expanded crown heavily banded with brilliant red.  
**75p; \$1.50 each**
- 4y-yyr **TAHITI 4-5** (J. L. Richardson).  
Very large bold flower of exhibition quality.  
**£1.50; \$3.00 each**
- 2w-ooy **TOPKAPI 3** (Ballydorn).  
Blarney seedling named of jewel-like quality. Purest white overlapping flat perianth. Pure gold non predominant band on crown changing to orange and a darker throat. None 1980.
- 2y-y **TORCH BEARER 2-3** (Ballydorn).  
One of the winning groups which gained the Silver Simmonds Medal at R.H.S., 1978 and Royal Mail Trophy group, Omagh, 1979.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 3w-gw **TROUTBECK 5** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
Pure white flower with shallow crown, emerald green eye.  
**£10; \$20.00 each**
- 3w-gyr **TULLYBEG 5** (Ballydorn).  
Merlin x. A beautifully rounded and bright flower with pure white and very smooth petals of substance. The cup is banded with a 1/4" rim of deepest red which gives way to yellow and green in the eye. Lovely distinctive show flower for late in the season.  
**£4; \$8.00 each**
- 2w-p **TULLYCORE 3** (Ballydorn).  
Beautiful Interim x Salmon trout seedling with white perianth and pure pink crown disclosing a green eye.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**
- 2w-p **TULLYROYAL 3-4** (Ballydorn).  
A Tullycore seedling cross of beautiful clear pink down to dark eye. Good white perianth and neck. Previously seedling 71/2p/1.  
**£2; \$4.00 each**
- 2w-gww **TUTANKHAMUN 2-3** (Mrs. Abel Smith). A.M. R.H.S. 1975  
Ave x Empress of Ireland. A dazzling white flower of near trumpet proportions. Very green eye in a nicely flanged crown.  
**£4.50; \$9.00 each**

- 3w-yyo **WINKBURN 3-4** (Mrs. Abel Smith).  
A charming flower with narrow orange rim on yellow crown.  
**£1.50; \$3.00 each**
- 3w-y **WOODLAND PRINCE 3-4** (T. Bloomer).  
**40p; 80 cents each**
- 3w-r **WOODLAND STAR 4** (T. Bloomer).  
**40p; 80 cents each**
- 2w-w **WOODVALE 3-4** (W. J. Dunlop) P.C. R.H.S. 1949  
An almost forgotten flower which when well grown can be of great purity. Somewhat starry form.  
**£1; \$2.00 each**

## The Northern Ireland Daffodil Group

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Limited stocks of the following are grown including some by W. J. Hall, at Castle Espie:-

- DIV. 1y-y Baronscourt, Banbridge, Spanish Gold, Moon Goddess.  
DIV. 1w-w Balloo, Empress of Ireland.  
DIV. 2y-y Lime Regent.  
DIV. 2y-o & Ceylon, Hollyberry, Mexico City, Pipe Major,  
2y-r Redman, Richhill, Red Riband, Sun Salver.  
DIV. 2y-w Drumawillan.  
DIV. 2w-y May Queen.  
DIV. 2w-ooy Irish Charm.  
DIV. 2w-yyo Lysander.  
DIV. 2w-w Finmacool, Dunseverick, Tibet, Stainless.  
DIV. 2w-p Carrickmannon, Dulcie Joan, Gainsborough, Mandolin,  
Marietta, Passionale, Pretty Polly, Raffrey, Simile,  
Tynan.  
DIV. 3y-yyr Perimeter.  
DIV. 3w-w Aircastle, Cushendall, Frigid.  
DIV. 3w-o, 3w-r, 3w-gyo or 3w-gyr, Fairmile, Kildrum, Green  
Meadows, Matapan, Vanessa.  
DIV. 4 Albus Plenus Odoratus.  
DIV. 5 Niveth.  
DIV. 6 February Good, Charity May, Dove Wings, Jenny.  
DIV. 7 Lintie, Sweetness, Trevithian, Tittle Tattle.  
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DIV. 9 Cantabile, Cantabile x seedlings.

and many seedling stocks of strong growing plants for naturalising. Also older named varieties for naturalising at specially low prices per 50 or 100 double nosed or round bulbs.

### GENERAL TERMS OF BUSINESS

This catalogue cancels all previous issues. All bulbs are offered subject to crop, and being unsold on receipt of order. Orders for bulbs amounting to less than £5 in value or U.S. \$30 in value for overseas orders may be declined.

No complaint as regards quality of bulbs, size, health or numbers will be entertained unless made immediately after receipt of bulbs.

Orders cannot be cancelled except by mutual consent.

No acknowledgement of an order will be sent unless accompanied by payment in advance or specially requested.

All bulbs travel at the purchaser's risk, and orders will be despatched in rotation and as far as possible before the 15th September each year.

**Payment** : New customers are asked to make payment with order and to add the estimated cost of postage, see page 2 inside cover.

INVOICES ARE INCLUDED IN ALL PARCELS SENT OUT, AND PAYMENT ON RECEIPT IS A CONDITION OF SALE WHEN PAYMENT IN ADVANCE HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

Receipts for payment are not sent unless specially requested.

**Carriage or Postage** is charged on all orders except Special Offers but packing is free.

ADDITIONAL FREE BULBS WILL BE INCLUDED TO MAKE GOOD CARRIAGE OR POSTAGE CHARGED, AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ANY VARIETY PARTICULARLY REQUIRED WILL BE INCLUDED IN SUCH FREE BULBS.

### ARRANGEMENT OF LIST, AND CODING SYSTEM

The list has been arranged in alphabetical order with the Division and Classification of each cultivar shown in the margin. The classification is in accordance with the Revised System recently adopted by the R.H.S. Colours are abbreviated as follows:

w—white or whitish; g—green; y—yellow; p—pink; o—orange; r—red.

For the purpose of description, the daffodil flower is divided into perianth, and corona. The perianth is described by the first letter following the number of the Division to which the cultivar belongs.

The corona is treated as having three zones : An eye zone, a mid-zone and an edge or rim. The description of the corona is separated from the description of the perianth by a hyphen and the letter then following the hyphen describes the corona colour starting with the eye zone. If however the corona is of a single colour, only a single letter of the colour code is used to describe it.

### CULTURAL DIRECTIONS FOR DAFFODILS

To obtain best results, a sunny well drained plot of ground should be selected. Previous deep digging to aerate the soil is an advantage, but on no account should farm or stable manure be incorporated or used as a mulch. The use of inorganic fertilisers is not recommended, but a light dusting of bone meal before planting and during each successive winter will help bulb and flower production. The rate of application need not exceed 2 ozs. per square yard. Wood ashes or a sprinkling of sulphate of potash will help to produce intensity of colour.

The site should be made up some weeks before planting, which should be carried out in September. The bulbs should be covered with about twice their own depth of soil in average land, and rather less if the ground is heavy.

Smaller quantities of bulbs can be planted in blocks or groups in herbaceous borders, but cannot be expected to produce their best blooms if planted close to hedges, or shrubs whose roots rob the soil of its productive qualities. Nor can bulbs planted in dry, parched conditions be expected to increase well, or produce large flowers after the first year.

The daffodil requires a damp retentive soil during the period when it is making the bulb which will flower in the following season. Bulbs may be left down for several seasons without being lifted and we have good clumps which have been down for six years or more.

The large round bulb with a single nose, or a large offset will produce a finer flower than a mother bulb with several noses. After flowering seed pods may develop, and the flower heads must be removed or the development of the bulbs will be prejudiced.

Not all daffodils will produce their best flowers if grown in pots, but most white trumpets, or white and red flowers do well. On the other hand many yellow and red highly coloured flowers do not come well in pots, unless the temperature can be kept below 60°F after the buds emerge. The secret of successful pot cultivation is ample watering, good ventilation and a moist atmosphere being maintained by overhead spraying, or floor watering as the buds come into flower.

We do not recommend forcing daffodils in pots, and the best practice is to plunge the pots in cool ground (under 48°F), for eight weeks at least, and to bring the pots into the greenhouse or house using no heat except to keep away frost. Bring the pots into room temperature only when flower buds are showing. Copious watering is essential once the buds are coming clear of the bulbs and on no account should the pots be allowed to get dry.

The best way to select varieties is to see them growing and flowering. We will be glad to permit visitors to see the bulbs in flower during this Spring on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons or on other days by arrangement.

N. P. HARRISON, Ballydorn Bulb Farm, Killinchy, Newtownards, Co. Down.