

## **Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake**

Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake are well known to daffodil enthusiasts for their ongoing work both on *Daffnet* and the ADS website. However, in a major new contribution to the daffodil world they have taken Steve Vinisky's disc of the *ADS Illustrated Data Bank*, supplemented it with material from the *ADS Data Bank* and the *International Daffodil Register* and created *DaffSeek*, the daffodil photo database sponsored by the ADS. Given its extensive photographic content and ease and speed of use, *DaffSeek* has proved a great help to daffodil growers, hybridizers and enthusiasts.

The Peter Barr Memorial Cup is awarded annually by the RHS on the recommendation of the Daffodil and Tulip Committee to 'someone who has done good work of some kind in connection with daffodils.' Whilst making the award to Nancy and Ben at a reception in London to mark the publication of the *International Daffodil Register and Classified*

*List 2008*, the President of the RHS, Peter Buckley, commented on the now rather archaic wording used to describe such a significant contribution to the development and enjoyment of daffodils. He also noted that this was the first time since the inception of the award in 1912 that it had been awarded to a team of two. Nancy and Ben were also honoured at Harrogate by being made Vice Presidents of the Daffodil Society.



Presentation to Nancy and Ben by  
Peter Buckley  
(*photo James Akers*)