

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

Chairman's Introduction

On behalf of the committee, thank you to the 44 people who attended our AGM on Monday 11th January. The evening went very smoothly and I hope that you enjoyed it.

The minutes of the AGM have been distributed with this newsletter, together with the associated reports. We have also included the Spring Show Schedule, so you have a bumper package this time!

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

***THACS* Events**

For ease of reference, here are the dates and titles of our events, together with the closing dates for the associated bookings.

Date	Event	Closing date for bookings
21 st March	Creative Writing Workshop	14 th March
9 th April	Spring Show	3 rd April
17 th September	Autumn Show	11 th September
29 th October	Arts & Craft fair	No booking required

Forthcoming Events

Creative Writing on Monday 21st March

This spring's creative writing workshop will be held on the 21st of March from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. It has been scheduled to take place shortly before the writing competition which is part of the *THACS* Spring show in April. Of course, there is no requirement to produce something for the Show – the courses are a pleasure and you may wish to write for yourself but it may provide inspiration for those wishing to enter the competition.

Frances Wilson will again be our tutor. For those who haven't been before, the day starts with some of her famous apple cake, followed by writing exercises. The rest of the morning is spent writing prose and/or poetry of the participant's choosing or on a theme fostered by the exercises. Lunch is a bring-and-share (now well known and envied!). In the afternoon we hear one another's work and may follow on with a few exercises depending on time.

The cost will be £18 for *THACS* members and £21 for non-members. If you would like to know more or wish to sign up, contact Joanne Allen on 01438 798749 or at jralen14@hotmail.co.uk.

Spring Show on Saturday 9th April

The THACS Spring Show will be held on Saturday 9th April. Show schedules, rules and entry forms accompany this newsletter. Extra copies can be down-loaded from the THACS page on the village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores after 1st March. Please make sure that your completed entry forms and fees are delivered to Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, ideally by Sunday 3rd April. **No entries will be accepted after 12:00 Thursday 7th April.**

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Exhibits should be taken to the hall between 8.30am and 10.30am on the day. The show will be open to the public (free of charge) at 2:00pm, after the judging has taken place. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.30pm.

There is normally an auction of exhibits straight after the prize-giving, but this time we are going to try something different. Instead of an auction, the available exhibits will be placed on a table after the prize giving and you will have the opportunity to buy them in exchange for a donation to a suitable charity (yet to be chosen).

If you are an exhibitor and you want to keep your exhibit, please ensure that you indicate this on the show card when you stage your exhibit. (See the Rules and

Guidance notes in the Show Schedule for more details).

So go on, take a look at the categories and have a go. You never know, you could be a winner! Ask your friends along to see the show in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Future Events

Your committee have a number of events arranged for the coming year.

The Creative Writing Workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> March and the Spring Show on 9<sup>th</sup> April are described above.

There will be an Open Gardens Day on one of the weekends in May. If you are willing to open your garden, or if you would like more information or advice then please contact Jim Hall (email [jimjhall@btinternet.com](mailto:jimjhall@btinternet.com) or telephone 01438 718505).

June is the time for the village fete and *THACS* will be manning the plant stall. We'd appreciate your donation of plants and seedlings so please keep this in mind when you're sowing and propagating in spring. All proceeds will go to support your village hall.

A visit to a garden is being organised and will probably take place in July.

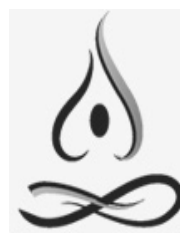
The Autumn Show is booked for 17<sup>th</sup> September so you have plenty of time to prepare.

We will be holding our very popular Art and Craft Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. If you are an artist or crafts person or know of anyone locally who would like to take part please contact Hilary Tipping at [hilary.tipping@talk21.com](mailto:hilary.tipping@talk21.com) or phone 01438 718700 for more details.

Still under consideration for autumn / winter is an art workshop and another Creative Writing workshop.

The *THACS* objective is to promote horticulture, arts and crafts. If you come up with any ideas for events in support of this objective, then please contact any one of your committee members (contact details below) or email your ideas to Jim Hall at [jimjhall@btinternet.com](mailto:jimjhall@btinternet.com).

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## Recent Events

### ***THACS* AGM on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The fifteenth *THACS* AGM took place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The minutes are distributed with this newsletter, together with the Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report, Income & Expenditure and Statement of Funds.

We held the elections for the officers and remaining committee members and the names and contact details are as follows:-

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After the AGM and a break for refreshments, our guest speakers Mike and Anna Clark delivered their illustrated talk entitled ***From the Bucharth Gardens in Vancouver to the Orchards of Washington State.*** They recounted their trip to Vancouver Island, Canada, and to the extensive Yakima Orchards to the east of Seattle, Washington State, USA. During that trip, they visited the beautiful Bucharth Gardens and several fruit growing centres.

It was a light-hearted and entertaining account of their holiday, showing the diversity of flowers and fruit as well as other aspects of the spectacular landscape. Mike and Anna had clearly been smitten by the beauties of the area, so maybe their enthusiastic presentation will encourage other people to visit there as well.

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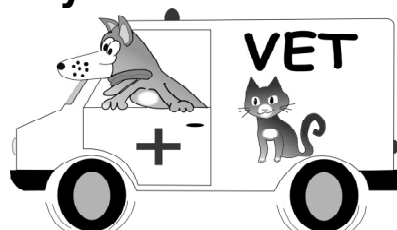
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