

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2010

Chairman's Introduction

I hope that you enjoyed our recent largest-ever Autumn Show. It was a successful and enjoyable event and my thanks go to all those people who exhibited and to those who came along to enjoy the show in the afternoon. Once again, our Show Secretary Anna Clark did a magnificent job in organising everything. Her show report and the results are given below. Many thanks to Anna and to all the willing volunteers who helped her.

Our Open Gardens event in May generated a profit, which has enabled us to make a donation of £250 to the Tewin Allotment Association. They have extended the allotments to provide another eight plots and improved the water supply by extending it to the new plots. Our donation will go towards paying for this by partially replenishing the Associations funds. The *THACS* committee agreed that this would be a suitable use of our funds and we are pleased to be able to help such a worthy local cause that is so akin to our interests.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of *THACS* in October 2000, there will be two events on Saturday 23rd October. During the day, there will be an Arts & Crafts Fair and Sale in the Memorial Hall, and this will be followed in the evening by our 10th anniversary party. We have also organised a gardening talk and a visit to an art gallery for November, so do please join in.

Ray Keppler (Chairman).

***THACS* Autumn Show on Saturday 4th September 2010**

THACS ninth Autumn Show was held on Saturday 4th September at Tewin Memorial Hall. It was the largest show yet with 111 exhibitors taking part and an amazing 528 entries. The hall was full to brimming with produce and displays of many kinds making an exciting show for all who came in the afternoon.

Tewin Cowper School encouraged their pupils to take part, and also prepared two beautiful collages for the show, which were exhibited on the wall above the children's show entries. The head teacher, Alison Simpson, kindly presented the children's awards at the end of the afternoon, and representatives of the donors of most of the other trophies were also on hand to congratulate the winners.

The committee worked hard to make the show a success. They would like to thank all those who entered, the judges, all who helped behind the scenes setting up the show and providing teas and cakes.

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i>	<i>Winners</i>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Susan Whitbourn
Carlton Rose Bowl - Flowers	Anna Clark
Ivor & Vaughan Williams Trophy - Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd
Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield - Horticulture (Flower Arranging, Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit)	Mick Lloyd

Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal – Horticulture (Flowers, and Vegetables & Fruit)	Michael Clark
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Diana Whitehead
Nostalgic Photography Trophy	Shirley Ashby
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Paul Carter
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Debbie Mills

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award - Children's Class	Scarlett Christian-Cox
Children's overall winners in Horticulture, Arts & Crafts and culinary	Scarlett Christian-Cox
George Humble Crawford Award -Children's Photography - 11 to 17 year olds	Keir Lockyer-Webb

<i>Other Prizes – Adults</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Flower Arranging	Susan Whitbourn	Audrey Walters	Joy Lawson
Flowers	Anna Clark	Pat Fulford	Ray Keppler
Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd	Michael Clark	Ray Keppler
Arts & Crafts	Diana Whitehead	Audrey Walters	Terry Brand
Photography	Paul Carter	Colin Minton	Jules Bridgman
Culinary	Debbie Mills	Hilary Tipping	Joy Lawson

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Horticulture: Open Class (Largest Sunflower head)	Freddy Glew
Horticulture: Other categories	
2 to 4 year olds	Oliver Chapman
4 to 6 year old	Scarlett Christian-Cox
7 to 8 year olds	Lauren Cates
9 to 11 year olds	Saffron Leggatt
Arts & Crafts: Open Class: (Handwriting)	
2 to 4 year olds	
4 to 6 year old	Joint winners Rosie Christian-Cox, Lauren Howland
7 to 8 year olds	William Parsley
9 to 11 year olds	Elly Lee
12 to 14 year olds	Bryony Kirby

	<i>Winners</i>
Arts & Crafts: Other categories	
2 to 4 year olds	Layla Bester
4 to 6 year old – bracelet	Scarlett Christian-Cox
4 to 6 year old - model	Matthew Cox
7 to 8 year olds - necklace	Harry Goode
7 to 8 year olds - model	Lauren Cates
9 to 11 year olds	Felix Tubb
Culinary	
2 to 4 year olds	Olivia Brand
4 to 6 year old	Scarlett Christian-Cox
7 to 8 year olds	Emily Cox
9 to 11 year olds	Victoria Glew
12 to 14 year olds	Robert Glew

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>
Photography		
15 to 17 year olds	Keir Lockyer- Webb	Christie Lockyer- Webb

Forthcoming Events

Calligraphy workshops in Burnham Green Hall starting on 8th October 2010

The popular Calligraphy workshops are starting again in October. Jo Cooper, who judges our calligraphy efforts at the Spring Show, is running a series of three workshops for beginners and those of us who started in the last academic year, on **Friday 8th October, 29th October and 26th November at 2.30pm at Burnham Green Hall.** (The start date has been postponed from the previously mentioned 17 September, due to too many people being away or unavailable on that date.)

The initial three-week course costs £15.00, and if requested, we will be recruiting for more classes after Christmas. If you are interested in learning the art of Calligraphy and would like to come along for a two hour session on each of these dates, please fill in the form on page 8 and send it, with your payment (cheques payable to *THACS*), to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP by Monday 4th October 2010.**

Please note that in order to ensure that the workshops are run on a sound financial footing, we require payment for the three-week course before the first class. If you are unable to make the dates, but would like to enrol for the classes at a later date, please fill the form in as appropriate.

THACS Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday 23rd October 2010

23rd October sees the return of the *THACS* Arts and Crafts Sale. Formerly in Burnham Green Village Hall over two days, we have moved to Tewin Memorial Hall for one day only. There will be over 20 stalls selling locally produced arts and crafts, from painting, photography, ceramics and horse-shoe craft to traditionally made teddy bears, knitted gifts, silver jewellery and home-made preserves. There will also be demonstrations of jewellery making from Homebeads of Knebworth and face painting for the children.

Doors open from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be on sale all day and entrance is free.

This event is part of the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the society, so do please come and join us and get that Christmas shopping done early!

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THACS 10th Anniversary Party on Saturday 23rd October 2010

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of *THACS* in October 2000, we are going to have a buffet meal and party in Tewin Memorial Hall from 7.30pm.

There will be live music featuring the *Stockman's Delight* (a folk band which includes in its players two *THACS* members, Sharon Laming and Peter Oakenfull), and later in the evening Gary Benjafield will be entertaining us from 9.00pm. There will be a pay bar, manned by some of the Hall committee, and a 'bring and share' buffet.

We are preparing a display featuring past *THACS* events, such as shows, visits, open gardens and workshops, with possibly some press cuttings and *THACS* posters. The Roll of Honour book will be on display for you to view. If you have any personal *THACS* memorabilia from the past 10 years and you would be willing to lend it to us for our anniversary display, please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324. If this includes photographs, then please ensure that they have a caption so that they can be put into context.

The tickets are on sale now at £5 so please fill in the form on page 8 and send it, with your payment (cheques payable to *THACS*), to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP** as soon as possible.

Remember to bring along your dancing shoes to help make the evening go with a swing!

Jewellery Classes at Homebeads, Knebworth, on 4th & 18th November 2010

Maxine and Charlotte Callaghan of Homebeads in Knebworth, who judged at our Autumn Show, are running two jewellery-making classes for *THACS* in November. These have been very popular in the past, and with only a limited space in their premises, you are advised to book early! The classes are being held on Thursday 4th November and Thursday 18th November at 6.30pm at Homebeads in the High Street, Knebworth, opposite Barclays Bank. The classes cost £5.00, payable on the evening, plus the cost of any beads, fixtures etc. you may buy.

Please fill in the form on page 8, stating which evenings you are available and if you are prepared to go on a waiting list. Please return the forms to **Anna Clark, Tewin Orchard, 1 Upper Green, Tewin AL6 0LX by 15 October 2010**. You will be contacted when the forms have been returned.

Talk entitled *The Garden in Autumn and Winter* by Margaret Easter in the Memorial Hall on Monday 8th November 2010

We are delighted to announce that **Margaret Easter** will be talking about *The Garden in Autumn and Winter* in the Memorial Hall on the evening of **Monday 8th November 2010, starting at 8pm**.

Margaret lives in Harpenden, which is fairly close to us. Apart from being an experienced speaker, she is an accomplished gardener. She is the holder of National Plant Collections of Thymus, Hyssopus and Satureja and her garden is open occasionally for charity. She is also an experienced garden / plant photographer (including insects) which she builds into her talk, which could make it interesting for our *THACS* photographers. She has a website: www.thymus.co.uk which is worth looking at.

The presentation will last for about one hour and will be followed by a Q&A session before refreshments are served. Prices are £3 for members and £4 for non-members, including refreshments. If you wish to attend, then please fill in the form on page 10 and send it, with your payment (cheques payable to *THACS*), to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP** by **3rd November**.

Visit to the Royal Academy of Arts to see Treasures from Budapest : European Masterpieces from Leonardo to Schiele on Wednesday 24th November 2010.

This exhibition should not be missed. It will include paintings, drawings and sculpture ranging from the early Renaissance to the twentieth century, showcasing the breadth and wealth of one of the finest art collections in Central Europe. Rare and important works by artists including Leonardo, Raphael, El Greco, Rubens, Goya, Manet, Monet, Picasso and Schiele will be on display, many of which will be shown outside Hungary for the first time.

The coach cost will be £11 for *THACS* members and £13 for non-*THACS* members. There is no entry charge for a member of the Friends of the Royal Academy so they will only need to pay for the coach. If you are not a registered Friend of the Royal Academy, you will need to pay £10 group rate admission to the exhibition as well as the coach costs. Audio guides are not included in the ticket price but can be purchased in advance at a group rate of £2.50 each.

As this visit is approximately a month before Christmas, we are offering coach seats only, to provide door-to-door transport for six hours of Christmas shopping.

In summary, the prices are:-

Prices	Friends of the Royal Academy	Others
Coach and exhibition		
THACS members	£11	£21
Non-members	£13	£23
Coach only		
THACS members	£11	£11
Non-members	£13	£13

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9.00am sharp, and leave the Royal Academy for the return journey at 4.00pm. Our allocated slot time to enter the exhibition is 12noon so there should be spare time for viewing other works of art, or perhaps having a cup of tea.

The Royal Academy needs us to specify the number in our group and make payment for the exhibition two weeks before our visit, so kindly complete the form on page 10 and send it with your cheque, payable to *THACS*, to:- **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin. AL6 0NP** by **3rd November 2010**.

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THACS Annual General Meeting and talk Victorian and Edwardian photographs on Monday 17th January 2011

The tenth *THACS* AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 17th January 2011 at 8.00pm. An essential part of the AGM is the election of the Officers and other committee members for 2011 and we have a potential problem this year that you might be able to help with. Our Constitution and Rules state that our Officers must generally stand-down after three years. So far, we have been able to abide by this rule and it has delivered the benefits of limiting the extent of the commitment from the officers and delivering fresh approaches as new Officers are elected. However, our succession planning has failed this year since no one on the committee is willing to take over the role of Treasurer or Secretary when the current Officers stand-down in January after their three years. Would you be interested in this? Would you be willing to put your name forward for the *THACS* committee, with a view to taking on the role of either Secretary or Treasurer? If you are able to help or are interested in finding out more about what the roles involve, then please contact the Chairman, Ray Keppler (Email: ray@raykeppler.wanadoo.co.uk Telephone: 01438 717545).

The AGM will be followed by a talk, before refreshments. The talk will be *Victorian and Edwardian Photographs* and it will be given by Bob White, who is one of the photography judges at the *THACS* shows.

Bob White has been collecting cameras for 50 years and has added a number of books, (including three written by himself), albums, snapshots and studio portraits along the way. The subjects range from the portraits of interesting people, famous faces, people with their animals, topographical subjects from home and abroad, the earliest snapshots and transport.

The talk does not include the old cameras themselves but he would include images of a few to show people what was being used to make the pictures. He intends to bring along to the

talk examples of early images e.g. daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, studio portraits, Victorian snapshot albums and albums of scenes, plus a few cameras as well.

This is an important meeting for *THACS* and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote. The committee are looking forward to seeing you on the night!

Recipe

Salad Cream

I came across the following old recipe for salad cream in a recent edition of the Times. Having made it, I would comment that I find it too sweet and perhaps with too much salt. So do you have a better recipe? If so, please send a copy to Kate Stott at kate.stott@talktalk.net and it will be published in a future edition of the Newsletter.

Ingredients

1 tsp salt
1 rounded tsp mustard
2 rounded tsp flour
2oz sugar
1 large egg
¼ pt milk
¼ pt vinegar

Method

Mix the salt, mustard, flour and sugar together making sure to get rid of lumps, adding a little of the milk as required. When smooth, add the remaining milk and vinegar. Bring to the boil stirring continuously until the sauce has thickened. Cool.

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starting on 8th October 2010**

- a) I would like to attend the three workshops and enclose a cheque for £15.00.
b) I am unable to attend the three-week course, but would like to attend in future. Please contact me for future dates.
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on Saturday 23rd October 2010 at 7.30pm**

Name/s

Address.....

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Phone Number.....Email.....

I would like to purchase tickets @ £5.00 each.

I will provide a savoury / sweet dish. (Please delete either 'savoury' or 'sweet').

Please make cheques payable to THACS and send to:- Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts AL6 ONP by 9th October.

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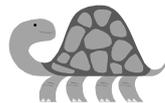
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