

# **Chairman's Report for 2017**

## **Ray Keppler**

### **1) Introduction**

It's been another good year for *THACS*, with a full and varied programme of eight events.

### **2) AGM**

The first event of 2017 was the sixteenth *THACS* AGM, which took place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January and was attended by 35 people. It was followed by a talk entitled *Manet, Impressionism and the origins of modern art* by Barry Dodge.

### **3) Shows**

The Spring and Autumn shows provided good opportunities for people to display examples of their skills across a diverse range of subjects. Each show had exhibits from different aspects of Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Arts and Crafts, Photography and Culinary. The overall impression was enhanced by delightful displays of childrens art.

The Spring Show on 1<sup>st</sup> April had 113 exhibitors who entered 281 exhibits, whilst the Autumn Show on 2<sup>nd</sup> September had 101 exhibitors who entered 380 exhibits.

### **4) *THACS* plant stall**

Nick Whiting organised the *THACS* plant stall at the Tewin Village Fete on 24<sup>th</sup> June, with one of the best displays of plants and flowers ever. Our thanks go to Bulls Green Nursery for their generous donation and all the villagers who also donated plants. About £465 was raised - much more than in the previous two fetes - and it all went to the Tewin Memorial Hall.

### **5) Visits**

I organised a coach trip for 12<sup>th</sup> July to Anglesey Abbey Gardens in Cambridgeshire which attracted 20 bookings. Unfortunately, I had to cancel the trip at the last moment because the coach did not arrive. This was a bitter disappointment and I was sorry to disappoint those people who had booked and were looking forward to a good day out.

### **6) Workshops**

There were three very successful workshops in 2017, all organised by Joanne Allen.

The Creative Writing workshops were on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Both were fully booked and those that took part enjoyed a day of writing under the tutelage of the very capable Frances Wilson.

Jude O'Sullivan ran an Art workshop at Bramfield Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October with the subject *Abstraction & Collage*. Eight people attended and had a great day. Some of their work is on display here tonight, so do please have a look during the break.

It is a testament to the success of these workshops that people have asked for more this year, which is very encouraging.

## **7) Arts & Crafts Fair**

The annual Art & Craft Fair was organised by Hilary Tipping and held in Tewin Memorial Hall.

In previous years, the fairs had been held in October but this time it was at the later date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This move encouraged more people to come and shop for Christmas presents and there was a constant stream of visitors all day.

The Potter's Wheel proved popular again this year and the charity cake stall made over £330 for the Isabel Hospice and lots of other stalls raised money for their favourite charities.

## **8) Helpers**

The committee works well together and I am very grateful for their ongoing dedication and support. They have done a great job.

We are also thankful for the staunch support and involvement of other members who have freely given their time and effort to the benefit of us all.

In particular: -

- 1) Joanne Allen for organising the two Creative Writing workshops and the Art workshop,
- 2) Hilary Tipping for organising the Art & Craft Fair.
- 3) Pat & Alf Fulford, who have contributed throughout the year, handling the advertising and the *THACS* page on the village web site.
- 4) Linda Crawford and her team for organising the catering at the two shows
- 5) The show judges, who generously put their experience and expertise to such good use at our shows.

We've also benefited from the considerable support from numerous village organisations: -

- 1) The staff, helpers and children at Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school and the Tewin Parent and Toddler group, have all contributed to our shows.
- 2) Tewin Stores have been a collection point for the show schedules.

Finally, our thanks go to the other willing members and friends of *THACS*, who help the society in so many different ways. Thank you all!