

THACS- TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Autumn Show on Saturday 11th September

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show! It's great to have this traditional village show back after a gap of two long years and the displays of exhibits were colourful, attractive and enjoyed by all.

This 19th annual Autumn Show proved to be a great success thanks to the 107 exhibitors who entered 276 exhibits. These numbers are very similar to those of the last Autumn Show in 2019 and it was reassuring to see that the level of support was not diminished by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Various Covid safety measures were in place. We also seemed to have luck on our side! The weather was good, so the extra ventilation worked well and the outdoor seating area in the gazebo was comfortable, restful and popular.

When it came to the presentation of the prizes, the adult trophy winners were Mavis Haggard for Flower Arranging, Ray Keppler for Flowers, Michael Clark for Vegetables & Fruit, Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts, Terry Brand for Photography and Hilary Tipping for Culinary. The Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield for horticulture was won by Ray Keppler, who also won the RHS Banksian Medal.

The Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award is usually presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the children's classes for horticulture, arts & crafts and culinary. This time, the competition resulted in a tie for first place and the joint winners were Erin Murray and Annabel Goodison. They were both presented with the well-earned winners' certificate and will each hold the trophy for six months. Unfortunately, there were no entries in the childrens photography class, so the George Humble Crawford Award for Children's Photography was not awarded.

A fuller report, list of all the prize-winners and photographs of the show, can be found on the THACS pages of the Tewin Village website.

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

Art workshop on 11th November

Tutor: Jude O'Sullivan. Venue: Bramfield Village Hall. Timing: 10am to 4pm.

This year's workshop is an **introductory day to the wonders of paper collage**.

Collage is a technique of composing a work of art by pasting on a single surface various materials not normally associated with one another, such as newspaper clippings, parts of photographs, coloured and patterned papers and other printed ephemera to create a stylised abstract image. The aim is to create a style or convey a message. This course is suitable for all abilities. Further details will be provided to participants nearer the time.

The course will be held in the beautiful Bramfield Village Hall. Its ceiling to floor windows give an excellent light. The format is to bring something to share for lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

The cost of the workshop is £35 for THACS members and £40 for non-members with payment by 7th November. For more information or to book your place please contact Joanne Allen on 01438-798749 or at jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Joanne Allen (Organiser)