

# **THACS**

## **TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

### **NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009**

#### **Chairman's Introduction**

I hope that you enjoyed our recent 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.

What do you think of our newsletters? Can we improve them and, if so, then how?

The regular production of this newsletter takes time, effort and money so it's important that this is worthwhile and that the newsletter gives you what you want. It's difficult to do this when we get so little feedback from our readers, so we are giving you an opportunity to let us know what you think! Please help us by filling in the enclosed short reader survey form and **return it by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009**.

We need a high level of response to ensure that the survey results are credible and representative. Consequently, we've tried to make the survey form simple, straight-forward and easy for you to complete and return to us, so do please make the effort to do so.

Ray Keppler (Chairman).

#### **Autumn Show on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Over 350 entries of all sorts decked the large Tewin Memorial Hall for the eighth **THACS** Autumn Show, which took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Everything from beautiful flower arrangements to knitted toys, delicious cakes and preserves, paintings, photographs, jewellery, flowers, vegetables and fruit were exhibited, and the visitors in the afternoon were able to enjoy the homemade cakes and teas made by lots of willing members of the society.

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The winners are listed below, but everyone did really well and must have worked very hard at their exhibits – so well done to all!

After the presentation of the prizes, some of the exhibits were auctioned and visitors went home with bouquets of flowers, jams, chutneys, jellies, cakes, vegetables and fruit.

Anna Clark (Show Secretary)

<b><i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i></b>	<b><i>Winners</i></b>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Audrey Walters
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)	Ronald Brand
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Joint winners Hilary Tipping, Terry Brand, Linda Williams
Nostalgic Photography Trophy	Gay Cates
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography (Spring and Autumn)	Jules Bridgman
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Joy Lawson

<b><i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i></b>	<b><i>Winners</i></b>
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 (Spring and Autumn)- 11 to 17 year olds	Keir Webb

<b><i>Other Prizes – Adults</i></b>	<b><i>First</i></b>	<b><i>Second</i></b>	<b><i>Third</i></b>
Flower Arranging	Audrey Walters	Tricia Lyons	Marie St Pier
Flowers	Anna Clark	Ray Keppler	Peter Burleigh
Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd	Ronald Brand	Ray Keppler
Arts & Crafts	Joint winners Hilary Tipping, Terry Brand, Linda Williams		
Photography (Autumn)....	Jules Bridgman	Alf Fulford	Joint third Rachel Hutchings, Paul Carter
Photography (combined Spring & Autumn)...	Jules Bridgman	Joint second Tom Gladwin, Alf Fulford	
Culinary	Joy Lawson	Hilary Tipping	Marie St Pier

<b><i>Other Prizes – Children</i></b>	<b><i>First</i></b>	<b><i>Second</i></b>	<b><i>Third</i></b>
Horticulture			
2 to 4 year olds	Scarlett Christian-Cox		
5 to 7 year olds	Lauren Cates		
8 to 11 year olds	Ava Murray	Amelia Bennett	Rosie Christian-Cox
Arts & Crafts			
2 to 4 year olds	Scarlett Christian-Cox		
5 to 7 year olds	Lauren Cates	Fenna Tubb	Lydia Bennett
8 to 11 year olds	Felix Tubb	Rosie Christian-Cox	
Photography 12 to 17 year olds			
Autumn	Keir Webb	Christie Webb	
Combined Spring & Autumn	Keir Webb		
Culinary			
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## Forthcoming Events

### Quiz evening and meal on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

As previously announced, there will be a quiz night, run by our local, distinguished quiz master, Andrew Whawell. It will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. **The doors open at 7.00pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm.** A supper of fish or chicken or veggie burger and chips will be available and served during the interval at about 8.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The price for this event is **£6 per person**, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Teams of eight will be formed on the night if you have not already arranged your quiz team. To allow for late entrants, we have extended the application deadline. To secure your place, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

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### Photography talk on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**THACS** are very fortunate to have Bob Norris, the President of Ware and District Photographic Society, speak to us about photography. Bob was the chief photographer for Herts County Council before retiring in 1999. He now specialises in landscapes, but will also bring along examples of portrait and natural history photography. There will be a question and answer time and if you wish to bring along one of your photographs, Bob will discuss it with you

This event will be held at Burnham Green village hall. **Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start and we expect it to finish about 9pm.** The talk will be **free for THACS members and £1 for non-members** and refreshments will be available. However, the seating is limited so if you wish to attend, please fill in the entry form at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible and send it with your entry fee (if applicable) to **Gay Cates, 6, Harwood Close, Tewin, AL6 0LF by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.**

## Calligraphy workshop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

The Calligraphy workshop will take place in **Burnham Green Village Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30pm to 4.30pm**. Jo Cooper, who has been judging Calligraphy at the last two **THACS** Spring shows and who teaches at the Settlement in Letchworth, will be taking the class. She will provide the necessary materials at a cost of £5.50, and would like to know how many people have a drawing board. She will bring boards for those who do not have one.

If you have put your name down for this workshop, please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 or email [mike.tewin@gmail.com](mailto:mike.tewin@gmail.com) to confirm that you are able to make this date, and whether or not you have a board, as soon as possible.

The price of the workshop will be **£5 for members and £6 for non-members**. Please bring the fee **plus £5.50 for the materials** with you to the class.

## **THACS** Annual General Meeting and talk about the history of paper making and printing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The ninth **THACS** AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.00pm. The AGM will be followed by a talk, before refreshments.

The talk will be "The history of paper making and printing" and it will be given by Mike Creasey who is a fifth-generation printer. This is a topic of local relevance to us, since Hertford had the first paper mill in the UK! Mike will cover a brief history of paper making and then deal with the history of printing from Guttenberg to the present day.

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!

## Children's Corner

Here are some funny riddles for you to try. The answers are given on the next page, but no peeking now!

- 1) What gets harder to catch the faster you run?
- 2) What gets wetter the more it dries?
- 3) What grows larger the more you take away?
- 4) What has 2 arms, 2 wings, 2 tails, 3 heads, 3 bodies and 8 legs?
- 5) What has 6 legs, but walks with only 4?
- 6) What has a big mouth but can't talk?
- 7) What has cities with no houses, rivers without water, and forests without trees?
- 9) What has no beginning or end and nothing in the middle?
- 10) What is always coming but never arrives?

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Thanks to Sue Enmarsh for this recipe.

### Lemon & Almond Biscuits

#### Ingredients

110g (4oz) caster sugar	220g (7½oz) unsalted butter
60g (2½oz) icing sugar	1 large free-range egg yolk
150g (5oz) ground almonds	1 tsp almond extract
300g (10oz) plain flour	1 tsp baking powder
Finely grated zest and juice of a large unwaxed lemon	
1 small jar of lemon curd (the thicker the better)	

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5 and line two baking sheets with silicone or greased baking powder.
2. Beat the sugar and butter together until very pale and fluffy. Beat in the icing sugar, egg yolk, ground almonds, almond extract, zest and 2 tps of the lemon juice and mix well. Sift in the flour and baking powder and stir until everything is just combined.
3. Divide the dough into golf-ball sized pieces, place on the baking trays then squash the middles with your thumb to form a well. Put a small amount of lemon curd in the depression (not too much or it will overflow in the heat of the oven).
4. Bake for about 10-12 minutes until golden.
5. Transfer carefully to a wire rack to coll. The biscuits will be very soft when first out of the oven but will firm up as they cool.

## Answers to Children's Riddles

- 1) Your breath.
- 2) A towel.
- 3) A hole.
- 4) A man on a horse holding a chicken.
- 5) A horse with a rider.
- 6) A jar.
- 8) A map.
- 9) A doughnut.
- 10) Tomorrow.

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**Quiz evening and meal  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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| Chicken & chips | ..... |
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| Fish & chips | ..... |
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