

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

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.

We usually publish a newsletter in September (containing the autumn show results) and in February (containing the report from the AGM), with nothing in between. This time, we will be publishing an extra newsletter in early December, so you get a bonus extra newsletter at no additional cost. This will enable us to focus the content of the newsletters on more timely events. We hope that it will help to brighten the dark winter months and make it easier for you to decide which events and visits you wish to join in and book your places.

Finally, may I remind you that your *THACS* membership runs until 31st October 2011 and so will be due for renewal soon. Membership still costs only £5 per person per year, which represents excellent value. If you pay for your membership via a standing order, then your membership fee will be paid automatically. Otherwise, please renew your membership by sending a cheque to Pat Fulford, 27 Bishop's Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 31st October 2011.

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 of event	Event	Closing date for bookings
From Friday 23 rd September	Calligraphy classes	Places still available
Saturday 29 th October 2011	Quiz evening	Saturday 15 th October 2011
Monday 7 th November 2011	Flower arranging talk and demonstration	No booking required.
Wednesday 16 th November 2011	Visit to Degas Dancers exhibition at the Royal Academy	Saturday 30 th September 2011
Monday 16 th January 2012	<i>THACS</i> AGM and a talk on Wildlife Photography	No booking required.
Wednesday 22 nd February 2012	Visit to Anglesey Abbey gardens	Wednesday 15 th February 2012

THACS Autumn Show on Saturday 3rd September 2011.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show this year. The hall looked very decorative with the colourful flowers, vegetables and fruit, and the standard of all the exhibits was very good. This was the 10th annual Autumn Show and it attracted 93 exhibitors who entered 424 exhibits.

Tewin Cowper School have been a marvellous support for the society, and had prepared a Harvest Time frieze to decorate the hall, as well as entering lots of the school children's efforts in many of their categories, which produced a wonderful collection of exciting exhibits. Our thanks go to the school and their head, Mrs Simpson, for presenting the children's awards at the show. Three-year-old May Carley entered three children's categories and received the highest points, winning the Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award.

Adult entries of all sorts ranged from vegetables including a huge pumpkin to jewellery, pear and chocolate bread-and butter puddings to photographs and paintings of gardens, silhouettes, wildlife, doorways and street scenes. There was an array of lovely flowers and arrangements, knitting, pottery, and many more culinary delights including preserves. It all made for a happy village event, and special thanks go to an ever-willing backup of supporters, excellent judges and the committee. The winners of the classes are as follows:

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i>	<i>Winners</i>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Susan Whitbourn
Carlton Rose Bowl - Flowers	Diana Brannen
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, Vegetables & Fruit)	Ray Keppler
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Audrey Walters
Nostalgic Photography Trophy	Shirley Ashby
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Rachel Hutchings
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Hilary Tipping

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award - Children's Class	May Carley
Children's overall winners in Horticulture, Arts & Crafts and culinary	
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	Diana Brannen	Marie St Pier and Pat Fulford	
Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd	Ray Keppler	Ronald Brand
Arts & Crafts	Audrey Walters	Diana Whitehead	Terry Brand
Photography	Rachel Hutchings	Patrick Holden	Ray Keppler, Hilary Tipping, Paul Carter and Jules Bridgman
Culinary	Hilary Tipping	Joy Lawson	Sue Enmarch

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Horticulture: Open Class (Longest runner bean)	Toby Davies
Horticulture: Other categories	
2 to 4 year olds	May Carley
4 to 6 year old	Scarlett Christian-Cox
7 to 8 year olds	Ben Kirby
9 to 11 year olds	Max Davies
12 to 14 year olds	No entries
15 to 17 year olds	No entries
Arts & Crafts: Open Class: (Painted picture)	Alex Kavanagh
Arts & Crafts: Other categories	
2 to 4 year olds	May Carley
4 to 6 year olds	Kate Dehadray and Scarlett Christian-Cox
7 to 8 year olds	Lize Du Plessis

	<i>Winners</i>
9 to 11 year olds	Rosie Christian-Cox
12 to 14 year olds	One entry – Highly commended: Bryony Kirby
15 to 17 year olds	No entries
Culinary	
2 to 4 year olds	May Carley
4 to 6 year old	Kate Dehadray
7 to 8 year olds	Georgia Davies
9 to 11 year olds	Max Davies
12 to 14 year olds	No entries
15 to 17 year olds	No entries
Photography	
12 to 14 year olds	No entries
15 to 17 year olds	Keir Lockyer-Webb

Looking ahead to next year's shows, here is **advanced** advance warning of the photography categories.



Spring 2012		Autumn 2012	
<i>Category</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1. * Historic Building	Houses, churches, castles	1. Local Events	A fete, Mayday, carols
2. * Trees	Trees, forests and woodlands	2. * Tranquil Scene	Atmospheric, peaceful
3. Comical Picture	Amusing, funny	3. Celebration	Party, wedding, birthday
4. * Cats / Dogs	Sitting, sleeping, playing	4. * On Wheels	Anything with wheels
5. People Relaxing	Taking it easy	5. * Water Creatures	Ducks, frogs, fish

The Adult Section consists of all ten categories and the Children's Section consists of the six categories marked with *.

Forthcoming Events

Jewellery classes

These have been taking place at 'Homebeads' in Knebworth in July and August. If you would like to be included in the group of 'beaders', please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324, or if you would like to arrange your own group you can contact Maxine Callaghan directly on 01438 815300 during business hours.

Calligraphy classes from Friday 23rd September

Our Calligraphy classes are beginning at Burnham Green Hall on Friday 23rd September, from 11.00am to 1.00pm for beginners, and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm for those with some experience. These classes cost £5.00 per session, plus the cost of materials. **There are still a few places left**, so if you would like to learn a new, absorbing skill with a very helpful tutor, Jo Cooper, please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 or email mike.tewin@gmail.com as soon as possible to secure a place.

The dates for the next term are: Friday 23rd September, Friday 14th October, Friday 18th November and Friday 2nd December.

Quiz evening on Saturday 29th October 2011

THACS is holding a quiz night, run by our local, distinguished quiz master, Andrew Whawell. It will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 29th October, starting at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm).

A supper of fish or chicken or veggie burger and chips will be available and will be served during the interval at about 8.30pm. Alternatively, you can bring your own food and just pay for the entrance to the quiz. In any case, please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The price for this event is **£8.50 for members and £9.50 for non-members**, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members.

Teams of eight will be formed on the night, but please let us know if you have already organised your team. Those of you who came last time will remember how much fun we had, so to secure a place, please complete the booking form on page 8 soon as possible and send it with your entry fee to **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishop's Road, Tewin, AL6 0NP by 15th October 2011.**

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Flower arranging talk and demonstration on Monday 7th November 2011

Joyce Furssedonn, who has judged at our shows for the past two years, is coming to demonstrate her flower arranging skills for us, and is kindly offering her arrangements for auction after her talk and demonstration.

The demonstration will begin at 8.00pm on Monday 7th November at Tewin Memorial Hall, with an entrance fee at the door of £1 for members, or £2 for non-members.

This is a marvellous chance to get some festive ideas and some technical and artistic help for your show entries, church decorations or home arrangements in the future, so do come and join us on 7th November.

Degas Dancers exhibition at the Royal Academy on Wednesday 16th November 2011

As previously announced, *THACS* has organised a visit to the Royal Academy to see its landmark exhibition focusing on Edgar Degas' passion for movement as an artist of the dance. The exhibition will trace the development of the artist's ballet imagery throughout his career. The exhibition will be the first to present Degas' progressive engagement with the figure in movement, and will include drawings, many pastels, paintings and prints, as well as sculptures and photography by the artist and by his contemporaries, and samples of film from the period.

As early booking is strongly recommended, we have pre-booked 50 tickets well ahead of time as this exhibition is likely to be a sell-out. In view of the popularity of this exhibition, **Friends of the RA will not be able to use their cards as normal, when entering an exhibition, but will need to pre-book a date and time with the RA to order their ticket, which is free to Friends.** Obviously, if you wish to come with *THACS*, we will do all the booking for you.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown at 9.00am sharp, and will leave London for the return journey at 3.30pm. There are two entry times to the exhibition; 25 people between 11.00am and 12 noon, and 25 people between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

All inclusive prices for the coach, tip for the driver and group ticket to the exhibition are as follows:

	Adults without Friends of the RA membership	Adults with Friends of the RA membership
THACS members	£24	£12
Non-members	£25	£13

(There are no concessionary tickets as it is a group booking)

Printed gallery guides are included in the price of the ticket for people who are not Friends of the RA. These guides are available for Friends of the RA to purchase at £2.50 each.

There is a special additional price of £2.50 for the hire of an Audio Guide. Please state on the attached form if you would like to have one on the day, as these have to be ordered in advance.

We will need your bookings well in advance to secure these tickets, so please fill in the form on page 10 with your details and send it, with your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to:- **Pat Fulford, 27 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts. AL6 0NP by Saturday 30th September.**

The Tewin Society Award

Who is your unsung hero? Now is the time for you to help to get them recognised and honoured for their work by nominating them for the Tewin Society Award. This annual award will be presented every year at the *THACS* AGM commencing in 2012.

Please nominate someone that you think have enhanced Tewin in its built environment, in its natural environment and/or in its history. Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin but need not be confined to any one of these categories. You can cite several different contributions that have been made by the nominee, even if the contributions are not part of a single project. It does not matter when the work was done or where the nominee lives but they must still be alive.

To make it easy for you to make your nomination, the nomination forms have been designed to be clear, brief and straight forward. They can be collected from Tewin Stores or Tebbutts, or you can download it from the *THACS* page on the Tewin village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk). Nominations for this year's award must be submitted before 1st December 2011.

Recent Events

***THACS* plant stall at the village fete on Saturday 25th June 2011**

The *THACS* committee would like to thank all those who contributed to making the plant stall at The Village Fete such a resounding success. A grand total of £340.40 was raised. Members and friends donated a splendid array of plants, clearly nurtured with much care and including many unusual specimens. A special thank you goes to Bulls Green Nursery for their most generous support-providing a truly colourful selection of perennials and roses. Not least, a very big thank you to those who manned the stall throughout a very busy and sometimes windy afternoon. Their hard work was much appreciated.

Visit to Kenwood House and Estate on Thursday 7th July 2011

The House beside Hampstead Heath provided a wonderful collection of priceless art. It was a pleasure to view the works of many great artists, including Rembrandt, Vermeer, Turner, Reynolds and Gainsborough. The surrounding parkland set high on a hill consisted of lawns, lakes, ancient and new woodlands, all of outstanding beauty, together with an amazing view point of London.

The guided tours of the House and Estate were run separately, one during the morning and one in the afternoon. Both tours were interesting, informative and presented by knowledgeable guides.

There were 50 people in the group, and despite the heavy rain, the visit was thoroughly enjoyable. Fortunately most were well equipped with raincoats and umbrellas, and with so much to see, the wet weather conditions were unimportant. Delicious hot food, tea and coffee was available from the Brew House Café and gave the group an opportunity to "dry off", and discuss what they had seen.

The group arrived safely back at Tewin at 5.30pm, all delighted by a memorable visit to Kenwood House.

Visit to RHS Hyde Hall, Essex, on Wednesday 10th August 2011.

This was a popular event, with 53 people in the group. The coach left promptly at 9am, and the journey through the Essex countryside was interesting and pleasant. On arrival at the gardens, many enjoyed a cup of coffee before venturing into the wide open spaces of the gardens.

Hyde Hall is an informal garden, perched on a hilltop with superb views of the surrounding countryside. The hilltop garden and the upper pond area are magnificent with lush green lawns, fantastic herbaceous borders, and a rose garden. The dry garden situated at the side of the hilltop, demonstrated the range of plants that are grown to cope with drought and exposure to wind. In a more protected area, the Queen Mother's garden was a scene of tranquillity and peace with beautiful lawns, flower borders and trees.

Many of the group visited the plant centre which stocked fine looking traditional favourites, and newer varieties. Baskets and bags were soon filled with plant purchases, and carried to the coach for the journey home.

The weather was fine and warm, and we were able to enjoy the gardens for the whole day. Everything went smoothly and everyone enjoyed a great day at Hyde Hall.

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**Quiz evening and meal
Saturday 29th October 2011**

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Address.....

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

Meals

Please indicate your choice of meal below:-

<i>Meal</i>	<i>Number</i>
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Chicken & chips
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Fish & chips
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Veggie Burger & chips
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(Each portion comes with knife, fork, salt, vinegar and serviette)

Booking information

The price for this event is £8.50 for members and £9.50 for non-members, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £4.50 for members and £5.50 for non-members.

Total number of places required.....

How many of these are for *THACS* members?

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Visit to the Degas Dancers exhibition at the Royal Academy on Wednesday 16th November 2011

Contact details

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

Booking information

The following tables give the prices for all of the options. Please enter the number of persons required for each option in the boxes headed "Number" to the right of the associated price.

	Adults without Friends of the RA membership		Adults with Friends of the RA membership	
	Price	Number	Price	Number
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(There are no concessionary tickets as it is a group booking)

Total number of places required.....

Number of audio guides you intend to hire on the day (£2.50 each).....

I enclose £.....

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