

# ***THACS***

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

### **NEWSLETTER JULY 2012**

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

We have several events organised for the autumn and winter, starting with the Autumn Show in mid September. The show schedule is extensive, so please look at it and think about the categories you could enter. There is something for everyone, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter.

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.

<b>Date of event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Closing date for bookings</b>
Starts on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Calligraphy classes, Autumn Term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Show	Entries by Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Art workshop	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Creative writing workshop	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Art & Crafts fair and sale	No booking required
November	Visit to Queen's House, Greenwich	See next newsletter

#### **Forthcoming Events**

##### **Calligraphy classes, autumn term 2012**

We would like to offer classes for the autumn term for those interested in Calligraphy. There are two groups, one in the morning at 11.00am to 1.00pm, and one in the afternoon, starting at 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We have confirmed bookings with Burnham Green Hall and with Jo Cooper, our tutor, for each month up to Christmas beginning in September and the dates are as follows:

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Due to increased hall charges, *THACS* needs to raise the fee per session to £6.00. This is still very good value for the classes which includes the hire of the hall, tutor's fees and refreshments. Any materials purchased from Jo, such as nibs, ink, paper etc., will have to be paid separately to her, as before.

Please make out cheques for £24.00 to *THACS*, and send or deliver to Malcolm Allen, 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP, no later than **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, with confirmation of your name, address and contact number attached.

Should you wish to take up Calligraphy, Jo welcomes newcomers, and is very helpful and friendly. If you need to discuss what the course involves and any requirements, either read previous *THACS* newsletters, or contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 or email her at mike.tewin@gmail.com.

### ***THACS* Autumn Show on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The Autumn Show is a great time for you to display the results of your efforts to grow flowers, vegetables and fruit in your garden or allotment. It is also another opportunity to display your work in arts, crafts, culinary and photography, so there is something for everyone. There are classes for adults covering flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary. There are also classes for children (in age groups) covering all of these subjects except flower arranging. So come along, have a go and support your village show!

Don't forget, the more categories you enter, the more likely you are to win a prize. Show schedules, rules and entry forms accompany this newsletter. Extra copies can be down-loaded from the *THACS* page on the village website ([www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores.

**All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September to**

Ray Keppler, *THACS* Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, telephone 01438 717545.

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**We Deliver Locally**

Whilst on the subject of shows, we thought that you might like to see one of the children's winning entries. In their Art & Crafts categories, the 9-12 year olds were invited to write poetry or prose on the subject 'Spring Rain'. The winning entry was from Rosie Christian-Cox who wrote the following poem:-

### ***Spring Rain***

*Shadowy clouds almost bursting with rain,  
Droplets of water on my window pane.  
It's sliding off all of these green silky leaves,  
Patterns that rain so elegantly weaves.*

*Invigorating scents of flowers and trees,  
Like splinters of electricity, I see tiny bees.  
Drenched with moisture, the plants can now grow,  
I guess now the rains stopped, it's my turn to go.*

Congratulations to Rosie and thank you for allowing us to publish your poem.

### **Creative writing workshop & art workshop**

We have had encouraging interest in these two workshops which are planned for the autumn. There are still a few more places available. The timing for both is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the plan for a 'bring and share' lunch.

The Art Workshop will take place at Burnham Green Hall on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. The focus will be making experimental / decorative backgrounds on which to develop your paintings, for example, using patterned tissue paper as a base which forms part of the painting. The workshop will be run by Frances Wilson who is an accomplished artist and a published author. She will provide paper and tissue and has suggested that participants bring may wish to bring their own brushes and paints and any other materials they may wish to use.

The Writing Workshop will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. This day starts with a selection of exercises to get the creative juices flowing followed by an opportunity to write on a particular subject of your choice, either poetry or prose, and a chance to hear one another. This workshop will also be run by Frances. It will take place in the home of Joanne Allen and she is the person to contact if you have not done so already (contact details below).

These two events are bound to be enjoyable and we urge you to give them a try. To express your interest in either of these workshops or to find out more, please contact Joanne Allen (telephone 01438 798749 or email [jralen14@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jralen14@hotmail.co.uk)). Joanne will contact those who have already expressed interest to confirm their bookings.

### **Future Events**

#### **Art & Crafts fair and sale on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

The Arts & Crafts fair and sale will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 27th October. A wide range of items will be for sale and all of them will be hand-crafted by the stallholders.

Would you like a stall, or a share of a stall? If so, please contact Hilary Tipping (16 Lower Green, Tewin, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 0LB, phone: 01438 718700, email: [hilary.tipping@talk21.com](mailto:hilary.tipping@talk21.com)) and let her know your name, contact details and the type of work

you wish to display and sell. If you have any friends or colleagues who might be interested in having a stall, please bring this to their attention. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of the hall, but all profits will go to the stallholders.

### **Visit to Queen's House, Greenwich**

We will be organising a coach trip to Queen's House, Greenwich, later this year (probably in November). This is mainly to see the art collection, but there are several other attractions as well. The date and cost will be given in the next *THACS* newsletter in September. Meanwhile, here is a taste of what to expect.

The National Maritime Museum's fine art collection is located in Queen's House and consists of contemporary art, miniatures, oil paintings, photography, prints, drawings, watercolours and sculpture.

There are over 4500 oil paintings which cover the period 1530-2000, the earliest of which is a Flemish artist's depiction of Portuguese ships from about 1530. Marine painting was firmly established in England in the mid-18th century. It is represented here with works by artists such as Peter Monamy, Samuel Scott, Charles Brooking, Dominic Serres and many others who painted not only ships and the sea, but also sea battles such as those during the Seven Years War (1756-63). Alongside these is an important collection of portraits, the earliest of which date from the Tudor and Stuart period, including major royal portraits and examples by Peter Lely, notably the flagmen of Lowestoft series commissioned by James Duke of York after the battle in 1665.

Among the 18th-century portraits of naval officers are examples by Hogarth, Reynolds and Gainsborough. William Hodges's paintings made during and after Captain Cook's second voyage to the South Seas 1772-75 are some of the most exciting images connected with early exploration.

The Museum's most famous picture is J. M. W. Turner's painting of the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, painted for George IV in 1823, the largest picture the artist painted. The influence of Turner and the Romantic Movement is reflected in works in the collection by George Chambers, Clarkson Stanfield and John Wilson Carmichael

The site at Greenwich has a number of attractions along with the Queen's House, which is free entry, there are:-

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| • Cutty Sark                                         | £12   |
| • National Maritime Museum                           | Free  |
| • Royal Observatory Astronomy Centre                 | Free  |
| • Peter Harrison Planetarium                         | £6.50 |
| • Royal observatory Flamsteed House & Meridian Court | £7.00 |

There are a number of other areas of interest at the Greenwich site but if you just like to shop there is the world famous Greenwich Market just a few minutes' walk away.

## Recent Events

### Open Gardens on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012

For garden lovers there is nothing more irresistible than visiting other gardens:- it satisfies a curiosity to possibly discover new horticultural marvels. So what could be better than to spend a day, strolling around gardens looking at floral displays, planting schemes and having a relaxing drink and a slice of cake.

Strolling round the gardens, it was evident all the gardeners had put in weeks of hard work to achieve the truly inspirational displays on show, ensuring that every visitor had an enjoyable day.

After the cold, wet weather of April and early May, we were lucky that during the week leading up to the open day, the sun finally put in an appearance. As the week went on the days grew warmer culminating in glorious sunshine on the day. It really did help make the day a great success for the nearly 200 visitors who took the opportunity to admire our 10 open gardens.

### Support of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

*THACS* played its own small part in the recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

If you attended the Queen's Diamond Jubilee dance at Tewin Memorial Hall, you will have noticed the table and hall decorations, including a floral garland. These decorations were sponsored by *THACS* and their production was organised by Lynn Griggs from the Diamond Jubilee committee.

### Plant stall at Village Fete on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

*THACS* once again ran the plant stall at the Tewin Village Fete. Members collected, priced and arranged all the plants donated by the village and the stall looked very colourful in the sunshine. The wind did make things a little tricky at first but we were spared the rain that we are getting used to as a June phenomenon. The stall made £274 for the village hall funds which was not at all bad. My thanks go to all those who helped and those who donated plants. Special thanks to Mr Newbury of Bulls Green Nursery for his generous donation of some very lovely plants.

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### **Plants for the shop courtyard**

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Four large pots have been placed by the four corner posts and planted with different climbing plants (Jasmine, ever-green Clematis, Honeysuckle and Passion Flower) which will be trained up the supporting wires. A large thorn-less rose has been donated and planted by the fence. (Reports of its subsequent death are exaggerated: - it's just suffering from re-plant shock!).

Once these plants are established, they will hopefully make the courtyard more attractive and enjoyable for the tea-room customers.

### **Raised beds for Tewin Cowper School**

*THACS* has also donated and installed two new raised flower beds at Tewin Cowper School. The beds are quite large – 8ft x 4ft – but shallow, with easy access from all sides. They are at the edge of the playing field, where it joins the playground. The Applegate Gazebo is nearby and it is intended that the Gazebo will be used for some gardening lessons and that the children will be able to get practical gardening experience and develop their skills using these raised beds.

The first use of the beds will be when they are planted up by the children with bedding Petunias provided by *THACS*. The flower colours will be a mixture of red, white and blue so they will continue the patriotic theme relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the forthcoming Olympic Games.

This project has been undertaken with the involvement of the Allotment Association and our thanks go to their Chairman, John Sheridan, for his support and hard work.

The staff and pupils of Tewin Cowper School have been enthusiastic supporters of *THACS*, as demonstrated by the increasing number of children's entries in our shows and the lovely hall decorations they provide for our use at the shows. This project has given the *THACS* committee a tangible way to thank them for this and it has also been very satisfying to work on a collaborative project involving the school, *THACS* and the Allotment Association.

## Tewin Society Award

It's time for you to start thinking about who to nominate for the 2012 Tewin Society Award.

Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin. This award is a way of thanking and honouring volunteers for work which so benefits us all.

Nomination forms will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> September from Tewin Stores or Tebbutts, or by downloading from [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk).

The Committee evaluates the nominations purely on the information contained on the forms and the submitted supporting material, so do please supply as much relevant information as possible. Other evidence known personally by a Committee member is never discussed nor used in the evaluation and selection. The Committee is totally impartial, simply carrying out the desires of the former Tewin Society who funded the shield.

Please submit your nominations before 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Tewin Society Award Committee.

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