

# **THACS**

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

### **NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

I hope that you enjoyed our recent Autumn Show. The show report and the results are given below.

Our proposed visit to Greenwich has now been fixed for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. I expect this to be a popular event so recommend that you book early to ensure your place. Details are given below, along with information about our other remaining events for 2012.

Finally, may I remind you that your *THACS* membership runs until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and so will soon be due for renewal. 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 (payable to *THACS*) to Malcolm Allen, 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, Welwyn, Hertfordshire AL6 0NP by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

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>
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
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit to Queen's House, Greenwich	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	AGM	No booking required

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

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show this year. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Autumn Show and it attracted 72 exhibitors who entered 279 exhibits. Although the number of exhibitors and exhibits was lower than at last year's autumn show, the high standards were upheld and there were enough good exhibits to make a real competition in most categories.

Adult entries in the main hall included an array of lovely flowers and arrangements, an impressive range of fruit and vegetables, knitting, pottery, jewellery and a mouth-watering display of culinary delights. The Parish Room housed a full display of photographs and art work so I hope that you got to see that too.

Entries from children also covered a wide range of skills. Their horticultural class included arrangements of flowers and foliage from their garden and autumn-themed pictures made with seed heads, grasses, berries and leaves whilst their arts and crafts involved painting and model-making. Culinary exhibits included decorated fairy cakes and ginger-bread families but the largest display was of the photographs taken by 9-12 year olds.

Children had also supported the show by making three lovely friezes to decorate the hall so our thanks go to Tewin Cowper School (Caterpillar Class), Tewin Under 5's Pre-School and Tewin Toddler Group for these.

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. My thanks go to the ever-willing backup of excellent judges, the *THACS* committee and the other supporters who helped with all the various tasks such as putting posters up, being stewards for the judges, meeting and greeting visitors, running the auction, taking the photographs, setting-up before the show and clearing away afterwards. In particular, Lynne Burgess and the *THACS* committee would like to thank all the ladies who supplied the wonderful cakes and/or helped with serving teas and special thanks go to Linda Crawford for all her help with the judges' lunch. Shows like this would not be possible without such wonderful help from staunch supporters like these. Their help is greatly appreciated and never taken for granted.

The winners of the classes are as follows:

<b><i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i></b>	<b><i>Winners</i></b>
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)	Mick Lloyd
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Anna Clark
Nostalgic Photography Trophy	Joy Lawson
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Jules Bridgman
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Hilary Tipping

<b><i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i></b>	<b><i>Winners</i></b>
Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award – Horticulture, Arts & Crafts and Culinary	Leah Barker
George Humble Crawford Award - Children's Photography	Adam Barker

<b><i>Other Prizes – Adults</i></b>	<b><i>First</i></b>	<b><i>Second</i></b>	<b><i>Third</i></b>
Flower Arranging	Susan Whitbourn	Joy Lawson	Anna Clark
Flowers	Diana Brannen	Marie Barton-Jones	Anna Clark
Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd	Ronald Brand	Anna Clark
Arts & Crafts	Anna Clark	Audrey Walters	Terry Brand
Photography	Jules Bridgman	Rachel Hutchings	Gay Cates
Culinary	Hilary Tipping	Jacqueline Jones	Shirley Barker

<b><i>Other Prizes – Children</i></b>	<b><i>Winners</i></b>
Horticulture	
4 years and under	May Carley
4 to 6 years	No entries
7 to 8 years	Leah Barker
9 to 12 years	Adam Barker
13 to 17 years	No entries
Arts & Crafts	
4 years and under	May Carley
4 to 6 years	No entries
7 to 8 years	Leah Barker
9 to 12 years	Rosie Christian-Cox and Adam Barker
13 to 17 years	No entries
Culinary	
4 years and under	May Carley
4 to 6 years	No entries
7 to 8 years	Scarlett Christian-Cox
9 to 12 years	Lydia Bennett
13 to 17 years	No entries
Photography	
9 to 12 years	Adam Barker
13 to 17 years	No entries

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## **Forthcoming Events**

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

Back by popular demand! The *THACS* Arts and Crafts Fair & Sale will be held between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October in Tewin Memorial Hall.

There will be over 20 stalls selling locally produced arts and crafts, from painting, photography, ceramics, cakes and traditionally made Teddy Bears and Teddy Hospital to knitted gifts, silver jewellery, quilting, felting and wood turning. There will be demonstrations of jewellery making from Home Beads of Knebworth and spinning by Sarah Brace of Reflections in Felt.

**Entry is free** and refreshments will be served all day.

Come and join us and get that Christmas shopping done early!

### **Visit to Queen's House, Greenwich on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

As previously announced in our July Newsletter, *THACS* has organised a visit to the Queen's House in Greenwich which is home to some of the country's finest artworks, including paintings by Gainsborough, Lely, Hogarth, Reynolds, Hodges and van de Velde. The house also boasts some magnificent architecture which is also well worth viewing.

In 1616, King James I commissioned the architect Inigo Jones to build a home for his consort Anne of Denmark. Work stopped in 1619 when Anne died and did not restart until 1629 when King Charles 1 gave it to his Queen, Henrietta. Inigo Jones was recalled and work was completed six years later.

The interior was completely restored in the 1980s and the House reopened in 1990. It is fitted out in the style of the 1660s as much as possible, and contains a mixture of original and replica furnishings. There are many carvings, painting, sculptures, and over 200 works of art on display.

Greenwich hosts many other attractions such as the Cutty Sark, the Royal Observatory, the National Maritime Museum and Greenwich Market to name a few. In particular, the near-by National Maritime Museum has two restaurants (Paul's Café and the Sammy Ofer Wing Café) which will be suitable for lunch and entrance to the museum is free.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown at 9:00am sharp, leaving Greenwich for the return journey at 3:30pm.

The prices for this trip are £11 for *THACS* members and £12 for non-members. Entry to the Queen's House is free, so these prices are just for the coach fare covering return travel to the Queen's House.

Although entry to the Queen's House is free, other attractions may have an entry charge. If you wish to visit them, you are welcome to apply for a seat on the coach but you will need to make your own arrangements once you reach the Queen's House.

We anticipate that this trip will be very popular, so please fill in the form on page 7 and return it as soon as possible, with your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to:-

**Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JR by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

## **AGM on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

The twelfth *THACS* AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 8.00pm. The presentation of the Tewin Society Award will start the evening and this will be followed by the AGM, a talk from a guest speaker and then refreshments (which will include wine). More information about the AGM and the talk will be issued with the next *THACS* newsletter in December.

As you may recall, at the last AGM the election of the officers and ordinary committee members resulted in the size of the committee reducing to only six people. With extra help, we could increase our programme of activities and fulfil our duties more comfortably.

So please come and help us. If you would like to join the committee or are just curious about it, please contact any member of the committee.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone 01438-</b>	<b>Address</b>
Malcolm Allen	798749	47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood
Terry Brand	718700	16 Lower Green
Lynne Burgess	798799	14 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood
Jim Hall	718505	5 School Lane
Ray Keppler	717545	15 Upper Green Road
Nick Whiting	717230	5 Churchfield Road

## **Exclusive RHS Membership Offer**

Are you a member of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)? If not, then you might be interested in using your membership of *THACS* to get a very good deal on RHS membership.

*THACS* is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and consequently we can now bring you their exclusive RHS membership offer for affiliated societies. Individual membership of the RHS is usually £51 per year, but this offer enables you to get 30% discount on this for your first year of membership, enabling you to join for £35.70. Joint membership (for two adults

at the same address) is usually £73 per year, but this offer enables you to get 30% discount on this for the first year of membership, enabling a couple to join for £51.10. You'll need to pay by direct debit and join by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, but you will also be able to save more money by receiving a £5 RHS shop / plant centre voucher. The discount and the voucher amount to a saving of £20.30 for individual membership and £21.90 for joint membership, so it's worth serious consideration.

If you join the RHS this way, then you'll also be supporting *THACS* since we will receive £5 for every new RHS individual or joint member. This will help the committee to continue to bring you excellent-value events and outings.

As an RHS member, you'll enjoy your own copy of *The Garden* magazine every month and a wealth of other year-round benefits which share the best in gardening. These include access to free personalised gardening advice and unlimited free days out at 80 glorious gardens all year. You'll also help the RHS bring the joy of gardening to millions through their charitable work, from leading research into big issues facing gardeners to discovering plants.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Jim Hall on 07731 381734 or email to [jimjhall@o2.co.uk](mailto:jimjhall@o2.co.uk). He will provide you with the membership application form for you to complete and submit.

## **Tewin Society Award**

Who is your unsung hero? Now is the time for you to help get them recognised and honoured for their work by nominating them for the Tewin Society Award, which will be presented to the winner at the *THACS* AGM in January.

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](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. Nominations for this year's award must be submitted before 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Tewin Society Award Committee.

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## Visit to Queen's House, Greenwich on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012

### *Contact details*

Name/s .....

Address.....

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

### *Booking information*

The prices for this trip are £11 for *THACS* members and £12 for non-members.

Entry to the Queen's House is free, so these prices are just for the coach fare. However, we would like to know how many people will be visiting the house and how many would like to use the coach to enable them to visit other attractions.

Please enter the number of persons required for each option in the boxes headed "Number" to the right of the associated price.

	Visit to Queen's House		Trip without going to Queen's House	
	Price	Number	Price	Number
<i>THACS</i> members	£11		£11	
Non-members	£12		£12	

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Please make cheques payable to *THACS* and send to:- **Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JR** by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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