

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER JULY 2013

Chairman's Introduction

The summer weather has arrived at last so I hope that you are enjoying it. If it has made you want to get out more then you can still join the outing to Wrest Park on 31st July if you book promptly. As summer drifts into autumn, the time comes for the Autumn Show, which will be on 7th September. Please support this event by exhibiting some of your handiwork and coming along to see the show in the afternoon. If you are an art lover then come along on the coach trip to Tate Britain to see the *Lowry and the painting of modern life* exhibition on 9th October.

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
31 st July	Visit to Wrest Park house and gardens	22 nd July
7 th September	Autumn Show	1 st September
9 th October	Visit to Tate Britain to see the <i>Lowry and the painting of modern life</i> exhibition	22 nd September
2 nd November	Quiz evening with fish & chip supper	TBA

Forthcoming Events

Visit to Wrest House and Gardens on Wednesday 31st July 2013

The *THACS* visit to Wrest Park house and gardens was described in the May newsletter. At the time of writing this, there are still some places left. There is still time to book your place if you wish to go.

English Heritage members get free entry to the property but they must bring their membership cards with them on the day. The prices are:-

	With English Heritage membership	Without English Heritage membership		
		Adult	Concession ¹	Children ²
<i>THACS</i> members	£12.00	£19.50	£18.75	£16.00
Non-members	£13.00	£20.50	£19.75	£17.00

¹:- Concession prices are available to people who are aged 60 or over

²:- Prices available to children who are aged between 5 and 15.

The visit includes an optional guided tour for £2, which should be particularly useful to you if this is your first visit to Wrest Park. The tours will last about an hour and a half. Group sizes are limited, so booking is essential.

If you want to find out more about Wrest Park before visiting, then please see their web site at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/wrest-park/>.

The coach will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9:30am, and will leave Wrest Park Abbey for the return journey at 3:30pm. Please fill in the booking form and send it, with your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to:- **Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by Monday 22nd July 2013.** You can get the booking form from the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Ray Keppler (01438 717545 or email to raykeppler@btinternet.com).

Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September 2013

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Sunday 9 am to 12 noon

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Monday to Friday 9 am to 12 am

Saturday 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

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. There is something for everyone, so I am sure that you can select some suitable categories to enter. So come along, have a go and support your village show!

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) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores.

All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 1st September to Ray Keppler, *THACS* Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, telephone 01438 717545.

Whilst on the subject of shows, we thought that you might like to see one of the winning entries. In the adult Art & Crafts class, entrants were invited to write poetry or prose on the subject 'The view from the top'. The winning entry was from Joanne Allen who wrote the following poem:-

The View from the Top

*They were making to take in the view from the top
He from his side of the valley
She from hers
The sun was almost shining
He brought the dog
Black and white
She caught her scarlet hem in a briar
Thought,
as she knelt down to unhook it
how she would let him know
that it was time to wed
a bairn coming
Stretched as she stood up
felt good.*

*He dug his left boot into the next
mound
A squirrel flitted in the trees
caught his eye
Swelled at the expanse of his life
The letter had come that morning
offering him the job he wanted
far away
She could visit
He'd tell her.*

*She brought the lunch
in a blue rucksack
At the summit
they saw one another
and waved
She spread out the sandwiches
cucumber and brie
Dun coloured blanket.*

*They spoke.
After, a silence.
The hue at the top was altered
the view hazy.*

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

Visit to *Lowry and the Painting of Modern Life* Exhibition at Tate Britain on Wednesday 9th October 2013

Without Lowry's pictures, Britain would lack a pictorial account of the experiences of the 20th-century working class. He said "I saw the industrial scene and I was affected by it. I tried to paint it all the time. I tried to paint the industrial scene as best I could."

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This summer, Tate Britain presents a major exhibition of landscapes by the much-loved British painter L.S. Lowry – the first to be held in London since the artist's death. Focusing on the best of Lowry's urban scenes and industrial landscapes, the exhibition includes Tate's *Coming Out of School* 1927, *The Pond* 1950 together with significant loans. This timely and carefully selected exhibition aims to re-assess Lowry's contribution to art history and to argue for his achievement as Britain's pre-eminent painter of the industrial city.

Lowry and the Painting of Modern Life reveals how Lowry developed his structure of the city based on his personal relationship to social space. Works such as *Pit Tragedy* 1919 (The Lowry, Salford); *An Accident* 1926 (Manchester Art Gallery) and *The Fever Van* 1935 (Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool) demonstrate Lowry's unique engagement with street life. His development of a cast of characters portrays the ways in which his subjects' lives unfold and become unstuck, highlighting the unpredictability and unsteadiness of working-class life.

As a modern painter, Lowry wished to show what the industrial revolution had made of the world, yet his dominant status in British art coincided with a disappearance of the industrialised world he engaged with. The exhibition's final room presents for the first time all eight of his less well-known, late industrial panoramas. These large panoramic landscapes fall into two groups: the first, from the 1950s, are titled, with intentional generality, *Industrial Landscapes*. The second, less well-known group was painted in the 1960s in the mining valleys of South Wales, the heartland of the Labour movement. In both the tone is valedictory.

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. If you wish to visit London for the day but don't wish to visit the exhibition, then you are very welcome to join us, just paying for the coach fare (subject to availability).

The prices are:-

	Coach and exhibition		Coach only and / or Tate members ²
	Adult	Concession ¹	
THACS members	£27	£25	£13
Non- members	£28	£26	£14

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²:- Tate members get free entry to the exhibition but they must bring their membership cards with them on the day.

Audio Guide are available for an additional hire price of £3. Please state on the booking form if you would like to have one on the day, as these have to be ordered in advance.

If you wish to visit this spectacular art exhibition please complete the booking form on page 7 and send it, with your cheque (payable to THACS) to:-

Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JR by Sunday 22nd September 2013.

The Tewin Society Award

The first Tewin Society Award was made in 2011 to Margaret Knight for her extensive work in leading the effort to plant trees and spring bulbs in and around Tewin. This was a significant achievement that improved the local environment and it left a lasting legacy.

The second award in 2012 went to Elizabeth Wilson. This was for her enthusiasm, entrepreneurial expertise, knowledge and deep concern for Tewin in leading the writing and publication of *The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin* book.

Tewin owes much to Margaret for its environment and to Elizabeth for the recording of the history of this delightful community.

So who will win the award this year? Who do you think deserves the award and why?

If you know of someone who you think would be a worthy winner, then please nominate them for the award. Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin.

If you submitted a nomination for the 2011 or 2012 awards, then you do not need to re-submit it since it will be taken into consideration again this year. However, if you have new information in support of your previous nomination, then please submit a new nomination which includes this information.

If you have not made a nomination previously, then please do not assume that someone else has already nominated the person that you would choose. You need to make the nomination yourself and all new nominations will be gratefully received.

Nomination forms will be available on 1st September from Tewin Stores or Tebbutts, or by downloading from www.tewinvillage.co.uk. If you would like a nomination form before then, you can get one from me.

Ray Keppler (Chairman of the Tewin Society Award committee).

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# Visit to *Lowry and the Painting of Modern Life* Exhibition at Tate Britain on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## *Contact details*

Name/s .....

Address.....

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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 people required for each option in the boxes headed “#” to the right of the associated price.**

|                      | Coach and exhibition |   |                         |   | Coach only and / or Tate members <sup>2</sup> |   |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------|---|
|                      | Adult                |   | Concession <sup>1</sup> |   |                                               |   |
|                      | Price                | # | Price                   | # | Price                                         | # |
| <i>THACS</i> members | £27                  |   | £25                     |   | £13                                           |   |
| Non-members          | £28                  |   | £26                     |   | £14                                           |   |

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**Total number of places required.....**

**Number of audio guides required (£3 each).....**

**I enclose £.....**

**Please make cheques payable to *THACS* and send to:- Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JR by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013.**

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