

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

Chairman's Introduction

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

There are still places available for the trip to Tate Britain to see the Lowry exhibition on 9th October, or you might like to just book a seat on the coach for a day out in London. However, please act promptly since we need to have the bookings by 22nd September. Details are given below, along with information about our other remaining events for 2013.

Finally, may I remind you that your *THACS* membership runs until 31st October 2013 and will soon be due for renewal (unless you joined after 30th June this year, in which case your membership will run through to 31 October 2014).

Membership remains 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. If you pay by cash or cheque, then please consider changing to a standing order. It's convenient, easy and safe (since only you can change the amount paid by your bank). You can either use the form at the end of this newsletter or send an instruction direct to your bank. (In the latter case please inform our Treasurer, Malcolm Allen, that you have done so (phone 01438 798749 or email m.allen47@googlemail.com).) If you still wish to pay by cheque, then please send your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to Malcolm Allen, 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, Welwyn, Hertfordshire AL6 0NP by 31st October 2013.

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
9 th October	Visit to Tate Britain to see the <i>Lowry and the painting of modern life</i> exhibition	22 nd September
24 th October	Creative writing workshop	
2 nd November	Quiz evening with fish & chip supper	19 th October
11 th November	Art workshop	
13 th January 2014	Annual General Meeting	No booking necessary

THACS Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September 2013

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show this year. This was the 12th annual Autumn Show and it attracted 40 exhibitors who entered 290 exhibits. Although the number of exhibitors was lower than at last year's autumn show, the number of exhibits was up, mainly due to a significant increase in the number of exhibits in the vegetables & fruit class.

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 collages of leaves, miniature gardens and flower arrangements whilst their arts and crafts involved painting and model-making. Culinary exhibits included chocolate cornflake cakes, decorated cup cakes and sausage rolls and there were also photographs of flowers, creepy-crawlies and grandparents.

Our thanks go to Tewin Cowper School (Summer Club), Tewin Under 5's Pre-School and Tewin Tiny-Tots Pre-School for making three lovely friezes which we used to decorate the hall.

When it came to the prize-giving, the winners could see that their certificates had been enhanced by the use of calligraphy, thanks to the skill and effort of Terry Brand. We hope that this improvement made the winning even more satisfying.

It was a successful and enjoyable event and 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. Thanks to all the ladies who supplied the wonderful cakes and/or helped with serving teas and special thanks go to Anne Hall 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:

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i>	<i>Winners</i>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Audrey Walters
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)	Anna Clark
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Shirley Ashby
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Jules Bridgman
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Joy Lawson

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

<i>Other Prizes – Adults</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Flower Arranging	Audrey Walters	Linda Williams	Anna Clark
Flowers	Diana Brannen	Ray Keppler	Anna Clark
Vegetables & Fruit	Mick Lloyd	Ray Keppler	Anna Clark
Arts & Crafts	Shirley Ashby	Anna Clark	Audrey Walters
Photography	Jules Bridgman	Shirley Ashby	Gay Cates
Culinary	Joy Lawson	Hilary Tipping	Shirley Barker

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Horticulture	
Nursery & Reception	Ashley Winters
Years 1 & 2	No entries
Years 3 & 4	Leah Barker
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	Rosie Christian-Cox
Arts & Crafts	
Nursery & Reception	No entries
Years 1 & 2	Alishia Scargill
Years 3 & 4	Leah Barker
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	Rosie Christian-Cox
Culinary	
Nursery & Reception	Ashley & Imogen Winters
Years 1 & 2	No entries
Years 3 & 4	Leah Barker
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	Amelia & Lydia Bennett
Photography	
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	Rosie Christian-Cox

Forthcoming Events

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

The *THACS* visit to this exhibition was described in the July newsletter, but there is still time to book your place if you wish to go. Early bookings are arriving steadily but, at the time of writing this, there are still some places left.

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

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

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

Audio Guides 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 as soon as possible 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.** You can get the booking form from the July newsletter, from the *THACS* page on the Tewin web site (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or from Jim (phone 01438 718505, email jimjhall@btinternet.com).

Calligraphy classes for the Autumn

As we start the new term, we hope that *THACS* can again run classes for calligraphy, and that those who have already tried their hand mastering the art will want to join the group again this autumn.

We need to know how many wish to commit themselves, so that we can estimate costs and book the hall and tutor. We usually run the classes once a month, on Friday afternoons for two hours, but this may be subject to when the hall is free this year. All details will be sent out when we have information back from members.

If you would like to join our group of 'calligraphers', whether you have been with us before or not, please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 or email mike.tewin@gmail.com so that we can set wheels turning. It would be helpful to know your contact number and when you would be able to attend.

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Creative writing workshop on Thursday 24th October 2013

A creative writing workshop will take place at the home of Joanne Allen on 24th October when Frances Wilson has kindly agreed to return to run the day. The format will be as we have established with exercises to stimulate our writing, followed by an opportunity to write in prose or poetry form about something of our own choosing or something inspired by our exercises.

The course will run between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Frances will take between four and ten participants and the cost will be somewhere between £10 and £25 for the day depending on numbers. We will have a shared lunch so please bring something (which does not have to be homemade). In the last two writing days, this has been a highlight!

Please contact Joanne (01438-798749) if you would like more information or to book your place.

Art workshop on Monday 11th November 2013

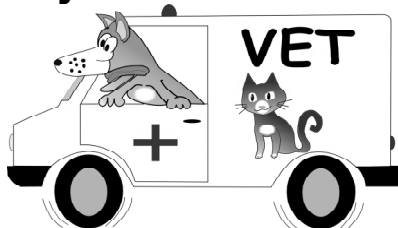
A new one-day art workshop has been arranged for this autumn. It is to be held locally at a private house on Monday 11th November between 10:00am and 4:00pm. It will be run by Jude O'Sullivan, a very gifted artist and teacher who has recently retired as Head of the Art Department at Oaklands College. The day is aimed at both experienced and novice artists and Jude will give us an opportunity to:-

- draw and paint without a pencil
- use a variety of materials, tools and techniques
- experiment with mixed media through observational drawing.

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The emphasis will be on helping participants to develop their individual style. The cost will be £22 for the day which will include all necessary materials. Participants will be asked to bring something to share for lunch. This usually results in an excellent meal.

If you would like to find out more, or to book a place, please contact Joanne Allen on 01438 798749.

Look forward to seeing you for a day of learning, self expression and fun!

Quiz evening with fish & chip supper on Saturday 2nd November 2013

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 2nd November, starting at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm). There will be questions on THACS-related themes (horticulture, arts & crafts, photography and culinary) as well as general knowledge. Prizes will be

awarded to the first and second teams, with booby prizes for the team placed last!

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 **£11.50 for members and £12.50 for non-members**, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £6.00 for members and £7.00 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 cheque (payable to *THACS*) to:-

Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0JR by 19th October 2013.

AGM on Monday 13th January 2014

The thirteenth *THACS* AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 13th January 2014 at 8.00pm. The presentation of the Tewin Society Award will start the evening and this will be followed by the *THACS* AGM, a talk on photography 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 newsletter in December.

Recent Events

Plant stall at the Village Fete on 29th June 2013

This year *THACS* was again delighted to run the plant stall on behalf of the Tewin Memorial Hall committee. Quite a few members rallied to the call and helped with setting up and manning the stall for what turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon. There were many donations of plants of all sorts but we are particularly grateful to Bulls Green Nursery for their donation of herbaceous and rockery plants and a splendid collection of colourful roses. Perhaps because we were the only plant stall this year, we made a record amount for the Hall (about £350). Thanks to Nick Whiting for organising the stall, everyone who donated plants and everyone who helped on the day.

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

The visit to Wrest Park was very interesting and everything went smoothly. The group of 38 people left Tewin at 9:30 with eager anticipation about the visit but apprehension about the dubious weather. The weather forecast was for persistent rain but we were lucky enough to just experience occasional light drizzle (and one heavy shower when most of the group were inside having lunch!).

Twenty-nine people had opted to go on the guided tour of the gardens in the morning, so they were split into two groups with their own guides. The two tours set off at the same time, taking different routes to avoid delays and crowding. The tours were relaxed, informal and interesting. The tour guides were very knowledgeable and they illustrated some of their historical comments with displays from their extensive folder of photographs.

After lunch, some of the group accepted the invitation to go on a brief tour of the stores and archives. This is a new venture for Wrest Park. English Heritage have accumulated and catalogued an extensive collection of historical artefacts in the controlled-environment store so now want to enable visitors to have the chance to see some of it. They have developed a tour but wanted to trial it and get feedback from suitable groups first, before offering it to all visitors. The THACS group was privileged to be invited to try this tour. The number and variety of artefacts was amazing and it was good to be able to handle and closely inspect some of them. The free tour took about half an hour and most visitors helped by completing feed-back forms at the end.

The staff at Wrest Park did a great job in looking after us. The welcome was warm, the staff at reception were efficient with the payments and tickets and they also ensured that the two ladies who wanted electric buggies were not disappointed. The tour guides were excellent and the food in the restaurant was very tasty. Chambers Coaches provided their usual excellent service, ensuring that everyone had a safe and comfortable ride. It all made for an enjoyable day out.

The Tewin Society Award

Nominations are now being sought for people to be considered for the Tewin Society Award 2013. Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin. We are fortunate to have some people who give their time and effort freely, doing work which we all benefit from. This award is a way of thanking and honouring these people, so please support this initiative by nominating the person who you think most deserves this recognition.

The Tewin Society Award committee have produced brief guidance notes to be used in conjunction with the nomination form. They provide guidance about things for you to consider when selecting someone to nominate and when you complete the nomination form. The nomination process has been designed to be as simple and straight-forward as possible and hopefully these new guidance notes will make the process even easier.

Nomination forms and guidance notes are available from Tewin Stores or Tebbutts, or by downloading from www.tewinvillage.co.uk.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Ray Keppler Email: raykeppler@btinternet.com Telephone: 01438 717545

Quiz evening and meal Saturday 2nd November 2013

Contact details

Name/s

Address.....

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

If you are booking for other people, please give their names:-

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Do you have a team of eight people?

If not, are you willing to join other people to make up a team?

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 £11.50 for members and £12.50 for non-members, which covers the price of the supper and entrance to the quiz. Prices for entrance alone are £6.00 for members and £7.00 for non-members.

Total number of places required.....

How many of these are for *THACS* members?

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