

# ***THACS***

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

### **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014**

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

After the wettest winter on record, the *THACS* Spring Show helped celebrate the arrival of the spring. I hope that you came along to enjoy the show. The report and results appear below.

Our proposed visit to RHS Wisley has now been fixed for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. This may seem to be a long way off, but I expect this to be a popular event so recommend that you book early to ensure your place. Details are given below, along with an application form.

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

#### ***THACS* Events**

For ease of reference, here are the dates and titles of our events.

<b>Date of event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Closing date for bookings</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Art workshop	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Gardens	No booking required
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Plant stall at Village Fete	No booking required
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to RHS Wisley	1 <sup>st</sup> July
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Show	31 <sup>st</sup> August
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Arts and crafts fair & sale	No booking required

#### ***THACS* Spring Show on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Well done to all who took part in the *THACS* Spring Show.

It was probably the largest spring show so far! It was certainly the largest since detailed recording started in 2007. There was a total of 161 exhibitors, which is 85% more than last year. The number of children exhibitors was 130 and this was more than double last year's number. The number of adult exhibitors was 31, which compares well with the 23 exhibitors we had last year. It is particularly encouraging to see several new adult exhibitors entering the show and I hope that their experience will encourage them to enter subsequent shows too. The total number of exhibits was 364, which is 50% more than last year. Several of the judges commented on the high standards of the exhibits, so the increased size of the show seems to have had no adverse impact on the quality of entries.

The children provided lovely displays to decorate the hall. Tiny Tots and the Under-Five's pre-school group provided friezes to brighten up the walls whilst Tewin Cowper School provided a "mood board" showing their ideas for gardening at the school, which went well with the display of photographs from the planting day.

The children were also well represented among the exhibits, especially with their lovely fingerprint / handprint paintings of spring flowers, collages of an Easter egg design and photographs of spring flowers.

The adult classes were equally well represented. Filling the centre of the main hall were the displays of spring flowers to welcome the visitors who visited the hall in the afternoon. This was complemented by the exhibits in the Flower Arranging class, which were beautiful.

In addition to the Flower Arranging and Horticulture, there were several tables full of culinary exhibits and beautifully made hand-crafted items, together with displays of poetry, prose, illustrations, calligraphy and photographs.

The adult trophy winners were Susan Whitbourn for Flower Arranging, Ray Keppler for Horticulture, Shirley Ashby for Arts & Crafts, Jules Bridgman for Photography, and Roe Hill for Culinary. Amelia Bennett won the Les Borg Cup for Children's Photography whilst her sister Lydia Bennett won the Tewin Cowper School Award for the highest number of points in the children's classes for horticulture, arts & crafts and culinary. A full list of all the prize-winners is shown on the next page.

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the shows:-

- The staff, helpers and children at Tewin Cowper School, Tiny Tots and the Under-Fives Pre-school, who have been very enthusiastic and supportive
- The judges, who give their time and expertise freely
- The Judges' Stewards, who helped the judges and recorded the results
- Rev'd Susannah Underwood, Freda Allen and Rosemary Nodder who presented some of the prizes
- Byron Sinfield and John Ling for taking the photographs
- Kirston Winters for being the auctioneer
- The committee, who worked so hard to make the show a success
- All the helpers behind the scenes, setting up and clearing the hall, manning the door, helping with teas, cakes, lunch for the judges and washing up
- All the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show!

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Flower Arranging: Welwyn Times Trophy           | Sue Whitbourn         |
| Horticulture: Van Hage Cup                      | Ray Keppler           |
| Arts & Crafts: Tewin Society Salver             | Shirley Ashby         |
| Photography: Peter Allen Memorial Cup           | Jules Bridgman        |
| Culinary: Nodder Bowl                           | Roe Hill              |
| Tewin Cowper School Children's Award            | Lydia Bennett         |
| Children's Photography: Les Borg Cup            | Amelia Bennett        |

| <b><i>Other Prizes</i></b> | <b><i>First</i></b> | <b><i>Second</i></b> | <b><i>Third</i></b>       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Flower Arranging           | Sue Whitbourn       | Joy Lawson           |                           |
| Horticulture               | Ray Keppler         | Shirley Barker       | Marie StPier              |
| Arts & Crafts              | Shirley Ashby       | Terry Brand          | Robert Somerville         |
| Photography                | Jules Bridgman      | Alf Fulford          | Shirley Ashby & Gay Cates |
| Culinary                   | Roe Hill            | Shirley Barker       | Hilary Tipping            |

| <b><i>Children's Awards</i></b> | <b><i>First</i></b>                       | <b><i>Second</i></b>   | <b><i>Third</i></b>                       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Horticulture</b>             |                                           |                        |                                           |
| Nursery & Reception             | Kitty-Rose Carley                         | Imogen Winters         | Ashley Winters                            |
| School years 1 & 2              | May Carley & Jacob Colligan & Maia Bishop |                        |                                           |
| School years 3 & 4              | Leah Barker                               |                        |                                           |
| School years 5-7                | Lydia Bennett                             | Adam Barker            |                                           |
| <b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>        |                                           |                        |                                           |
| Nursery & Reception             | Riley Gibbons & Eliza Herbert             |                        | Kitty-Rose Carley & Samuel Penstone-Smith |
| School years 1 & 2              | Ocean Randhawa                            | Freddy Breckon         |                                           |
| School years 3 & 4              | Scarlett Somerville                       | Leah Barker            |                                           |
| School years 5-7                | Lydia Bennett                             | Adam Barker            | Charlie Daniels                           |
| School years 8-13               | Oliver Jones                              |                        |                                           |
| <b>Photography</b>              |                                           |                        |                                           |
| School years 3 & 4              | Leah Barker                               | Scarlett Christian-Cox | Scarlett Somerville                       |
| School years 5-7                | Adam Barker                               | Lydia Bennett          | Lize DuPlessis                            |
| School years 8-13               | Amelia Bennett                            | Oliver Jones           |                                           |
| <b>Culinary</b>                 |                                           |                        |                                           |
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| School years 1 & 2              | May Carley                                |                        |                                           |
| School years 3 & 4              | Leah Barker                               |                        |                                           |
| School years 5-7                | Adam Barker & Lydia Bennett               |                        |                                           |
| School years 8-13               | Amelia Bennett                            |                        |                                           |

## Forthcoming Events

### Art workshop on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

The next art workshop will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May in Bramfield Village Hall from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Like the previous workshops, it will be run by Jude O'Sullivan. The theme will be “What to draw?” and the workshop is suitable for experienced and novice artists.

Choosing what to draw or paint is the most important first step, to allow you to express a personal opinion about the subject matter. Jude will ask you all to bring an object that is personal to you. This can be man- made, for example a piece of clothing, an accessory, a pair of shoes, a piece of jewellery, an ornament or a natural form such as a shell or stone found on the beach. We will start by drawing from this object with a variety of materials using line and tone and scale. Then we will take these drawings through the other formal elements using just line, then pattern and colour. Jude will provide a variety of papers, materials and tools for you to use, but do please bring your own art boxes with materials as well. If the weather allows we will be going outside to draw and paint from natural forms. Please bring something to share for lunch.

If you would like to book your place, or register an expression of interest, please contact Joanne Allen on 01438-798749 or jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk.

### Open Gardens on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

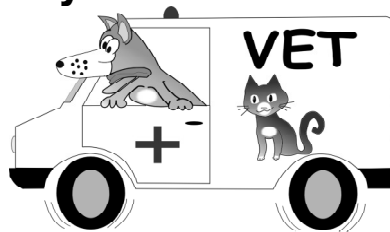
It is more than fourteen years since the first *THACS* Open Garden Event was held. Since then this biennial event has proved very popular with people who live in Tewin and the surrounding towns and we hope this year will be no exception. At the time of writing this article, we have eleven gardens in Tewin that will be open to the public. Visiting an Open Garden offers a rare opportunity to explore the hidden secrets of someone's back garden! The gardens vary greatly and you'll have the opportunity to see small gardens, large gardens, different planting styles, interesting features and unusual plants.

Would you like to join in this event and open your garden? It really is a great way to meet other gardeners and maybe swap ideas and we would love to have you take part. Please see below for full contact details.

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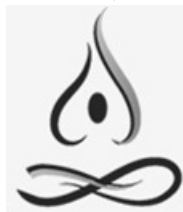
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**Mon-Fri. 8am – 6pm**

**Sat. 9am – 4pm**

Why not come along to the Open Gardens to get inspiration and ideas for your own garden? Some of the gardeners will be selling plants and others will be serving tea and cakes. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon in Tewin!

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The majority of our gardens will be open from 11am to 6pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Entrance to gardens is by programme, which will include a map showing the locations of the open gardens and the opening times for individual gardens. The programme costs £2.50 per adult, (accompanied children are free) and you can buy them at Tewin Village Stores and Tebbutts from Monday 28 April. If you wish to buy your programme on the day, then you can get them from Tewin Stores until 12:00, or from 15 Upper Green Road or from any of the other Open Gardens.

We look forward to seeing you around the village on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May for a beautiful spring day out.

Please give Jim Hall a ring if you want to open your garden or you would like to know more about what is involved. Jim's telephone number is 01438 718505, or email [jimjhall@btinternet.com](mailto:jimjhall@btinternet.com).

## THACS plant stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

This year the village fete will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. THACS will be organising the plant stall again and all the monies raised go to help maintain the village hall – a very worthy cause.

We are appealing for helpers and for offers of plants and other things that we might sell on the stall. Now is a good time for spring sowing, so please think ahead about what you might be able to cultivate for the stall. If there are seedlings left over they might be just the thing for people to buy later on. When you start on the herbaceous beds there may be a bit of dividing or thinning to do. You may have plants that others would value highly so keep us in mind when you find spare offshoots and seedlings.

If you have any plants to donate, then please bring them along to us at the plant stall on Lower Green during the morning of the fete. If this would be inconvenient then you can drop them off before the fete to either Nick Whiting, 5 Churchfield Road, or Sue Whitbourn, 107 Burnham Green Road.

Nick Whiting Tel: 01438 717230

## Visit to RHS Wisley on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014

If you would like a summer's day out to lift the spirits, then join us on a coach trip to a day at RHS Wisley. Wisley is the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society and was voted Britain's Favourite Garden in the BBC Countryfile Magazine Awards in 2013. Set in 240 acres of beautiful grounds, visitors can experience different styles of planting and garden design in a variety of lovely settings and all cared for to perfection. The famous mixed borders are glorious in July and they are full of colour, form and texture.

If you make your way to the top of the magnificent Rock Garden, you'll also see the amazing view down onto the majestic glasshouse and lake. This glasshouse is a showcase for a world-class plant collection, including rare and endangered species. The huge cathedral-like structure has three climatic zones, recreating tropical, moist temperate and dry temperate habitats. *THACS* is engraved on one of the glass panels in recognition of the donation given towards the glasshouse in 2004. The glasshouse borders should be looking wonderful. They're full of agastaches, grasses, heleniums, echinaceas and eryngiums. There are some stunning plant combinations to see in detail and a glorious view en masse.

In the trials field, the finest flowers and vegetables are identified from the countless new introductions. You'll be able to see stunning and scented sweet peas, delphiniums, blackberries, hybrid berries and maybe even some Dahlias.

There is a Plant Centre with a wide variety of hardy plants for sale, the Wisley Shop for inspirational gifts and a choice of five different refreshment options, from a three-course meal in the Restaurant to an ice cream in the Orchard Café. There are many facilities for disabled, including push wheelchairs, a mobility scooter and an electric mobility vehicle which drives around the gardens for those who cannot walk too far.

Since this trip will be during the school holidays, parents may wish to bring their children along. There are several suitable trails in the garden and you can get free garden trail leaflets at the Garden Entrance. Each trail gives children things to spot, ideas of great places to explore and fun things to do in the garden. Also, young would-be jungle explorers will love the Tropical Zone in the glasshouse.

If you would like to find out more about the garden and the facilities, please visit the web site [www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Wisley](http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Wisley).

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**The coach will leave Tewin (opposite the Rose and Crown) at 9.00am promptly and leave Wisley at 3.30pm.** An optional walking guided tour of the gardens is available to for an additional cost of £3. The tour guides are knowledgeable and helpful, so the tour is particularly recommended if you have not visited Wisley before. The tour will last about 90 minutes and is scheduled to start at 11:30.

Please fill in the form on the back page with your details and preferences and then send it, with your payment, to Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. (This early closing date is necessary because the organisers at Wisley need four weeks notice of the number of people taking the guided tours and to reserve mobility scooters).

## Recent Events

### Creative writing workshop on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

This was an inspiring and enjoyable day, ably tutored by Frances Wilson, whose exercises fostered some original thinking and clever pieces of work. The writing took us into new territory and this was energizing. We have some very interesting writers in Tewin.

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**VISIT TO RHS WISLEY  
WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

***Contact details***

**Name/s .....**

**Address.....**

**.....**

**Phone Number.....**

**Email.....**

***Booking information***

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

	Adult		Children <sup>1</sup>	
	Price	#	Price	#
<i>THACS</i> members	£10		£5	
Non-members	£12		£6	

<sup>1</sup>:- Children are people who are aged 16 or under.

They are entitled to the member's price if at least one parent / carer is a *THACS* member

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

**Number of guided tour places required (£3 each).....**

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Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.**