

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

Chairman's Introduction

Our last event for this summer is the visit to the RHS garden at Wisley 30th July and there should still be places available if you book promptly. We have several events organised for the autumn and winter, starting with the Autumn Show on 6th September. Please support this event by exhibiting some of your handiwork and coming along to see the show in the afternoon.

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

THACS Events

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

Date of event	Event	Closing date for bookings
30 th July	Visit to RHS Wisley	23 rd July
6 th September	Autumn Show	31 st August
1 st November	Arts and crafts fair & sale	No booking required
Late November	Visit to the National Gallery	TBA

Forthcoming Events

Visit to RHS Wisley on Wednesday 30th July 2014

If you have booked your place on this visit, please remember that **the coach will leave Tewin (opposite the Rose and Crown) at 9.00am promptly** and leave Wisley at 3.30pm.

At the time of writing this, there are still places left on the coach. So if you have not booked yet but would like to come, then please contact Ray Keppler (telephone 01438 717545 or email raykeppler@btinternet.com) to find out if any spaces are still available.

Autumn Show Saturday 6th 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 covering flower arranging, flowers, vegetables & fruit, arts & crafts, photography and culinary, 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 downloaded from the *THACS* page on the village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores after 1st August.

All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 31st August to Ray Keppler, *THACS* Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE, telephone 01438 717545.

Future Events

Arts & Crafts fair and sale on Saturday 1st November 2014

The Arts & Crafts fair and sale will take place in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday 1st November. A wide range of items will be for sale and all of them will be hand-made by local artists and crafts people. There will also be refreshments, a cake stall and jewellery making demonstrations from Homebeads of Knebworth.

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) 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 pass the information on to them. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of the hall, but all profits will go to the stallholders.

Plate Club

Sunday mornings 10am - 1pm
at Thrift Cottage
52a Burnham Green Road

Carve a plate from native English
hardwood

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provided

**Call Robert Somerville on 01438 798223 to
book a place and join the plate club!**

Visit to the National Gallery in November

THACS will be arranging a visit in late November to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London. We will be travelling by coach and you have the option to visit the gallery, wander round town or maybe take the opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping. Currently the Rembrandt Exhibition is planned for this period but there is of course much more to see and you can visit other sites whilst in London.

The coach will leave Tewin around 9:30am and leave the National Gallery around 4:00pm so we should be back in Tewin around 5:30-6:00pm (traffic dependant). More details and a booking form will be available in the September Newsletter.

Tewin Pilates



Pilates classes held in Tewin Pavilion,
Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX

Classes held during the day: Mondays 1.15pm,
Tues, Weds & Fridays 9.15am & 10.30am

Evening classes:

Wednesday & Thursday 7-8pm & 8.15-9.15pm

For more info contact Julie on: 07788 648438

juleskimber@tewinpilates.com

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Recent Events

Art workshop on Thursday 1st May 2014

Six THACS members and one guest gathered at Bramfield Village Hall on a fine spring day for a workshop under the leadership of Jude O'Sullivan.

The participants were asked to bring an object that was personal to them, for example an item of clothing, a piece of jewellery, an ornament or something from nature such as a shell or stone found on the beach. They took this as a starting point and then developed their work with a variety of materials and techniques.

Bramfield Village Hall proved to be a wonderful venue for the light provided by the floor to ceiling windows and the views over the countryside. It was a very comfortable place to spend the day, with good facilities. A delicious and substantial "bring and share" lunch was enjoyed by all.

Open Gardens on Sunday 18th May 2014

On Sunday 18th May, the sun shone, the gardens were stunning and every visitor enjoyed a great day out.

Once again our skilful and enthusiastic gardeners had produced marvellous displays ranging from Thrift Cottage where people were interested in the garden, the pond with the vegetarian Grass Carp but also the history and construction of the cottage. Queen Hoo proved a great attraction to our visitors and model railway enthusiasts were delighted to see the trains running on time when visiting Upper Green Road with four gardens open and the opportunity to purchase similar plants to those on display in the gardens. The first port of call for many was Churchfield Road to view the beautiful cottage garden and then onto Tewin Allotments where they learned some great techniques on vegetable growing followed by another wonderful example of a cottage garden in Hertford Road. Many visitors then rounded off their afternoon in Orchard Road relaxing with a cup of tea and a delicious piece of cake.

It was delightful to go round all 10 gardens, simply because there was so much to enjoy in each one – and not least, people! Our garden owners were wonderful hosts, and gave so much – not only of their time, but their knowledge when quizzed about their gardens, and even their baking.

Huge thanks to all our gardeners and to our visitors who made the day such a success, it enabled THACS to donate £250 to Isabel Hospice.

THACS plant stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 28th June

The omens for the 28th June did not look good. There was a 60% chance of rain all that afternoon when we were hoping for crowds of happy visitors to come to one of Tewin's great events – the village fete on Lower Green. The morning was lovely and the team of *THACS* helpers had a pleasant time sorting the stock collected for the plant stall and enjoying the busy scene around them. Later the wind got up and the dark clouds gathered and cardigans were called for. Some resorted to Julia's Pimms to restore their nerve but in the end it was not needed. The rain did not really materialise and the visitors came and many bought plants from our stall. This year the selection was good and of reasonable quality and we must thank Bulls Green Nursery for their generous donation which included some lovely roses. Many villagers donated plants and other items from their gardens to provide what was an impressive display. At the end there were no plants left and a goodly sum was deposited with Pat Fulford for the benefit of the Tewin Memorial Hall. Thanks are due to all our helpers who worked so hard to load, identify, price and sell. Now, please get going with all those cuttings for next year!

The Tewin Society Award

The Tewin Society Award is presented annually to recognise the contributions to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin made by volunteers. Who will win the award this year?

Do you know of someone, apart from the three previous winners, who has made a significant contribution to Tewin through their unpaid work? If you think this person would be a worthy winner, please consider nominating them. You do not need to be a resident of Tewin and neither do they.

The first recipient was Margaret Knight in 2011 for leading the effort to plant trees and spring bulbs in and around Tewin. This was a significant achievement that improved the local environment and left a lasting legacy.

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

The third award in 2013 went to Patrick Holden for his leadership of the footpath project, in which the footpaths of Tewin were cleared, rehabilitated and mapped. The culmination of the project was a beautifully illustrated map, still available today from Tewin Stores, used by many walking groups around the county and from further afield.

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Tewin owes much to Margaret for its environment, to Elizabeth for the recording of the history of our community and to Patrick for ensuring that the footpaths are mapped so that the local environment can be enjoyed by all.

Please note that, even though the last three winners have all led teams, future award winners may have made a contribution that is confined to a smaller area of our community.

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Monday to Friday 9 am to 12 am

Saturday 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

If you submitted a nomination previously, then you need do nothing more as it will be considered again this year. However, if you have new information in respect of the same person, please submit a new nomination which includes this information.

If you have not made a nomination previously, 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 and guidance notes will be available from 1st September from Tewin Stores or by downloading from www.tewinvillage.co.uk. If you would like them earlier, please contact me.

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