

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

Chairman's Introduction

I hope that you are enjoying the summer and taking the opportunity to get out and about, maybe visiting beautiful gardens or just relaxing in yours. We need to take advantage of the good summer weather whilst it lasts, but we can still look forward to the *THACS* autumn events!

As summer drifts into autumn, the time comes for the Autumn Show, which will be on Saturday 19th September. Please support this event by exhibiting some of your handiwork and coming along to see the show in the afternoon (doors open at 2:00pm).

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	Event	Closing date for bookings
9 th August	Calligraphy workshop	31 st July
19 th September	Autumn Show	13 th September
19 th October	Creative writing workshop	15 th September
26 th October	Art workshop	15 th September
31 st October	Arts & Crafts Fair	No booking necessary

Forthcoming Events

Calligraphy workshop on Sunday 9th August

A reminder that the *THACS* Calligraphy workshop led by Mark L'Argent is being held between 2 – 5pm on Sunday 9th August at the Burnham Green hall, where refreshments will be provided during the afternoon. The workshop is open to anyone interested in letter forms, and no experience is necessary or required. Mark will bring some examples of student projects and his own work to show us, and will set us an exercise for the session. He will provide calligraphy marker pens and paper for this.

The fee for the three hour tuition and work practice is £12 for *THACS* members, or £15 for non-members. This includes materials, hire of the hall and refreshments.

While this is a one-off workshop afternoon, we hope you will enjoy the experience and wish to continue. With sufficient numbers recruited, we hope to establish more regular classes in the autumn.

If you would like to join us, and learn about the skills of Calligraphy, please contact Anna Clark on 01438 798324 or by email at mike.tewin@gmail.com by the end of July.

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Autumn Show on Saturday 19th September

The Autumn Show is a great time for you to display your achievements in growing flowers, vegetables and fruit in your garden or allotment and to show off your skills in arts, crafts, culinary and photography. The range of categories is expansive and includes 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 down-loaded from the *THACS* page on the village website (www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/) or you can get paper copies from Tewin Stores after 1st August.

All entry forms and entrance fees should be submitted by Sunday 13th September to Ray Keppler, *THACS* Show Secretary, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LE.

The Spring Show generated an unusually high level of comments and constructive suggestions. Such feedback is vital if the shows are to remain viable and well-supported, so thank you very much if you made any suggestions about the show. The committee have considered all of the suggestions and many of them are being implemented for the autumn show. The highlights are as follows:-

- Opening the show to the public at 2:00pm (instead of the traditional time of 2:15).
- Clarification of the eligibility of children
- Requests to exhibitors of flowers, vegetables and fruit to name the variety being displayed (if possible)

Full details can be found in the show schedule.

Regarding the handicraft categories, several people commented on the difficulty in producing good needlework, knitted items or other hand-crafted items in a relatively short time. In response to this, we'll try to set the handicraft categories for the 2016 shows early and publish them in the December newsletter (just as we do for photography).

If you have any comments or suggestions about the shows, please let me know (email raykeppler@btinternet.com or telephone 01438 717545). I would particularly like to hear your suggestions about categories for future shows, so that we can add more variety and cater for as many interests as possible.

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 '*If I had the power...*'. The winning entry was from Gerry Murphy who wrote the following poem:-

If I had the Power

*If I had the Power and you had the money
We'd live in a land that was warm and sunny
We'd drive a convertible every day
And we'd dine on chuck-oysters from out on the Bay*

*If I had the Power that politics gives
I would surely transform where everyone lives
Into better conditions and modern homes
With no trace of hunger and no-one alone*

*If I had the Power to fly like an eagle
To sail over seas on the wing like a seagull
To rise and to dip, to swoop and to soar
I know I'd fly higher than any before*

*If I had the Power to see myself
As others see me – for good or for ill
I'd surely be wanting a change here and there
a moustache – new glasses – more smiles – short hair*

*If I had the Power we dreamed of as kids
I'd probably want to do more than I did
A singer, a captain, a leader, a writer,
And less of a coward and more of a fighter*

*If I had the power and a voice like Neil Diamond
or even could write some great songs like Paul Simon
I'd work up a fanbase to fill Wembley stadium
Or maybe at least fill the London Palladium*

*If I had the Power to see where we stand
And the vision to capture the lay of the land
I'd tell you what futures await us ahead
To be sure that we don't let our heart rule our head*

*Now, if I had the power You never can tell
But I think I would mostly handle it well
I'd seldom screw-up – but even if I do
If it all gets too much for me - I'll hand it to you*

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

Creative writing workshop on Monday 19th October

There have been requests for this very popular workshop to be run in the autumn and the 19th of October has been set as the date. The course can take 10 participants.

Frances Wilson will again be our tutor. The day will start with some of her famous apple cake, followed by exercises which are always mind expanding. The rest of the morning is spent writing prose and/or poetry (of the participant's choosing). Lunch is a bring-and-share (now well known and envied!). In the afternoon we will hear one another's work and may follow on with a few exercises depending on time. The day will finish at 4pm. The cost will be £18 for *THACS* members and £21 for non-members.

Contact Joanne Allen who hosts the day (01438 798749 or jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to know more or wish to sign up.

Art workshop on Monday 26th October

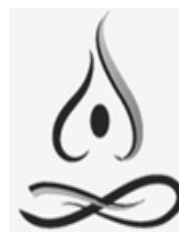
In these lazy hazy days of summer, no one wants to think about autumn but you might like to think about the pleasure of coming to the next art day we have planned. It will take place in Bramfield Village Hall from 10:45am to 4:45pm. This year we have a new tutor, Alison Howell, who has taught for several years in local colleges and promises an interesting day with variety of techniques. The day is suitable for experienced and novice artists.

The cost of the day will be £20 plus £5 for materials and there will be a maximum of 10 participants. As usual, participants will be asked to bring something to share for lunch which will mean a grand meal for all of us!

If you would like to talk about the day or book your place, contact Joanne Allen on 01438-798749 or jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk.

Hope you can make it!

Tewin Pilates



Pilates classes held in Tewin Pavilion,
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For more info contact Julie on: 07788 648438

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Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday 31st October

We have received a good response from stallholders for the Arts & Crafts Fair, so the preparation is well underway.

If you are an artist or crafts person and would like a stall, or if you know of anyone locally who would like to take part, please contact Hilary at hilary.tipping@talk21.com or phone 01438 718700 for more details.

Recent Events

Plant stall at the village fete on Saturday 27th June

Once again the weather was kind to us and the sun shone all afternoon. It was hard work on the THACS plant stall trying to keep the plants watered but there was plenty of interest and sales were brisk. Bulls Green Nursery kindly donated lots of plants including half a dozen splendid roses which, together with the many plants that our members had brought, made a really good show. I must thank everybody who helped and especially Sue Whitbourn who also provided the gazebo. We all enjoyed the day but it was hard work in the heat and I think we were quite glad when it was all over! The good news is that we made a good chunk of money for the Tewin Memorial Hall (about £350) so it was all worthwhile.

Nick Whiting

Visit to Audley End house & gardens on Tuesday 7th July

Unfortunately this visit was cancelled because of lack of support.

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Tewin Society Award

Tewin Society Award was devised to recognise the contributions to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin made by volunteers. Our heritage, environment and conservation are hugely important and we are fortunate to have people within our community who give their time and effort freely, doing work which we all benefit from. The Tewin Society Award was a way of thanking and honouring these people and over the last four years, the award has been presented to four worthy winners in recognition of their extraordinary achievements:- Margaret Knight in 2011, Elizabeth Wilson in 2012, Patrick Holden in 2013 and Michael Clark in 2014.

The Tewin Society Awards have run their course and it is now time to discontinue them. No further awards will be made.

There were only two nominations in 2013 and one in 2014. In all three cases the individuals had been nominated previously so it appears that we have

exhausted the current supply of suitable candidates.

A number of people were nominated but not selected for an award. No doubt they have all added a great deal to the life of Tewin in their own ways. However, when the nominations were judged against the specific criteria relating to heritage, environment and conservation, it was found that they did not justify making an award. Consequently the Tewin Society Award committee decided to cancel any future campaigns and that decision was endorsed by the

THACS committee. The appropriate material will be archived in case anyone wishes to resurrect the award in future years.

Our congratulations go to all of the winners and our thanks and gratitude to all those who helped and supported them in their work.

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

Publication of *Apples – a field guide* by Michael Clark

The eagerly awaited book *Apples – a field guide*, by Mike Clark, has now been published. This is a completely revised new edition of the field guide and will be very useful to anyone wanting to know anything about apple identification and cultivation. The reviews have been good and included the following comments:-

“Apple-lovers should not miss the perfect guide to our most English fruit.”

“ ... beautiful book ”, “...It is superbly illustrated and tells us exactly what we need to know about each good variety and about apple cultivation in general”.

This hardback book has 193 pages and retails for £25. Copies of the book are available for purchase from Tewin Stores or you can order one using the order form from the Tewin Orchard website (<http://www.tewinorchard.co.uk/books.html>).

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