

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

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Chairman's Introduction

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I wish you health and happiness for 2017 and hope that you will continue to enjoy the *THACS* events and newsletters.

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

Thanks to all of those members who have paid their membership fees for 2016/17. If you are one of the few who have not paid yet, then please consider setting up an annual Standing Order. You can get the form for this from Malcolm Allen (01438 798749 or allendmw@outlook.com) or the *THACS* page on the Tewin village website www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/. You can also renew your membership by sending cash or cheque (payable to *THACS*) for £5 per person to Malcolm Allen at 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, Welwyn, Hertfordshire AL6 0NP.

***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
16 th December 2016	Art workshop	9 th December
16 th January 2017	Annual General Meeting	No booking required
1 st April 2017	Spring Show	26 th March
2 nd September 2017	Autumn Show	27 th August

Forthcoming Events

Art Workshop on Friday 16th December

Due to various difficulties, we have had to change the date of the art workshop from Friday 11th November to Friday 16th of December. It will now be run by Jude O'Sullivan and the subject matter will be *Light and Shade*, using a variety of media. The workshop will run from 10am to 4pm and participants will be asked to bring something to share for lunch which, at previous workshops, has meant a delicious feast.

The venue will still be the beautiful and well-lit church hall at St. Mary's, Welwyn. The staff at the Wellington pub across the street have very kindly offered to let us park on their premises for the duration of the day at no cost. I will be on hand at the Wellington to help people carry their things to the church hall. The cost is £30 for *THACS* members and £32 for non-members, to be paid by 9th December. If you would like to discuss it or would like to book, please contact Joanne Allen at 01438-798749 or at jralen14@hotmail.co.uk.

Joanne Allen

Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th January 2017

The sixteenth *THACS* AGM will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7:30pm. The evening will start with the AGM and then there will be refreshments (including wine) followed by a talk from our guest speaker.

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The notices for the AGM accompany this newsletter. As you can see from the agenda, the meeting will include the Chairman's and Treasurer's report for 2016, the election of the officers and other committee members for 2017 and a preview of events for 2017. The committee is still developing the programme of events and would like to hear your suggestions for this. If you have any ideas for events in 2017, then please let us know by contacting Jim Hall on the night or you can email him at jimjhall@btinternet.com.

Our guest speaker is Barry Dodge and the subject of his talk will be *Manet, Impressionism and the origins of modern art*. Barry will look at the reasons why so many art historians, including the great Modernist critic Clement Greenberg, suggest Manet was the first truly Modernist artist. He will show how Manet's painting 'Le Dejeuner sur l'Herbe' may be regarded as, perhaps, the first example of avant-garde Modernist art. He will look at how impressionism develops, in part, through the example of Manet's work, and how the work of Claude Monet, in particular, can be seen as the inspiration for much Modernist avant-garde art in the 20th century, including that of American Abstract Expressionism.

Barry Dodge is no stranger to members of

THACS, having given a couple of talks to meetings in the past:- *The history of modern art* at the AGM in 2008 and *The life and work of Henry Moore* in May 2011. Those who remember these earlier talks will be looking forward to this one.

There is no admission charge for the evening and no booking is necessary. This is an important meeting for *THACS* and all members are urged to attend. Non-members are very welcome but not able to vote.

***THACS* Shows in 2017**

The Spring Show will be on Saturday 1st April 2017 and the Autumn Show will be on Saturday 2nd September 2017. Note that these are earlier dates than for the 2016 shows, so please get them in your diaries and don't be caught out!

The Show Schedule for the Spring Show will be distributed with the next *THACS* newsletter in February 2017. Meanwhile here are the photographic categories for both shows:-

Spring 2017	Autumn 2017
1. * Monuments	1. Windows
2. Atmospheric landscape	2. * Transport
3. * Wildlife	3. * Patterns in nature
4. Flags	4. Signs
5. * Spring flowers	5. * Cats / dogs

The Adult Section consists of all ten categories and the Children's Section consists of the six categories marked with *.

We recognise that it can be difficult to produce good needlework, knitted items or other hand-crafted items in a relatively short time. So, in order to give exhibitors more time to produce their handiwork, here are the adult handicraft categories for both shows:-

Spring 2017

1. Stitched household object (for example, tea cosy, cushion cover, draught excluder, apron.)

Autumn 2017

1. Soft toy, any material
2. Hand knitted garment. Space allowed 60cm x 60cm (24ins x 24ins)

Please remember that these are your shows, so we need your guidance and feed-back to ensure that the shows reflect the interests of *THACS* members. So, if you have suggestions for any categories for future shows, we'd love to hear from you.

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Recent Events

Creative writing workshop on Friday 21st October

A full house including several newcomers enjoyed a day of writing under the tutelage of our very capable Frances Wilson. We were given sentences from which we had to write a narrative and sentences with which we had to end a narrative. We had to choose a person, real or fictional, and then create an incident from their childhood which might have affected their later life choices. Good writing came of this and a lot of fun and laughter. As usual the lunch time contributions made a veritable feast.

Due to the popularity of this course and the size of my conservatory it may be necessary to put on a third course next year in order to accommodate all those who want to come. The next course will be in the spring (dates to follow).

Joanne Allen

Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday 29th October

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The annual Art & Craft Fair was held in Tewin Memorial Hall, featuring an eclectic mix of stalls selling locally hand-made Arts and Crafts including soft furnishings, wood turning, preserves, painting and jewellery. This time there was a pottery-making demonstration to watch, with some visitors having a go themselves!

The ever-popular charity cake stall did fantastically well, raising £300 for *Bake For Heroes*.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the event, all the stallholders and those who helped with setting up the Hall and worked tirelessly in the kitchen. It is such a joy to see that there is so much talent around our village.

Hilary Tipping



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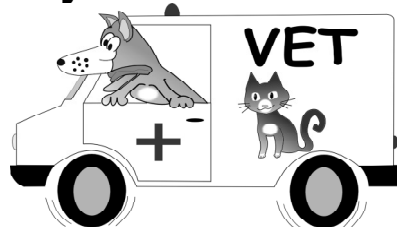
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