

# ***THACS***

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

### **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017**

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

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

*THACS* will have a plant stall at the Village Fete in June, so please support this effort by providing us with plants that we might sell on the stall in aid of Tewin Memorial Hall.

We have arranged a visit to Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, so please get the date in your diary and come along and join us for a lovely day out.

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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Closing date for bookings</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Anglesey Abbey	5 <sup>th</sup> July
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Autumn Show	27 <sup>th</sup> August
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Art & Craft fair	No booking required

#### **Spring Show on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

The Spring Show in Tewin Memorial Hall displayed a wide range of exhibits of flower arranging, horticulture, arts & crafts, photography and culinary from adults and children.

In the Main Hall were beautiful flower arrangements, a delightful display of horticulture exhibits, mouth-watering culinary exhibits and a selection of arts & craft exhibits. This was enhanced by decorative friezes from Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school and Tewin Tots Pre-school. who also provided the daffodil pictures used to make the bunting. The photography, painting, calligraphy and prose exhibits were shown in the Parish Room, along with a display of photographs and text of project work from Tewin Cowper School. In the corridor were more of the children's art exhibits together with further displays from the children of Tewin Cowper School in the form of Easter Art and novel "moving pictures".

The Show Schedule gave the younger exhibitors a chance to do the same (or similar) as the adults in some cases. This enabled us to display their exhibits along side the corresponding adult ones, which made for interesting comparisons! We do this regularly for the photography (where the children share three subjects with the adults) but this time we extended the concept to other subjects, such as flower arrangements in an egg cup, and an Easter Greetings card. I hope that this inspired the children (but I don't know what effect it had on the adult exhibitors). It seems to be difficult to attract teenagers to enter the show, so maybe this approach might encourage them to participate more.

The adult trophy winners were Sue Whitbourn for Flower Arranging, Marie St Pier for Horticulture, Melanie Goodison for Culinary and Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts and also for Photography. Lauren Cates won the Les Borg Cup for Children's Photography and Peter Goodison 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 below and you can view photographs of the show on the Tewin Village website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk).

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the show:-

- The staff, helpers and children at Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school, Tewin Tots Pre-school and the Tewin Toddler group, 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
- Linda Crawford and her team for lunch for the judges, refreshments in the afternoon and washing up
- Myra Walker from Tewin Cowper School, who presented prizes to the children
- Byron Sinfield and John Ling for taking the photographs
- 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 and making cakes for the afternoon refreshments.
- All the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show!

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| <b><i>Special Awards for Highest Points</i></b> | <b><i>Winners</i></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Flower Arranging: Welwyn Times Trophy           | Sue Whitbourn         |
| Horticulture: Van Hage Cup                      | Marie St Pier         |
| Arts & Crafts: Marian Meads Memorial Trophy     | Terry Brand           |
| Photography: Peter Allen Memorial Cup           | Terry Brand           |
| Culinary: Nodder Bowl                           | Melanie Goodison      |
| Tewin Cowper School Children's Award            | Peter Goodison        |
| Children's Photography: Les Borg Cup            | Lauren Cates          |

| <b><i>Other Prizes-<br/>adults</i></b> | <b><i>First</i></b> | <b><i>Second</i></b> | <b><i>Third</i></b> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Flower Arranging                       | Sue Whitbourn       | Audrey Walters       | Diana Brannen       |
| Horticulture                           | Marie St Pier       | Ray Keppler          | Mari Barton-Jones   |
| Arts & Crafts                          | Terry Brand         | Shirley Ashby        | Jim Hall            |
| Photography                            | Terry Brand         | Diana Brannen        | David Gregg         |
| Culinary                               | Melanie Goodison    | Hilary Tipping       | Anne Hall           |

| <b><i>Other prizes - children</i></b> | <b><i>Winners</i></b>    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Horticulture</b>                   |                          |
| Nursery & Reception                   | Linus Winters            |
| School years 1 & 2                    | Peter Goodison           |
| School years 3 & 4                    | May Carley & Zoe Faraway |
| School years 5-7                      | No entries               |
| School years 8-13                     | No entries               |
| <b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>              |                          |
| Nursery & Reception                   | Lauren Murray            |
| School years 1 & 2                    | Peter Goodison           |
| School years 3 & 4                    | Annabel Goodison         |
| School years 5-7                      | No entries               |
| School years 8-13                     | No entries               |
| <b>Photography</b>                    |                          |
| School years 3 & 4                    | Annabel Goodison         |
| School years 5-7                      | Imogen Kerr              |
| School years 8-13                     | Lauren Cates             |
| <b>Culinary</b>                       |                          |
| Nursery & Reception                   | Erin Murray              |
| School years 1 & 2                    | Imogen Winters           |
| School years 3 & 4                    | May Carley               |
| School years 5-7                      | Imogen Kerr              |
| School years 8-13                     | No entries               |

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Plant stall at the village fete on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

The March edition of the Tewin Magazine included the welcome announcement that the Tewin Village Fete will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. THACS will be organising the plant stall again and all the monies raised go to help maintain the village hall, so it's a very worthy cause.

Please support this effort by providing us with plants 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. Any further enquiries to Nick on 01438 717230.

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## **Visit to Anglesey Abbey on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

For our summer outing this year, we have arranged a visit to Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill in Cambridgeshire. We had a group visit there before, to see the lovely winter gardens back in February 2012, so a return visit in summer is over-due. This time, there will be the opportunity to explore the house and mill as well as the extensive grounds. There is something there for everyone, so come along and join us for a great day out!

Anglesey Abbey is believed to have been founded by Henry 1 in 1135 as the hospital of St Mary, but it had become a run-down country house in a desolate landscape by the time Lord Fairhaven bought it in 1926. Lord Fairhaven wanted to inspire and surprise visitors, so he created a spectacular garden with planting for all seasons, together with a cosy house in which to entertain. He gifted the estate to the National Trust upon his death in 1966 and we now have the opportunity to explore and enjoy his legacy.

In the house there are fine furnishings, books, paintings, silver and rare clocks:- all giving a feeling of opulence, reflecting the luxurious lifestyle. The grounds of the property are extensive (114 acres) and offer vibrant colour and the simple pleasures of nature. Since our visit will be in July, we should be able to fully enjoy the magnificent sweeping herbaceous border packed with colour and also the heady scent of the Rose Garden. Only a relatively small portion of the estate

is so intensely cultivated but there are plenty of other things to explore in the grounds, including one of the finest collections of garden statuary in the country.

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Lode Mill will be open and worth visiting. A watermill probably stood on the site of Lode Mill at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086, but the Mill which stands today is likely to have been built in the eighteenth century. You'll be able to step inside and (hopefully) watch grain turn into wholesome wholemeal flour before your eyes.

Visitor facilities include a restaurant, gift shop, book shop and a plant centre. Redwoods Restaurant is a self-service licensed restaurant which offers light refreshments and hot or cold lunches, made with fresh local ingredients. It is open from 10:30am to 5:30pm, and lunches are served between 12:00 noon and 2:30pm. Alternatively, there is a picnic area adjacent to the restaurant and picnics may also be eaten in most parts of the garden.

There are wheelchairs and mobility scooters for the less mobile, but these must be booked in advance. The mobility scooters are only usable for up to 2 hours and they are not allowed

out in the rain. The house is about 600 metres from reception and for visitors with mobility problems there is a five-seater buggy, driven by a member of staff, which runs between reception and the house on request.

More information can be found in the guidebooks for the house and the gardens, which will be available for purchase on the day at Reception, House and Shop. If you want to find out more about Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill before visiting, then please see their web site at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill/)

We will be travelling by coach, which will leave Tewin (from the bus stop opposite the Rose & Crown) at 9:30am and will leave Anglesey Abbey for the return journey at 3:30pm.

If you are a member of the National Trust then you are entitled to free entry to the whole property but you must bring your membership card with you, so that it can be scanned.

If you are not a member of the National Trust, you have two access options:- if you would like to visit the house, choose the "Whole property" option, which will give you access to everything. Otherwise, choose the "Garden & Mill only" option, which will give you access to everything except the house.

The pricing options are:-

	With National Trust membership	Without National Trust membership	
		Whole property	Garden & Mill only
Member of <i>THACS</i>	£12	£24	£19
Non-member of <i>THACS</i>	£15	£27	£22

These include coach, entry fee and gratuity for the driver.

If you would like to come on this visit, then please fill in the form on page 9 and send it, with your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to:-

**Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin AL6 0LE by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Recent Events

### Creative Writing Workshop on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Haiku - a poem, originally Japanese of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, consisting of 17 syllables in three lines of five, seven, and five. Ezra Pound was famous for them.

So:

*Spring day. Eight folk came  
all wrote stirring prose and poems  
noteworthy success*

Try one!

Joanne Allen (Event Organiser)

## Other News

### Nature Area at Marden Hill

We have been contacted by Danielle Wainhouse on behalf of *Therapeutic Hooves* (see their website [www.therapeutichooves.com](http://www.therapeutichooves.com)). This seems like an organisation that is worthy of support and I am pleased to include her self-explanatory email below. Please contact Danielle directly if you wish to donate any suitable plants, or to collect any of the manure on offer.

**From:** Danielle Wainhouse [<mailto:daniellethooves@gmail.com>]  
**Subject:** Nature Area

My name is Danielle and I run a non-profit organisation who offer therapeutic equine support to adults and children with additional needs and life limiting conditions. We are based at Marden Hill. Currently we are working with the children and their families to create a nature garden, we have been donated bird houses and a bird feeding table. We are also teaching the children about taking care of wildlife and creating habitats for them. Part of our vision for the nature area is a bumble bee garden filled with flowers and plants that attract the bees. I wondered if any of your members would like to donate any flowers or plants that we could use for this purpose? Any help would be greatly appreciated not just by myself but the wonderful families we have the pleasure of supporting.

On a side note if any of your members would like to collect manure for either their roses or allotments they are very welcome to contact me.

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Danielle Wainhouse  
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## Visit to Anglesey Abbey on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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Address.....

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

### *Booking information*

The following table give the prices for all of the options. Please enter the number of persons required for each option in the boxes headed "Number" to the right of the associated price.

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Total number of places required.....

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Please make cheques payable to THACS and send to:- Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin AL6 0LE by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.