

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

Chairman's Introduction

I've been Chairman and Newsletter Editor since 2009 and Show Secretary since 2012. Whilst it has all been enjoyable and worthwhile, now I would like to lighten my workload by handing over the Newsletter Editor role to someone else. Please consider the appeal below.

Finally, may I remind you that your *THACS* membership runs until 31st October and will soon be due for renewal (unless you joined after 30th June this year, in which case your membership will run through to 31 October 2018).

Membership remains only £5 per person per year, which represents excellent value. If you pay for your membership via a standing order, then your membership fee will be paid automatically. Otherwise, please send your cheque (payable to *THACS*) to Malcolm Allen, 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, Welwyn, Hertfordshire AL6 0NP by 31st October.

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

APPEAL FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

It's time for a new editor, who can bring their own style and fresh approach to the newsletters. Could that be you?

There are five *THACS* newsletters each year and your role as editor would be to collate and edit articles about forthcoming or recent events, insert the adverts and get the newsletters ready for printing. You would not need to write anything yourself (except maybe an editorial introduction) and you do not need to be able to use any sophisticated desk-top publishing tools. However, you would need to be able to work to publishing deadlines and to orchestrate the contributors to get their articles to you on time.

The role of Newsletter Editor has always been done by a member of the *THACS* committee and so you would be most welcome to join us. This would make your editorial task easier because you would have a better understanding of *THACS* activities and be able to discuss and influence editorial policy and newsletter content. However, you could be Newsletter Editor without joining the committee if that would suit you better.

If you would like to know more, please contact me.

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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
19 th October	Art workshop	12 th October
10 th November	Creative writing workshop	3 rd November
2 nd December	Art & Craft sale	No booking required
15 th January	Annual General Meeting	No booking required

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Autumn Show on Saturday 2nd September

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show! Together, they made an impressive display that filled the main hall, Parish Room and the corridor. I hope that you came along to the show and got to see and enjoy all of it.

This was the 16th annual Autumn Show and it attracted 101 exhibitors who entered 330 exhibits. There were not as many children's exhibits as last year, but this was balanced by an increase in the number of adults' exhibits, so the total size of the show was about the same.

In the children's Arts & Crafts class, pupils in school years 4-6 (ages 9 to 11) were asked to make a model of any item from the second world war. This tied in with a project done by children at Tewin Cowper School, who kindly provided us with their models of gas masks and air-raid shelters, together with their prose about "How we survived the Second World War".

The models and prose made an impressive display at the front of the hall and attracted much attention and interest.

In a departure from our usual practice, we had two Open Categories for the children, rather than just one. These are open to children of all ages, so are ideal for mixed age groups (such as summer camp). They did not attract as many exhibits as we'd hoped, but - since the exhibits are divided into age groups for judging - it certainly made the judging and scoring interesting! However, it did show that we can deal with more than one Open Category, so maybe you'll see more of them at future shows.

The adult trophy winners were Joy Lawson for Flower Arranging, Ray Keppler for Flowers, Michael Clark for Vegetables & Fruit, Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts, Terry Brand for Photography and Hilary Tipping for Culinary. The Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield for horticulture was won by Ray Keppler, who also received the RHS Banksian Medal. Annabel Goodison won the George Humble Crawford Award for Children's Photography, whilst Imogen

Winters won the Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association 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 (go to www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/thacs/ then scroll down to *Photographs of THACS previous events* to find the link.)

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, Lynne Burgess the team of volunteers for lunch for the judges, refreshments in the afternoon and washing up
- Anne Hall and Jim Hall who presented some of the prizes
- Mike Clark 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, making cakes for the afternoon refreshments.
- All the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show!

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.

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i>	<i>Winners</i>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Joy Lawson
Carlton Rose Bowl - Flowers	Ray Keppler
Ivor & Vaughan Williams Trophy - Vegetables & Fruit	Michael Clark
Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield - Horticulture (Flower Arranging, Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit)	Ray Keppler
Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal – Horticulture (Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit)	Ray Keppler
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Terry Brand
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Terry Brand
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Hilary Tipping

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award – Horticulture, Arts & Crafts and Culinary	Imogen Winters
George Humble Crawford Award - Children's Photography	Annabel Goodison

<i>Other Prizes – Adults</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Flower Arranging	Joy Lawson	Anna Clark & Bridget Keppler	Audrey Walters
Flowers	Ray Keppler	Joy Lawson	Diana Brannen & Marie St Pier
Vegetables & Fruit	Michael Clark	Ray Keppler	Joy Lawson
Arts & Crafts	Terry Brand	Shirley Ashby	Jim Hall & Hilary Tipping
Photography	Terry Brand	Ray Keppler	David Gregg
Culinary	Hilary Tipping	Shirley Barker	Anna Clark

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Horticulture	
Nursery & Reception	Florence Hardwood & Lauren Murray & Linus Winters
Years 1 & 2	Peter Goodison & Imogen Winters
Years 3 & 4	Ashley Winters
Years 5-7	No entries
Years 8-13	No entries
Arts & Crafts	
Nursery & Reception	John Weaver & Phoebe Wright & Teddy
Years 1-3	Annabel Goodison & Imogen Winters
Years 4-6	Ashley Winters
Years 7-9	No entries
Years 10-13	No entries

Culinary	
Nursery & Reception	Erin Murray & Lauren Murray
Years 1 & 2	No entries
Years 3 & 4	Ashley Winters & Imogen Winters
Years 5-7	No entries
Years 8-13	No entries
Photography	
Years 1 & 2	No entries
Years 3 & 4	Annabel Goodison
Years 5-7	No entries
Years 8-13	No entries

Forthcoming Events

Art workshop on Thursday 19th October

This art workshop will be held at Bramfield Village Hall (parking outside and adjacent) and will run from 10am to 4pm. Our tutor will be Jude O'Sullivan, the subject will be **Abstraction & Collage** and is suitable for all abilities.

Firstly, we will be painting from a still life and then looking at how, by using simple cropping techniques, interesting and engaging images with strong focal points can be made in order to create individual and original effects. In the afternoon, we will be making an abstract collage from a range of different papers in unusual formats. If time allows, we will return to the still life and make a final piece from collage papers.

There will be an opportunity during the day for discussion of your own work, so please bring along examples for advice and guidance.

All materials are included. All that's needed are your box of paints, brushes and pencils, small sharp paper scissors and a craft knife/scalpel if you possess one. As usual, please bring a contribution to share for lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

The cost is £30.00 for members and £32.00 for non-members. For more information or to book, contact Joanne Allen on 01438-798749 or at jrallen14@hotmail.co.uk. Cheques, payable to THACS, should be sent to Joanne at 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood, AL6 0NP by 12th October .

Hope to see you there.

Joanne Allen, Event Organiser

Creative Writing workshop on Friday 10th November

This autumn's event will be run by our very able tutor, Frances Wilson, from 10am to 4pm in Tewin. Participants are asked to bring something to share for lunch.

Frances will start with a number of warm-up exercises. Then there is a choice to write prose or poetry on a subject of your own choosing or from something which has arisen from the exercises.

The cost of the day is £18 for members and £21 for non-members. For more information or to book, contact Joanne Allen (contact details above). Cheques, payable to THACS, should be sent to Joanne by 3rd November. Numbers are limited so early booking is advisable.

Joanne Allen, Event Organiser

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Art & Craft Fair on Saturday 2nd December

Christmas shopping has never been easier!

This year we have moved our annual Arts and Crafts Sale to Saturday the 2nd of December so that you can come and buy all those last minute presents made by our wonderfully talented local artists and craftspeople. Put the date in your diary now.

There will be wood turning, jewellery and soft furnishings, books by local authors, hand made ukuleles and hats as well as our ever popular charity cake stall and the potters wheel for you to try your hand at a bit of pottery making.

This sale will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall from 10am to 4pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Hilary Tipping, Event Organiser

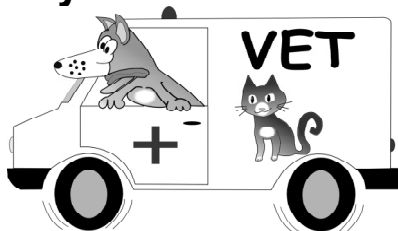
Annual General Meeting on Monday 15th January 2018

The seventeenth *THACS* AGM will take place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7:30pm. The AGM will be followed by a talk on a horticultural topic from a guest speaker. More information about the AGM and the talk will be issued with the next newsletter in December.

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Recent Events

Visit to Anglesey Abbey on Wednesday 12th July 2017

This visit did not happen! I was bitterly disappointed when I had to cancel the trip at the last moment because the coach did not arrive.

We used Chambers Coaches (Stevenage) Ltd, as I think we have always done for *THACS* outings. Previously, this company have always been reliable and provided us with a good service, but sadly they let us down this time.

As it was, only 20 people had booked on the trip, which meant that the costs would not be covered. This brought the viability of the visit into question, but all committee members had been of the opinion that it should proceed, with *THACS* covering the shortfall, in order to avoid disappointment. How ironic that, despite this support, the visit had to be cancelled at the last moment and everyone was disappointed. I am so sorry!

Ray Keppler, Event Organiser

Other News

Degas and more.

As *THACS* will not be able to arrange a visit to a gallery or exhibition before Christmas, I wanted to highlight some exhibitions and venues well worth a trip if you have the opportunity this year.

Cambridge has a number of museums including the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Polar Museum, Museum of the History of Science and (in my view the best) the Fitzwilliam Museum, housing over half a million objects. From 3rd October 2017 to 14th January 2018, the museum will be displaying the *Degas: a passion for perfection* exhibition. Some of you may recall the Degas exhibition in London a couple of years ago and this one could be even better.

It will be one hundred years this September since Degas died at the age of eighty-three; this exhibition celebrates his lifetime's achievement. A remarkable range of work – paintings, pastels, drawings, watercolours, prints of different types, counterproofs and sculptures in bronze and wax - reveal Degas's fascination with technical experimentation and constant drive to expand his means of expression. Arranged thematically, the exhibition highlights many of the subjects most prominent in Degas's work – nudes, café scenes and the dance – and with free entry. And of course, if this is not to your taste there is always the Botanic Garden, worth a visit at any time of year. For more information call the visitor centre on 01223 791500 or email info@visitcambridge.org

With only thirty minutes on the train into London, there are many places to visit but I would just like to highlight a couple.

The National Gallery will be showing *Reflections: Van Eyck and the Pre-Raphaelites* from 2nd October 2017 to 2nd April 2018 (a charge applies).

Tate Britain will be holding evening visits. There are two more this year where you can check out an amazing mix of artworks, have a drink and a bite to eat. It's free to get in, has a great atmosphere with a relaxed immersive mix of sound and visuals, hands-on making activities and intriguing discussion, all curated exclusively by 15-25 year olds from [Tate Collective London](#).

The next *Late at Tate Britain* takes place on Friday 6th October from 18:00 to 21:00 and the last of the year will be on 1st December 2017 from 18:00 to 21:30. These events are drop-in and operate on a first-come-first-served basis.

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My last place of interest is the Royal Museums Greenwich ([www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk)). We have visited here a few years ago but it is well worth going back to see the current exhibitions and of course there are many attractions on the site including the Cutty Sark (painstakingly restored with 90% of the original hull remaining, despite the devastating fire in 2007).

Hope you find some of this of interest and we look forward to arranging more *THACS* visits in 2018.

Jim Hall (Vice Chairman)

## Tewin Pilates



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

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Mon, 8.30am & 1.15pm, Tues, Weds, Thurs,  
& Fri, 9.15am, 10.30am & 11.45am

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