

THACS

Tewin Horticultural Arts & Crafts Society

Implications of the cancellation of the AGM and Spring Show

Introduction

As you will be aware, due the problems caused by the Coronavirus, we cancelled the AGM and the Spring Show. These were important events for *THACS* but it was thought this was the best approach to safeguard our members.

Implications of AGM cancellation

We are taking a pragmatic approach, continuing to operate as if the AGM had taken place.

The reports that would have been presented at the AGM are attached:- *Chairman's Report for 2019, Treasurer's Report for 2019, Income & Expenditure 2019* and duly signed *Statement of Funds 2019*.

We were all standing for re-election at the AGM and no other candidates had come forward. Consequently, we propose to continue in our current roles until the next AGM in March 2021. Your *THACS* committee for 2020 will therefore be as follows:-

Ray Keppler (Chair), Jim Hall (Vice Chair), Malcolm Allen (Treasurer), Tina Lord (Secretary), Terry Brand, Lynne Burgess and Alice Greenwood. In addition, Graham Spring will continue to be our Independent Financial Examiner.

The AGM was going to include a preview of the events for 2020. In lieu of that, here is the current list of *THACS* events for 2020 leading into 2021.

Creative Writing Workshop <u>CANCELLED</u>	March 16 th
AGM <u>CANCELLED</u>	March 23 rd
Spring Show <u>CANCELLED</u>	April 4 th
Open Gardens	May 17 th
THACS plant stall @Fete	June 27 th
Garden Visit	<i>July</i>
Autumn Show	September 5 th
Creative Writing Workshop	<i>October</i>
Art Workshop	<i>November</i>
Art & Craft Fair	December 5 th
Museum/Art Gallery visit	<i>December</i>
AGM 2021	March 8 th
Spring Show 2021	April 10 th
Autumn Show 2021	September 11 th

(Dates in *italics* are provisional.)

We are monitoring how the current Coronavirus situation is developing and how it might impact on our plans, so this list of events is subject to change.

If there are any other events you feel would be of interest to our members then please let your committee know. You may even like to organise a *THACS* event yourself or with help from your committee members. If so, then please get in touch.

Implications of Spring Show cancellation

If you had intended to enter something into the show and had already started work on your exhibits, then be assured that your work will not have been wasted. We intend to carry forward all of the show classes for adults (Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Culinary) to the Spring Show 2021.

How can we improve our Shows?

Finally, we would like your help with finding ways of improving our Spring and Autumn shows.

Classes and Categories. Over a number of years our show classes and categories have been fairly consistent. We have recently added the Adult & Child class, which has seen limited success.

Are there any new category areas which you feel would generate interest amongst our adult entrants? For example, we are considering introducing a hanging basket category for the Autumn show. We are also looking for new and interesting categories for our children and grandchildren, such as a colouring sheet on the back of the schedule.

What would you like to include on the show schedule?

Show organisation. Can you think about changing the way we organise and run the shows in a way that encourages more participation? We have tried to make entering the shows as easy as possible but how about any changes here?

Dates for the shows. We think that we have the timing for the Spring and Autumn shows about right, allowing for Easter, but you may feel we could change the date.

Please give this some thought and contact any of your committee members with your ideas.

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