



Kew Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

Message from the Chairman

Dear Member,

Here is an early spring newsletter including your invitation to the AGM on Monday 6th March. I hope you will want to come. After the business meeting there will be free canapes and drinks and chat and an opportunity to get hold of some Heritage seeds to grow this year.

As usual I am appealing for new members for the Committee. The more members there are, the more the work is shared and the less there is for us all to do. The KHS particularly needs to recruit a new Secretary preferably in time for the AGM. Emmeline Johnston, our current Secretary, who has done a wonderful job for three years, will be standing down to do other things and yes, she will be a hard act to follow, but she has everything in apple pie order for her successor. Ask yourself, are you that person? The Committee meets only three times per year. Among other tasks, the Secretary communicates with members by sending out this newsletter for example. The KHS really needs a Secretary. You would be joining an effective team. To volunteer please contact me on annsandall@waitrose.com or phone 020 8948 2806 or you can contact Emmeline on secretary@kewhorticulturalsociety.org or by phone on 0208 948 0312.

Now we come to the Flower and Produce Show, subject of an SOS a few weeks ago. I am delighted to tell you that a KHS member has come forward as joint show co-ordinator. A team is currently being put together and there will after all be another show on the Green on 26th August 2017. Put that date in your diary now. Further details about the show from Lyn Keay, the other joint show co-ordinator, follow in this newsletter.

In the meantime think about my appeals for help running the Society which needs its members' support to succeed. May I wish you good gardening, perfect weather for it and a prolific harvest.

Ann Sandall,
KHS Chairman

Membership

Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, reports that the following joined the Society during 2016. We offer a sincere and warm welcome to you all and look forward to seeing you at one or two or hopefully all of our future events!

Caroline Blomfield, Caroline Boldt & S Vaughan, Ginny Conway, James & Louise Doidge,

Anna Ford, Janet Graham, Jane Harrison41 (we now have 2 Jane Harrisons!), Celia Hodges, Pamela Kent, Mary & Ben Lamberton, Manjeet May, Anne Moody & Paddy Wollen.

Subscriptions

First of all thanks to all of you who have already paid your subscription for 2017, especially those who pay by standing order. For everyone else, you are reminded that subs fell due on Jan 1st. If your renewal is not received by 31st of March, it will be assumed that your membership has lapsed. It is still only £5 per member or £10 per couple, a snip and the same as last year.

(Please see APPENDIX A for Subscriptions)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6th March 2017

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Kew Horticultural Society at St. Winefride's, Leyborne Park, Kew. It starts at 8pm on Monday 6th March 2017.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last AGM (4th March 2016)
4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts for the year to 31st December 2016
5. Membership Report
6. Social Events Report
7. Show Co-ordinator's Report
8. Election of President and Vice Presidents
9. Election of Officers and Committee
10. Election of Auditor
11. Any other business

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a chance to talk to your fellow KHS members.

Summer Show 2017

Dear Members,

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to the KHS Summer Show, and we are delighted to report that this year is no exception. So, the 73rd Annual Flower and Produce Show will again be held on Bank Holiday **Saturday, 26th August**, on Kew Green.

As well as a mixture of charity and commercial stalls there will be the usual KHS stalls including the essential and wonderful Plant Stall and the ever-popular Tea Tent, Barbecue and Book-a-Brac enterprises, and we will once again be entertained by Jazz a la Carte throughout the afternoon.

As you know, the focus of the Show is the Marquee with its display of exhibits and entries competing for the many cups and trophies, and the afternoon will conclude as ever with the

presentation of prizes to all the winners, and by the always-lively Auction of Produce, and we very much hope this will be another happy and enjoyable community event.

But to achieve this, we need to ask for your help and support. So please enter as many of your plants and as much of your produce into as many classes and categories as you can, and encourage your friends, fellow gardeners and allotment-holders to do the same, and please, please volunteer to help with the many and varied tasks on Show Day and on the evening before. And if anyone knows a full proof way of ensuring that **August 26th** will be fine, sunny and hot, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you,

Lyn Keay (for the KHS Show Team)

To volunteer please contact the Show Co-ordinators; Lyn (spillings@hotmail.com) or Frances (frgoodwin@hotmail.com)

KHS Events planned for 2017

7th May– Stall at Kew Market

KHS's lively calendar of social events, activities, outings and projects together with the annual Summer Show reflect and rely upon our active membership.

On 7 May this year the KHS will be taking a stall at the Kew Market between 10.00am and 2.00pm. The stall will sell plants and other items of interest to gardeners but the main purpose of the stall is to publicise the activities of the KHS and provide an opportunity to new members to join us.

We hope that existing KHS members will come by the stall on 7 May and say hello. If you would like to help out on the stall, even for a short while, you would be more than welcome. Please contact Ann on ann.scurfield@zen.co.uk 020 8747 1250 or Richard on Wienaw@aol.com 020 8878 6696.

9th June – Party and Plant Stall

Come and join us for a glass of wine and canapes at the Priory Park Tennis Club. Full details to come – but first glass of wine will be free for all the new members mentioned at the top of this newsletter!

18th – 22nd June - Gardens of Norfolk and Suffolk

A four night coach trip – see below for more details and Book now!

26th August – KHS Horticultural Show on Kew Green

The new look show – still with plenty of opportunity to show off your horticultural and arty prowess or just to enjoy yourself at.

Early September – Chenies Manor House

A coach trip to the Grade I Tudor manor house built c1460 and the garden where Dahlias are a speciality in the late summer. Full costs, dates and details to follow.

November-ish. "ALL ABOUT HOUSEPLANTS?"

A talk on the care of Houseplants, propagation and everything else! Bring your ailing plants for expert hands-on advice from gardening professional and KHS Committee Member Richard Ward.

THE 2017 KHS SUMMER TRIP

JUNE 18 – JUNE 22

Now is the time to book your places on the KHS summer coach trip to Norfolk and Suffolk. We have chosen the itinerary carefully with the help and experience of Brightwater Holidays who are organizing the tour for us.

Days out under the big skies of East Anglia include visits to the exotic garden of East Ruston Old Vicarage and the opulent country house of Felbrigg. Other highlights include Beth Chatto's famous garden and the beautiful medieval village of Lavenham. We are travelling at the height of the rose season and herbaceous borders will be at their best but we will be home in time for Wimbledon, and Hampton Court Flower Show! Copies of the itinerary and booking form are attached to this email (or accompany the printed newsletter if you are not on email).

You will notice that there are two quoted prices and we are very hopeful that over 30 of us will sign up. This is how the price works. Initially, after the deposit is paid, the higher price will be quoted on the confirmation of your place on the trip. Brightwater will keep us informed about numbers as we draw near to the date for paying the balance. Should we reach the magic 30 then Brightwater will send out new confirmations with the lower price. Even if there are last minute bookings refunds can be made after the balance payment has been made.

Why not join us? Put the start date - June 18th in your diary and send Brightwater your deposit, £75 a person. Pricing details are found at the end of the itinerary. If you wish to bring a friend who is not a member all they have to do is sign up by sending £5 to our Membership Secretary at 58 Bushwood Road, TW9 3BQ. Any queries or if you would have problems with your printer and would like an application form, contact Jenny Long at jenny@longstones.com or Telephone 8940 3636.

The editor wishes you happy planting and bulb watching for the spring time to come. Roll on the longer days!

Emmeline Johnston,

secretary@kewhorticulturalsociety.org

APPENDIX A (SUBSCRIPTIONS)

SUBSCRIPTIONS — Subs are due 1 January 2017. Annual membership is still £5.00 per adult, £10 per couple, per calendar year (children are members for free).

Either A: If you would like to pay by standing order, please complete the form below and **take it to your own bank or building society**. (Our bank account is a Community Account which does not accept direct debits).

KHS Account address	Barclays Bank, 8 George Street, Richmond TW9 1JU,
Bank branch sort code	20 72 17
Payee:	Kew Horticultural Society, account number 13756440
Payment amount	£5.00 or £10 (please delete as appropriate)

Date due First payment immediately (unless you've already paid for this year) then January 5th annually.

Or B: If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please complete and return the slip below with the payment, to our membership secretary **Carole Brougham, 58 Bushwood Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3BQ** (Tel. 8948-7254, email: kewhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com)

If you would like a membership card, for your own record or to show at Chiswick allotments, where you can buy garden supplies at a discount, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Otherwise, Carole will acknowledge by email or if you don't have email, she will take the clearance of the cheque as being the legal receipt.

I enclose _____ in payment for my 2017 membership due 1 January 2017

Name(s): _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email: _____

Tel. _____

Date: _____