



**KEW  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**

## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022

### A Message from the Committee

If it is not too late to say it, a very happy 2022 to all our members!

We are organising a whole programme of events this year, and we do hope that they will all be able to take place. However, please remember that they are subject to government restrictions and the Covid position at the time. All the details are in the Newsletter and we will also send out reminder emails so you do not miss anything! We hope to see many of you in person in 2022.

### **Congratulations!**

**To our Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, and to KHS member, Sue Goddard, who received awards for their work in Kew Gardens:**

#### **Royal Botanic Gardens Marsh Volunteer Award Recipients 2021**

#### **Highly recommended Group - Herbarium Curation Volunteers – Kew site**

Kew's Curation Volunteer team is made up of Carole Brougham, Marianne Izen & Susan Goddard. With Carole & Marianne starting in 2014 and Susan joining them in 2018.



**Sarcococca**

All photographs throughout the Newsletter are of plants seen flowering around Kew during December and January:



**Camellia**

We are looking for more committee members so please do consider joining this friendly group! It is not an onerous commitment. Just email Frances Goodwin at [frgoodwin@hotmail.com](mailto:frgoodwin@hotmail.com) for more information.

## KHS Archive

We would like to put the KHS archive in a more organised state and are wondering whether anyone might be interested in collating our records and perhaps producing a short history of the KHS. Please contact the Secretary, Frances Goodwin, if so, on [frgoodwin@hotmail.com](mailto:frgoodwin@hotmail.com)



**Erica**



**Tree Germander - Teucrium fruticans**

## Membership News from Carole Brougham

Sadly we have to report the death of Sadie Brooks, a member since 1987, who died on Christmas Eve 2021. Our sympathies go out to Ray.

Currently our membership stands at 219 and membership fees fell due 1 January 2022 and thanks go to all of you who have paid so far. However, it has been decided that, in accordance with data protection laws, we should delete inactive accounts. Members who do not pay their membership fee for this year by 31 March will be removed from our membership list and any information associated with it will be deleted. If you have any queries, I can be contacted on [membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org](mailto:membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org) or 020 8948 7254.

A membership renewal form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## Forthcoming Events

### THE AGM

**The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Horticultural Society will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 6.30pm, via Zoom. (The Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time.)**

**This will cover 2021. Minutes of the 2020 AGM and the financial report for 2021 will be available on request.**

## **Quiz Night at St Winefride's, Leyborne Park, Kew on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, 7pm**

Our popular Quiz Night has been postponed from early February and will now take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The questions will not be too hard...or too easy...or too obscure. There will be something for everyone whether a gardener or not. Attached separately is a booking form so please book early because the number of tables is strictly limited. Here are the details:

**First question at 7.30 pm sharp - doors open at 7 pm  
Price: £60 for a table of six or £10 a ticket**

Why not persuade your friends to join you to make up a table of six? But you can also come on your own or with a friend and we will find a table for you. The ploughman's supper will be served half way through the Quiz and a choice of wines and soft drinks available with a donation. Join us for a fun evening!

## **Stall at the Kew Village Market – 1<sup>st</sup> May**

The KHS will again have a stall this year and we shall be selling bedding plants and encouraging more people to join! If you are passing, do say hello.



**Viburnum tinus**

## **KHS Summer Party at Priory Park Tennis Club – Sunday, 15th May 2022, 6pm – 8pm**

We have been unable to hold our Summer Party for two years, so we are much looking forward to going back to the Priory Park Tennis Club for some canapes and light snacks, a cash bar, and a 'bring and buy' plant sale overseen by Celia Fisher as usual. Please bear the plant sale in mind and during the Spring pot up anything that you could bring along to add to the sale.

£10 at the door (food and first glass of wine included). Guests are of course more than welcome.

Further details and application form will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Kew Horticultural Society seven-day coach trip to Ireland June 29 – July 5 2022**

We are on track for this holiday in the summer. There are just one or two places still available and we could try to reserve additional accommodation if necessary. The maximum number is around 30.

As usual this is a holiday organized for us by Travel Editions who have dealt with all the bookings and our Tour Manager is Tony Russell. The Brochure and Booking Form are attached separately in this email.

This is perhaps our most ambitious trip so far (although we did go to Normandy in 2014) and the idea was enthusiastically received by members when Tony suggested Ireland '22! The Ferry crossing takes just over three hours, passports are recommended (but not mandatory as Ireland is part of the Common Travel Area) and the Euro is the currency of course.



**Winter-flowering Cherry – *Prunus x subhirtella* Autumnalis**

## **Kew Horticultural Society Show 2022**

The date for this year's Show is Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, so put it in your diaries now! We will soon be thinking about the classes for this year and we would like to ask members for their input. Are there any new classes you would like to see at the Show? Is there a vegetable/flower gaining popularity for growing that we could include? Please do let us know!

## **Visit to Lincoln's Inn Gardens – second week in September 2022**

We are planning a visit to Lincoln's Inn Gardens where Miranda Kimberley (ex-Kew Gardens) is head gardener and will give us a private tour. The exact date is to be confirmed.

## **RICHARD WARD'S GARDENING TIPS**

*We are very grateful to Richard for his monthly tips on our website. In case you have missed January's, we print them here for you:*

I have spent most of my life working outdoors for a living, gardening. When it is cold, wet and windy there isn't a lot of incentive to go into your garden. My best advice is to check the forecast, dress for the weather, and choose a fine day. But Nature doesn't wait, so don't procrastinate too long!

January is an ideal time to rewire walls and fences on which to tie in climbers, vines, fruit trees and indeed, the many plants that respond to such treatment. There are myriad ways to provide fixings- with vine eyes, lead headed wall nails, screw-in eyes, clout nails etc. depending on your supports. Having removed your plants from their support and re-wired, they are best re-tied to wires with green or brown garden string. Plastic or wire tends to eat into the bark as stems enlarge. However, if you have thick branches/stems they may be better supported by using thick wire with a piece of hosepipe threaded on it.

Deciduous growth has ripened by now, and can usually be bent into position as required. But avoid frosty days when branches may be brittle. Whilst many evergreens are also best trained in at this time of year, their pruning should be carried out in March/April. Prune bush roses during January too.

Other winter work will include tidying scruffy herbaceous plants such as Day lilies - Hemerocallis; Paeonias; Ice plants - Hilotelephium spectabile (previously Sedum); Michaelmas daisies; Verbena bonariensis and Catmint - Nepeta. Lightly rake through with a springbok type rake then lightly fork or hoe through your borders to avoid compaction. This prevents smaller plants getting smothered with autumn leaves. If you haven't yet done so, spread compost between plants.

Writing this in late December I popped out for a short break to photograph some winter colour to cheer you up! The days are getting longer too now. Look on the bright side!!



**Winter Jasmine – *Jasminum nudiflorum***



**Beauty berry - *Callicarpa bodinieri***



**This cheeky chappy was found last year as a fledgling in Carole Brougham's garden. She helped him back to his nest and he has visited her ever since. Now he is perching on the handle of the back door. Soon he will be in the kitchen!**

**Happy Gardening to you all from the Editorial Team.**

**PS: The Rotary Club of Kew has sent us this message concerning the Richmond Foodbank:**

'We don't think people in Kew and Richmond should go hungry especially with the increased demands on family budgets.

Hence the Rotary Club of Kew Gardens have launched a crowd funding campaign to support the great work that's done by the Richmond Foodbank at the Vineyard.

If you can help at all, the details for donating are on the attached flyer. Thank you.'



**KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: One of the oldest horticultural societies in London. No gardening experience necessary. Lectures, events and outings throughout the year. Newsletters. Annual Summer Flower and Produce Show .(open to all).**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - subscription per year £10 per household, £5 single adult, children free. The membership year is the same as the calendar year but members joining at the Annual Show or later in any year, are covered for the following year.

Your name(s).....

Address.....

Post code .....

Phone number.....

Email .....

Date.....

Please circle one of the following:

1. I enclose cash/cheque payable to Kew Horticultural Society for £5.00/£10 for my/our subscription.

**Please return this form to our Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, 58 Bushwood Road, Kew, TW9 3BW (020 8948 7254).**

2. I have completed a standing order mandate (see below) for my/our bank/building society to pay my/our annual subscription(s) and I will give/send it to my bank.

3. I bank online and have instructed my bank to pay KHS by Standing Order and am emailing this application form for your records.

**If 2 or 3 apply, please email this form to [membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org](mailto:membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org) for our records.**

**DATA PROTECTION: The KHS is operated in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. By submitting this form you understand that KHS will hold and use your personal data for administrative purposes and to keep you informed of its activities. Our data protection policy under these regulations can be found in full on the KHS website.**

Help is always welcome with social events/deliveries of newsletters/organization of the annual Show committee/miscellaneous – please indicate below any which interest you: .....

**KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Standing Order Mandate**

To .....Bank

Branch name.....

Branch address

Postcode

Name(s) in which your own account is held

1 ..... 2.....

Account number.....

Branch sort code.....

Please pay to Kew Horticultural Society the sum of £5/£10 immediately then on 3  
January annually until further notice.

Branch sort code: 20 72 33 (Barclays Bank)

Account number 13756440

Signed.....