



Kew Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Members

Firstly, a warm welcome to you whether you garden in a window box, a garden or on an allotment. We have an exciting year ahead and I hope you will be participating in our activities this coming year.

AGM and talk by Nigel Taylor

The Kew Horticultural Society AGM for 2011 will take place on Monday 7 March at 7.00 in St Winefrides Hall, Leyborne Park, and the Agenda is attached.

We hope as many of you as possible will come, to participate in the AGM, to enjoy the refreshments afterwards and then to hear a talk by Nigel Taylor, 'Curator (Head), Horticulture Dept, Kew Gardens, who is in charge of the Living Collections at Kew Gardens and, naturally, a most green-fingered gardener. He will be explaining how he produces his prize-winning vegetables. His talk will begin about 8.0 and is free to KHS members.

Visits 2011

Two outings are being arranged this year for KHS members – in June Mike Kidd's visit to Hatfield House and in September Gareth James' visit to West Dean. Here are the details.

Hatfield House and Gardens - Wednesday 22 June 2011

Hatfield House is one of our great stately homes; the Old Palace is associated with Elizabeth I, the Great House with the Cecils, and the gardens with John Tradescant. In modern times the gardens have been restored to their former glory and also extended, so there is a great deal to see both inside and out. The visit will include a tour of the house, entry to the main formal gardens which are packed with flowers, and the surrounding park, and also the East Garden (which is not always open) and which includes an ornamental kitchen garden with topiary and ponds. In 2011 there is also a Henry Moore exhibition at Hatfield which, for anyone who wishes to compare it with the one held at Kew, will cost an extra £10 payable on the day! The coach will leave from outside the Coach and Horses on Kew Green at 9.30 am and will return by 6pm. The cost is £26 per person.

There is a restaurant at Hatfield for coffee, lunch and tea, or those who wish can bring their own refreshments and have a picnic in the park.

West Dean - Tuesday 7 September 2011

The gardens of West Dean are famous mainly for the walled kitchen garden which is planted ornamentally with a large variety of vegetables, and the extensive glasshouses, which are at their most interesting in September because West Dean specialises in different varieties of

tomatoes, peppers and aubergines – more than one ever knew existed. There are also flower gardens and orchards to wander through, and a plant nursery.

There is a restaurant at West Dean for coffee, lunch or tea, or those who wish can bring their own refreshments.

The cost, to cover coach and entry, will be £26 per person, more details nearer the time.

How to Book the Visits

There are booking forms for both outings attached to this newsletter. The effort that Mike and Gareth put into arranging these outings is much appreciated, and I am sure you will all wish to cut down on the amount of admin that they have to do. Both outings will cost a very reasonable £26 to cover travel and entry. Cheques are payable to Kew Horticultural Society (not Mike or Gareth!) It would be very helpful to enclose a cheque for the full amount when returning the booking form – although it is still possible to pay a £5 deposit and the full amount later. If you would please add your email address to the booking form, that too helps when sending out any extra information about the arrangements.

RHS Garden Wisley 18 May 2011

We have a group membership of the RHS which would enable members to get into Wisley free of charge if we all arrived at the same time on a specific day, by prior arrangement! It has therefore been suggested that several carloads of KHS members might wish to do this on 18 May. Those interested should contact the Secretary, Carole Brougham on 020 8948-7254.

Talks

A talk by Alan Roe on the Gardens of Northern France is being arranged for October/November and here is a follow-up on some of our previous talks;

London Open Squares

Those of you who enjoyed the KHS talk on London Squares by Chris Sumner will be interested to know that in 2011 the Open Squares weekend will be on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June. Details will be on the website www.opensquares.org/. Members of the London Parks and Gardens Trust, and also volunteers, who sell tickets and man the gates, get free tickets. For this see another website www.londongardenstrust.org/. There is also a programme of monthly talks listed there.

Italian Alpine Flowers

Max Calligola who is a guide at Kew Gardens and who, in autumn 2009, gave KHS an inspirational talk about the plants of the Italian Alps, has now set up a website www.italy-tours-in-nature.com. On it Max will be adding details of his forthcoming botanical trips and how to book. Here are some of his tours for 2011.

14 – 19 April: Nature and Art in the Dolomites, with a focus on vernacular architecture, art and early blossoms in the Venetian Alps (Belluno, Feltre, Cadore and Cortina area, Veneto).

21 – 26 April: Sauris and the Dolomiti friulane. The magic of late winter turning into spring, with a focus on local architecture and museums & early blossoms in the Carnia region (Friuli).

From the 1st of July to the 10th August: botanical tours to the Dolomites focusing on summer blossoms, including visits to alpine botanical gardens at the peak of their glory. There will also be high altitude treks. Tours will start every week, beginning every Friday from July 1st and ending the following Wednesday until August 10th. Maximum number of participants is 8. There will also be more tours to Liguria, the Northern Apennines and the Po Delta in late August and September; dates to be advertised. Additional tailor made tours for private parties can always be organized on request.

For any additional information and how to join a tour, contact Max at:
max.stelutis@gmail.com

Open Gardens

For those interested in visits closer to home, the Yellow Book of Open Gardens, organised in aid of Charity by the National Garden Scheme is now available for £9.99 and the list of gardens is also online www.ngs.org.uk .

If you want to advertise your garden in the next newsletter, please contact Carole Brougham.

And finally - subscriptions: this newsletter will be sent to all members regardless of whether their subs are up to date, but it is the last one for those who have not paid their subs for 2010. If you do need to catch up, our Membership Secretary is Jenny Wakefield - Tel: 020 8940 5141, jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk and this is a reminder that subs for 2011– still a modest £5 – are now due. It would be a great help in reducing KHS admin time and distribution time if we could have an email address which KHS may use in sending you newsletters, or information in between newsletters.

Carole Brougham, Editor KHS Newsletter

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 7 March 2011

St Winefride's Church Hall, Leybourne Park at 7:00pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report and adoption of Accounts for the year to
31 December 2010
4. Membership
5. Events Committee Report
6. Election of President and Vice-Presidents
7. Election of Officers

Chairman – Michael Kidd

Treasurer – Ross Randall

Secretary – Carole Brougham
8. Election of Hon Auditor
9. Any other business

The meeting will be followed at 8:00 by a talk by Dr Nigel Taylor, 'Curator (Head), Horticulture Dept, Kew Gardens' entitled 'Growing Prize-winning Vegetables in Kew Gardens'

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| **To: Michael Kidd, 14 Clarence Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3NL Tel: 020 8948-1184** | | | | | |
| <u>HATFIELD HOUSE and GARDENS</u> <u>Wednesday 22 June 2011</u> | | | | | |
| Leaving Coach and Horses, Kew Green at 9:30am @ £26 per person | | | | | |
| Name (please print) | | | | Phone number: | |
| E-Mail Address: | | | | | |
| No of tickets: | | Amount: | | Cheque number: | |
| Cut off: WHEN ALL COACH SEATS ARE TAKEN Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for confirmation of your booking and to receive further information about this event <i>Please make cheques payable to <u>Kew Horticultural Society</u></i> | | | | | |

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| **To: Gareth James, 14 Bushwood Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3BQ (Tel:020 8948-1153 Mobile: 07966 848642) ** | | | | | |
| <u>WEST DEAN GARDEN</u> <u>Tuesday 7 September 2011</u> | | | | | |
| Leaving Coach and Horses, Kew Green at 9:30am (TBC) @ £26 per person | | | | | |
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SUBSCRIPTIONS — Annual membership £5.00 per person/family, per calendar year

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, or send it to Jenny at 77, Gloucester Road Kew TW9 3BT and she will get it to your bank for you.

KHS Account address Barclays Bank, 8 George Street, Richmond TW9 1JU,
Bank branch sortcode 20 72 17
Payee: Kew Horticultural Society, account number 13756440
Payment amount £5.00
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 let Jenny have the payment to Jenny Wakefield, 77 Gloucester Road, Kew TW9 3BT (Tel. 8940 5141)) please complete and return the slip below.....

I enclose _____ in payment for my 2011 membership plus any arrears I may owe

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Date _____

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like a receipt