



# Kew Horticultural Society

## NEWSLETTER – JULY 2011

### **Jim Neale and Sam Newton**

We are very sorry to announce the death of two leading lights of KHS. Our president Jim Neale died on 15 June and one of our vice presidents Sam Newton on 27 June. Both had reached a great age and were founts of gardening wisdom, which they dispensed with humour and generosity.

Jim Neale and his family have for many years devoted their energies to the KHS and to the annual show. Jim's intrepid skills with the electric supply to the marquee have also saved us thousands of pounds over the years, which we are now forced to spend on a professional electrician with health and safety awareness (which threatens to wipe out the profits previously distributed to local charities).

We also offer our condolences to Michael le Fleming, another of our vice Presidents, whose partner Colin Chenery died recently.

### **The Last Show? Make the most of it.**

We hope all KHS members will come to this year's annual show on Kew Green on the Bank Holiday Saturday 27 August, and that you will enter whichever of the many varied competitions appeal to you. They are detailed in the enclosed schedule and also on the KHS website. Everyone is welcome to enter, both members and non-members, so please encourage your friends, relatives and young ones to join in. Each section includes tips for exhibitors, and beginners are welcome. All entries are free.

It is advisable to read the schedule carefully but here are the main points in brief.

- Entry forms and exhibits may be brought to the marquee on Friday evening from 7.0 - 9.30 and on Saturday morning from 7.30 - 9.30
- The deadline is 9.30 on Saturday morning and no entries will be accepted after that.
- Each exhibitor will be given a coloured pass card and if you wish to remove entries after the prize giving and before the auction you must keep this pass for presentation at the marquee entrance – this is to safeguard the exhibits.
- In photography only one class per person may be entered, to avoid overcrowding, because this has become so popular

The show officially opens at 1.30. At 4.30 the prizes will be presented by Pat Thomas, the well known and award winning local photographer. This will be followed by the ever popular auction of produce, cakes, preserves, craft items etc – which have been donated.

### **The Last Show? Explanation.**

The KHS Show is organised by an enthusiastic but aging committee whose numbers are dwindling. This year has been a remarkable team effort because we have no Show Secretary to oversee operations as in the past. So unless our membership is able to produce more volunteers to fill the gaps in the team, or simply to help with one-off tasks, we will have to give up. Do please join us; you will be encouraged to participate in whatever way you are able.

For example

\***Jane Shelton**, who as a graphic designer produces our posters, artwork and schedules and is responsible for our website liaison, needs an assistant eager to be initiated into these skills.

\***Francis Brown** who organises the outside stalls at the Show (a major attraction and source of income to finance the marquee) needs an assistant to help with organisation and maintaining the stallholders' database.

\***Mike Kidd and Gareth James** who organise the outings and talks would welcome extra help and ideas on the Events subcommittee.

\***Jenny Kidd** who runs the Tea Tent at the Show would like help in the run-up to the Show

### **Help with the Show** (For as little or as long as you chose)

1. **Setting up the tables** (not heavy work) from 3pm on Friday
2. **Taking in the entries** Friday 7.0 – 9.30pm or Saturday 7.30- 9.30am
3. **Door Keepers** - manning the marquee entrance from 1.0pm on Saturday (there is a rota so it wouldn't be for hours)
4. **The Tea Tent** is run by Jenny Kidd and her team of volunteers. It is particularly labour intensive so MORE offers of help are needed. And so are home made cakes which add enormously to the popularity of the tea tent. Please contact Jenny at [jennyakidd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennyakidd@yahoo.co.uk) or 89481184. They can be brought during the show and even if you will be away for the Show your cakes can be stored in a freezer.
5. **The Bric a Brac and Book Stalls** are run by Janie and Robert Locke, please bring contributions to the marquee on Friday evening or Saturday morning before 9.30, or to the stall after midday.
6. **The Plant Stall** - after many years of organising the plant stall and propagating most of the plants herself, Ann Sandall is having a well-earned break. Celia Fisher is taking over and would be most grateful for contributions of plants – in advance at 7 Maze Road or at Short Lots Kew, or at the marquee during the hours given above (see bric a brac)
7. **The Pickle Stall** will, as ever, be run by the Collison family and friends. Contributions of pickles, preserves, jams, jellies, marmalades are all welcome. These can be delivered to 33 Gloucester Road or brought on the day of the Show.

If you can help please contact one of the above or email [kew.show@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kew.show@yahoo.co.uk) or the Editor Carole Brougham [carolebrougham.kew@gmail.com](mailto:carolebrougham.kew@gmail.com) or 89487254.

### **Other KHS Events**

**Hatfield House** – just to let you all know (if you weren't there) that the trip to Hatfield organised by Mike Kidd on 22<sup>nd</sup> June was a great success (luckily the rain fell while everyone was inside the house). The coach was full to capacity, the gardens were lovely, and some people even got into the Henry Moore exhibition – an optional extra.

**Wisley Outing** – as group members of the RHS we are allowed a free visit to Wisley each year, provided we go as a group arranged in advance. Philippa Hurman is organising this trip on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, all are welcome but she needs to know the names to let Wisley know in advance. Everyone will need to arrive at Wisley by 10.30 am. There will be no coach, just cars, so if you need a lift let Philippa know that too. [pp6hurman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pp6hurman@yahoo.co.uk)  
The cut-off date for contacting Philippa is 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**West Dean** – Gareth James is organising the trip to West Dean on Wednesday 7 September. There are a variety of different gardens there but the most famous is the walled vegetable garden with the glasshouses specialising in many types of tomatoes and peppers. The coach will leave from the Coach and Horses on Kew Green at 9.30 and costs £26 inclusive – please send a cheque payable to the Kew Horticultural Society together with a stamped address envelope, for your receipt, to Gareth at 14 Bushwood Road, Kew, TW9 3BQ. Any inquiries phone 8948 1153.  
Please do this as soon as possible because to book the coach Gareth needs to know how many wish to come.

**Talk** - Monday 21 November by Alan Rae on the gardens of Northern France

### **May we know your email?**

This newsletter and schedule are delivered in the old fashioned way, but other newsletters are much more easily delivered by email. Our membership secretary Jenny Wakefield has the membership database and if she doesn't have your email, or if you have changed it, could you please let her know on [jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk) ?

Also keep an eye on the KHS website - [www.kewhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.kewhorticulturalsociety.org)

And we look forward to seeing you at the Show, hopefully if you agree to help us in sufficient numbers it will not, after all, be the last.

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