



# Kew Horticultural Society

## **NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2012**

### **Dear Members**

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new members **Maureen Delany, Jackie Dee and Alexandra Inch.**

### **Introducing our new president**

We are delighted that David Collison has agreed to be the new President of KHS. He has done so much for the Society over the years, and his contributions always reach a crescendo on the day of the Annual Show when he has to juggle putting in his own entries with organising the pickle stall, making the announcements, running the auction and dealing with any other crises that come in his way. David also organises the distribution of Heritage Vegetable seed to those who wish to grow and show it each year, a fiddling task which includes chasing after people who have nothing to show from his donations of Mrs Fortune's climbing beans or African horned cucumbers.

### **The AGM**

The AGM will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Winefride's Hall. It will be followed by refreshments and a talk starting at approximately 8pm. The talk is free to KHS members. The speaker will be Andrew Wilson, author of a new book entitled Wild About Kew. His book is full of lovely colour photos, a mixture of the iconic parts of Kew and some less familiar angles – you might even glimpse yourself between the pages or on the screen during his talk.

The AGM has a reputation for being lively, and this year there are subs to discuss! We hope all members will make every effort to attend; guests are welcome especially if they are likely to join KHS. All new members are very welcome for their own sakes and because extra subs help to keep all our subs from increasing.

The agenda is attached.

### **The Annual Show**

– a message from Harriet Enthoven, our new Show Secretary

As many of you will have worked out, the 2012 annual Show will take place this year on Saturday August 25th. This will be my first year at running the Show, but there seem to be a lot of willing helpers, which is great. We just need a bit better weather on the Friday evening when we are setting up.

The other important request is for **somebody to take charge of the Tea Tent on the day** - lots of kind people make cakes and will serve tea, but we do need an organiser.'

There are several helpful lists of duties etc from previous years, available to whoever takes it on - so please a volunteer?

### **Summer Outings**

How cheering on bleak February days to plan garden visits. There will as usual be two KHS coach outings this year:

#### **Mottisfont - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

This is a National Trust property near Romsey in Hampshire. Alongside the remains of a medieval priory and the river Test, a wonderful collection of old fashioned roses has been created in the old walled garden. This is now designated the National Collection and it is justly famous. The outing will cost £15 for NT members, £23 for non members and as usual the coach will leave from outside the Coach and Horses on Kew Green at 9.30.

The booking form for Mottisfont is attached to this newsletter. Cheques for the full amount are payable to Kew Horticultural Society (not Mike). If you would please add your email address to the booking form, that too helps when sending out any extra information about the arrangements.

#### **Sissinghurst - Tuesday 4th September**

Also a National Trust property and even more famous than Mottisfont. Many members will have been already, but it is worth seeing many times and in every season, and since it is quite a long drive (at least one and a half hours) it would be good to let the coach take the strain. KHS members will be responsible for paying their own entry fee (£10) if they are not NT members or if they forget their NT card. Because of the journey we suggest a slightly earlier departure time of 9.15am, outside the Coach and Horses. Sissinghurst provides a 10-minute introductory talk but no guide; however the great pleasure of the garden is wandering about at one's own speed. The booking form will be in the July newsletter.

### **Other Events**

**“Happiness is Gardening” - Wednesday 25 April.** Elizabeth Banks, President of the Royal Horticultural Society, will give a talk in aid of Integrated Neurological Services, a local based charity, which started in Kew, to help people throughout the borough suffering from neurological diseases including Parkinson's and strokes. Elizabeth is a famous landscape architect, Chelsea gold medallist, and her own garden, Hergest Croft in Herefordshire is open to the public.

The talk will be held at Hampton School Performing Arts Centre, Hanworth Road, Hampton at 7.30 (bar opens 6.30). Tickets cost £18 from 0208 755 4000 or [admin@ins.org.uk](mailto:admin@ins.org.uk)

### **Open Gardens in Kew**

#### **Open Garden at 'Fiveways', Saturday 12 May**

INS (see above) will also hold a fund raising open garden and tea party on Saturday 12 May at 'Fiveways', Leyborne Park, Kew, (next to St. Winefride's Church). Homemade cakes for tea, plants for sale and a chance to hang out in a particularly delightful oasis.

#### **Kew Green Gardens, Sunday 20 May, 2-6pm**

Four beautiful gardens on Kew Green open regularly each May for the National Gardens Scheme, in aid of charity- no's 65, 69, 71 and 73. Last year the combined admission charge (via the towpath) was a very reasonable £5. Teas are served and there is a large plant stall – donations to this plant stall would be most welcome at no 73.

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

### **The Yellow Books of Open Gardens**

The Yellow Book of Open Gardens, organised in aid of Charity by the National Garden Scheme is now available and the list of other gardens is also online [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk).

### **London Open Squares**

In 2012 the Open Squares Weekend will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Organized by the London Parks & Gardens Trust, the event is now in its fifteenth year and is being held in association with the National Trust, several of whose London properties are participating including The Red House and Rainham Hall. The nineteen newcomers this year include Arnold Circus, Leighton House, and Spitalfields City Farm, and in all about 200 garden squares, community and allotment gardens, cemeteries, prisons and other sites are open. Among established favourites are the medicinal garden of the Royal College of Physicians, Barge Garden Square, The Roof Garden of the old Derry and Toms, and Park Crescent. The nineteen newcomers this year include Arnold Circus, Leighton House, and Spitalfields City Farm, and in all about 200 garden squares, community and allotment gardens, cemeteries, prisons and other sites are open. Among established favourites are the medicinal garden of the Royal College of Physicians, Barge Garden Square, The Roof Garden of the old Derry and Toms, and Park Crescent.

Details including a full list of gardens and events are available at: [www.opensquares.org](http://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](http://www.londongardenstrust.org).

**And finally - subscriptions:** If you receive a hard copy of this newsletter and have an email address, please would you send a short email to our membership secretary Jenny at [jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk)? Then she can email you a thank you note so automatically recording your correct email address and information can be sent out in between newsletters. It would be a great help in reducing the admin time and cost and the 'stuffing' and distribution time of a few dedicated KHS members.

We have an exciting year ahead and I hope you will be participating in our activities this coming year. We welcome members' suggestions about where to go and which speakers to invite. We need to know what you all enjoy most so do get in touch.

**Carole Brougham, Editor KHS Newsletter**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 5 March 2012

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

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM - 7 March 2011
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of Accounts for the year to 31 December 2011
5. Membership
6. Events Committee Report
7. Election of President and Vice-Presidents
8. Election of Officers

Chairman – Michael Kidd

Treasurer – Ross Randall

Secretary – Carole Brougham

9. Election of Committee Members
10. Any Other Business

**The meeting will be followed at 8:00 by a talk by Andrew Wilson, author of new book 'Wild about Kew'.**

**To: Michael Kidd, 14 Clarence Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3NL Tel: 020 8948-1184**					
<b><u>Mottisfont</u></b> <b><u>Friday 3 June 2012</u></b>					
Leaving Coach and Horses, Kew Green at 9:30am  @ £15 for NT members, £23 for non members					
Name (please print)				Phone number:	
E-Mail Address:					
No of tickets:		Amount:		Cheque number:	
<b>Cut off: WHEN ALL COACH SEATS ARE TAKEN</b>  <b>Please enclose a <u>stamped addressed envelope</u> for confirmation of your booking and to receive further information about this event</b>  <i>Please make cheques payable to <u>Kew Horticultural Society</u></i>					

**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 5 <sup>th</sup> annually.

**Or B:** If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash please send the payment to Jenny Wakefield, 77 Gloucester Road, Kew TW9 3BT (Tel. 8940 5141)) please complete and return the slip below together with a stamped address envelope if you wish to have proof of membership renewal card

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ in payment for my 2012 membership plus any arrears I may owe

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

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