



Kew Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2013

Dear Members

My first duty as the new editor of the newsletter is to thank Celia Fisher for her many excellent, witty and wise newsletters and to apologise for the delay in the production of the February/March edition. Please put it down to IT teething troubles (and the horrible weather !). Every attempt will be made to deliver the July edition on time.

My second, very pleasant, duty is to welcome new members **Glynis Becker, Mary Gregory, Harry Barman, Karin Lee, and Carole Woodvine.**

The AGM

The Society's AGM was held at St Winefred's Hall on Monday 5th March. Thankyou to all who provided the usual good attendance. The officers and committee agreed to stand again and were unanimously re-elected.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and an extremely vivid illustrated talk on English Gardens, given by Bertie Bainbridge, who trained with the National Trust and is currently a research student at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

The AGM minutes are available on request

The 69th Summer Show

The Show will take place on Saturday 24th August. After the dreadful weather which all but washed out last year's Show and reduced our revenue by £1000, let's hope for splendid weather this year and a huge number of entries and visitors, enabling us replenish the Society's coffers. Much more information about the Show in the next newsletter.

Summer Visits

Once again our thanks to Gareth James and Mike Kidd for arranging a number of visits to memorable gardens – as follows:

May 30th - June 3rd - Gardens of Cornwall

Organiser **Gareth James** writes -

Although we have 29 places booked on this tour there is still some room available. The tour departs from Kew Green on May 30th and will visit several Cornish gardens which are not usually open to the public. It will also include a visit to The Lost Gardens of Heligan.

The tour will be staying in an hotel in Lostwithiel and the price includes dinner, bed and breakfast and entry costs to most of the gardens.

The cost is £475 per head for those sharing a room but single rooms are available at an additional cost. As there has been a surge of single bookings any further singles will be at a greater cost than the original figure of £80 quoted previously.

Further information from Gareth James 020 8948 1153.

July 2nd - Day trip to Hinton Ampner in Hampshire

Organiser **Mike Kidd** writes-

The gardens of Hinton Ampner were laid out by Ralph Dutton and are widely acknowledged as a masterpiece of 20th-century design, mixing formal and informal planting, providing all year round interest.

There will be a guided tour of the gardens at Hinton Ampner in Hampshire on Tuesday July 2nd. The cost will be £15 for National Trust members and £23 for non-members.

Further details from Mike Kidd 020 8948 1184. Mike will be away for much of May, **so please, if you are interested in this trip, contact him as soon as possible**

September 3rd - Visit to Beth Chatto's Garden

Organiser **Gareth James** writes-

Internationally acclaimed gardens of drought, water and woodland situations, the Beth Chatto Gardens began in 1960. An overgrown wasteland with poor gravel soil and boggy hollows has been transformed into an informal garden harmonising with the surrounding countryside. A booking has been made for a KHS visit to the Beth Chatto Garden on Tuesday September 3rd. The cost of the trip is likely to be £25 per person including the cost of the bus and entry to the garden.

Further details from Gareth James 0208 948 1153 (**see end of newsletter for booking forms**)

Finally, 'the market place cannot function without information', as someone once so memorably said, so please contact me on 0208 940 9062 or on my email

-davidcollison@tiscali.co.uk if you'd like to contribute KHS news or any request to the newsletter. The next one will be in July

I hope the improvement in the weather will allow Kew gardeners to catch up on all those chores, sowings and plantings we've missed out on in recent months. Good luck to you all!

David Collison

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Membership Matters

Message from Jenny Wakefield, Membership Secretary:

Dear Members. Your KHS subscriptions have always been due at the beginning of each calendar year. So if we could PLEASE make a point of keeping to early January it will help with KHS cash-flow and reduce administration.

Also, many members have become used to paying their subs at the Show at the end of August, but it really would be an enormous help if this habit could be changed !!

Apart from anything else, it distracts volunteers from coping with the various jobs needed for the Show to run smoothly on the day. Many thanks indeed to those many members who have already organised payment of their subscriptions in early January, by Standing Order.

If you have not already paid for this year, please use the second form below (form B) and send it to me then I will send you a membership card to confirm your continuing membership. Please remember that subscriptions are now per adult member not per family, so £10 per couple if you both wish to be members. And if you can't remember whether you've paid or not, just ask!

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 has to be a Community Account which does not accept direct debits). Or use your bank's own form with the payee details shown:

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 (for one person) or £10 (for a couple)
Date due	first payment immediately (unless you've already paid for this year) then January 5th annually.

Name(s) in which the account is held:
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Signature(s)
Date.....

Or B: If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash please complete and return the slip below with the payment and a stamped addressed envelope, to our membership secretary **Jenny Wakefield, 77 Gloucester Road, Kew TW9 3BT (Tel. 8940 5141, email jenniferwakefield@tiscali.co.uk)**

I/We enclose £_____ in payment for my/our 2013 membership plus any arrears I/we may owe.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Date _____

****To: Michael Kidd, 14 Clarence Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3NL Tel: 020 8948-1184****

Hinton Ampner
Tuesday July 2nd, 2013

Leaving The Coach and Horses, Kew Green at 9:30am

@ £15 for NT members, £23 for non members

Name (please print)		Phone number:	
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E-Mail Address:	
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No of tickets:		Amount:		Cheque number:	
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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

Please make cheques payable to Kew Horticultural Society

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS OFFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

****To: Gareth James, 14 Bushwood Road, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3BQ Tel: 0208 948 1153****

Beth Chatto's Garden, Colchester, Essex
Tuesday September 3rd, 2013

Leaving The Coach and Horses, Kew Green at 9am SHARP!!!

@ £25 per person

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Please Book Early as seats will be offered to other local Horticultural Societies

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