



Kew Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER – October 2015

From the Editor

Autumn greetings to one and all. I do hope you're enjoying this lovely Indian Summer and that the KHS newsletter reaches you while the sun is still shining and that for the allotment gardeners amongst you, the bindweed, alcanet and fat hen are under control (some hope!). By now most of you will have received an e-mailed situation report from our Chairman, Ann Sandall, in which she draws your attention to a looming crisis in the affairs of the KHS, specifically with regard to our famous Annual Flower and Produce Show.

As so often in the world of clubs and societies, it all comes down to a shortage of people willing and able to devote some spare time to keeping the Show (literally) on the road. Thanks to a good deal of planning in recent years the role of Show Co-ordinator has become far less daunting than it sounds - it's more a question of rallying the troops than burning the midnight oil! Thanks to the input of members such as Chris Morley-Smith, who with Theresa Hartley and Philippa Hurman did a truly magnificent job this year of marshalling our resources on the days leading up to the Show and on the day itself, anyone prepared to take on the 'Co-ordinator' role can be assured of lots of back-up and Show experience. And now Ann is able to report some good news as a result of her plea -

“Stop Press; We now have a volunteer to do the outside stalls at the KHS Show in 2016 which is very good news. But we're still on the lookout for our Show Co-ordinator”

Meanwhile I'd like to send a big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Show – committee, stall-holders and volunteer helpers and not least to the many exhibitors (please see Appendix D for a list of cup and prize-winners)

Membership

Membership Secretary Carole Brougham reports that the following have joined the Society since July:- Grant Robert Baldwin, Mary Brown, Cherry Clayton, Stephen and Fiona Collison, Celia Evans, Ian and Kate Gardhouse, Jane Holmes, Jennifer Jenks, Valerie Kaufmann, Paul Lang and Lou Hamilton, Jill Morris, Jo Mansell Bentley, Mary Singham and Gillian Williams

A sincere welcome to you all.

Sadly three of our members have not been able to renew their membership, namely Elizabeth Archer, Frank Chadwick and Pat Thomas and it is with great regret that we report the deaths of Nita Hornsby, Eileen Chadwick and Ray Collins

Please see APPENDIX A for Subscriptions

Events and Talks

Thursday October 29th 2015, 7.30pm, St Luke's in the Avenue (**Please note** change of VENUE)
Geraldine King, Gardens and Estate Manager, Chiswick House and Gardens Trust, will talk about
"Chiswick's historic garden—safe in the hands of the Trust".

Members £3, non-members £4.

Thursday November 26th 2015, 7.30pm, St Winefride's, Leyborne Park, (the usual venue) Fiona
Crumley, Honorary Plant Heritage National Collections Co-ordinator for London, will talk on Plant Heritage,
the gardening charity, what it does and why.

Members £3, non-members £4.

Friday February 5th 2016.

Gardening Quiz and Supper

Venue: St Winefride's Church Hall, Leyborne Park, Kew

Time: 7 pm for a welcome glass of wine. We aim to finish by 9.45 pm

Price: £10 a head includes a Ploughman's Supper.

Apply for tickets now as there is limited room in the Hall! See Appendix B

Message from Jenny Long. 'Our winter Quiz is beginning to look like an annual event. February 5th will be our third, and St Winefrides is already booked. All we have to do now is set the questions which is becoming increasingly difficult as we try not to have repeats! Once again there will be a horticultural bias and it will be a very informal social evening. Most rounds will be general questions and we promise not to get too botanical.

Why not put the date in your diary immediately? We appreciate that this is an early announcement for the New Year but we want to make sure you don't double book. Wine will be available to accompany the cold supper.

All are welcome, whether coming alone or with a ready made team of six. Why not ask your friends who are not yet members? Get them organised and send us a cheque to secure your places. Your cheques will be acknowledged as soon as they are received. If you don't use e-mail please make sure you add your telephone number.'

SEE APPENDIX B FOR BOOKING FORM & DETAILS

The Summer Trip

KHS trip to Herefordshire, 4-8 July 2016, from £505 - see attached booking form – Appendix C

Once again Brightwater and KHS are going garden visiting together and once again the itinerary has been fine-tuned to suit KHS members' interests. A small group of us by chance visited a number of the gardens privately a few years ago and so were able to suggest some tweaks to the original itinerary.

We start off with The Laskett, Sir Roy Strong's famous garden created from scratch by him and his wife. This is on many members' list of must-visit gardens. We see Montpelier Cottage belonging to Noel Kingsbury, garden writer and plantsman, Hergest Croft Gardens, which has among other attractions a fine collection of trees, Lower Hopton Farm noted for its peonies, Stockton Bury, another plantsman's garden and wait till you

see the grotto, and an amazing garden with the wow factor in spades, Bryan's Ground, a garden created by its owners as a contemporary interpretation of an Arts and Crafts garden. For those who like to visit a house, Hampton Court Castle sits in massive grounds with a newly created modern garden surrounding it, no expense spared, created by one of the owners of Bryan's Ground incidentally as a design job so just see the difference between money and taste. Lower Hope Garden is said to be "dazzlingly colourful and very varied", and Misarden Park, originally designed in the 17th century, had Edwin Lutyens redevelop the gardens in the 20th century.

The group will stay in a hotel in Hereford and dinner will be served there every night.

Put the date in your new diaries and book up immediately. Last year's trip to Harrogate was a great success so come and join the fun. Use the booking form in this newsletter.

APPENDIX A (SUBSCRIPTIONS)

SUBSCRIPTIONS — Subs are due 1 January 2016. Annual membership is £5.00 per adult, £10 per couple, per calendar year (children are members for free).

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 is a Community Account which does not accept direct debits).

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 or £10 (please delete as appropriate)
Date due	first payment immediately (unless you've already paid for this year) then January 5 th annually.

Or B: If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please complete and return the slip below with the payment, to our membership secretary **Carole Brougham, 58 Bushwood Road, Kew, Richmond TW9 3BQ** (Tel. 8948-7254, email: kewhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com)

If you would like a membership card, for your own record or to show at Chiswick allotments to buy garden supplies at a discount, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Otherwise, Carole will acknowledge by email or if you don't have email, she will take the clearance of the cheque as being the legal receipt.

I enclose _____ in payment for my 2016 membership plus any arrears I may owe

Name(s): _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email: _____

Tel. _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX B (QUIZ NIGHT)

Apply on the form below and send your cheque to
Jenny Long, Maze Lodge, Forest Road, Kew, TW9 3BZ
Queries to Jenny at jenny@longstones.com or 8940 3636

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BOOKING FORM for GARDENING QUIZ AND SUPPER Friday February 5th 2016
At St Winefride's Church Hall, Leyborne Park, Kew. 7 pm – 9.45 pm.

NAME (please print) _____

E-Mail address _____ Phone No. _____

Number of tickets @ £10 each _____ Total £ _____
Cheques made payable to Kew Horticultural Society

TEAM NAME (if there are six of you)

Cheques will be acknowledged to confirm places

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APPENDIX C (SUMMER TRIP BOOKING FORM)

If you are reading this electronically you will have received an additional file attachment with a file name of 'Appendix C BW BOOK FORM' which you can print off and fill in. It is an Adobe PDF file so it makes more sense for those that need it for just them to print it off.

If you are receiving this email via pigeon post then you will have a fully printed Booking Form for your use.

APPENDIX D

List of cup and prize winners at the 71st Kew Flower and Produce Show

Banksian Medal & Kew Social Cup – **Ann Sandall**

Ladies' Thresher Cup & Association Cup – **Finnuala Fowles**

Mens' Thresher Cup, President's Cup, Dr Sparkes Cup – **Michael Delf**

Diamond Jubilee Cup – **Michael Kidd**

Newton Cup – **Charlie Shelton**

Keene Cup – **Malcolm Taylor**

Ian Maclean Cup – **Chris Morley-Smith**

Tinker Cup – **Stuart Webb**

National Dahlia Society - best exhibit and best bloom – **Shirley Hutchins**

K.E.W. Cup, Burke Cup & Sir Arthur Hill Cup – **Catherine Bates**

Thomas Cup – **Kate O'Brien**

Golden Jubilee Cup – **Carole Brougham**

Scarborough Cup - **Gillian Erskine**

Caroline Fielding Cup – **Jacqueline Huber**

Welch Cup – **LilyWebber**

Queen Elizabeth Cup – **Zoe Weston**

Diamond Cup & Pat Thomas Cup – **Leila Davis**

Floral Cup – **Fiona Laing**

Dawson Cup – **Jane Shelton**

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE !

We are in exceedingly good heart, I hope you agree – and it only remains for me to urge all KHS members and friends to consider Ann Sandall's message and see if there are ways in which you can help our precious Society to expand and continue to thrive in the years ahead.

With all best wishes

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