



## NEWSLETTER – FEB 2017

### Message from The Chairman

Dear Members,

This newsletter is full of details of KHS activities over the next few months. I hope you will find something to interest you and your friends, whether it is the summer party on 18 May, a day trip to Sarah Raven's garden, Perch Hill in East Sussex, in July or simply the news that KHS will appear for the second time at the Kew Village Market on 6th May with a magnificent display of bedding plants, all for sale.

Your Committee works tirelessly to arrange events you might like. Quizzes and parties are popular; evening lectures not so much. If there is anything you and your friends would like to try please let me know [chair@kewhorticultural-society.org](mailto:chair@kewhorticultural-society.org)

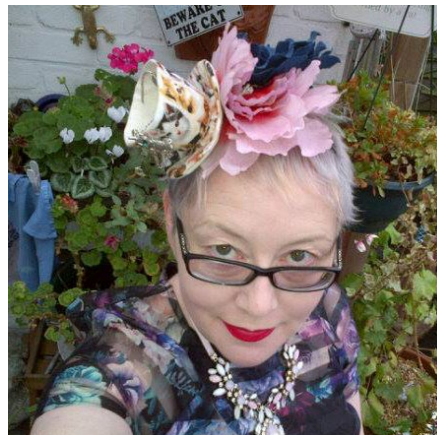
As regards the Flower and Produce Show, a group to deliver the show has been appointed. The show will take place in St Anne's Church Hall on Kew Green. It will be different from previous extravaganzas on Kew Green. "Back to basics" is the theme: flowers, fruit and vegetables with some floral art. Watch this space.

### Meet your new Committee members

We have been very fortunate in recent months to have three new members join our Committee. Some of whom I am sure you will know.



Louise Doidge



Sara Scott-Rivers



Alison Arnold

The first new member to join us was Louise Doidge. Louise will be known to you all by repute as she is the designer of this newsletter. She also manages our Instagram Account. Louise has been living in Kew since 2016, after living in the USA for 8 years. She has always had an interest in gardening, but has only had her own for a short time. Having entered the KHS summer show along with her family (and winning a few rosettes), she joined the KHS and was invited on the committee a few months later. Louise currently works from home as a freelance artworker and budding illustrator, and enjoys working on the KHS newsletter and event posters. As a mother of a young daughter, she is excited to get more families with young children involved in KHS events.

The next member to join the Committee was Sara Scott-Rivers. Sara will be known to some of you as she lead a workshop before Christmas when she helped us to create a floral Christmas table decoration. Another similar event is being planned for later this year. Sara works as a freelance PA & Property Manager for private clients in London and the Home Counties, and runs a website for owners of Huf houses. When not busy with all that, she is a keen amateur

flower arranger, and enjoys making floral-themed fascinators & headpieces. Sara is a volunteer for Hounslow Animal Welfare and fosters rabbits for the charity, while they wait to be rehomed. She lives in Hanworth with her husband and six cats.

Alison Arnold joined the Committee comparatively recently but has already demonstrated what a valuable addition she will be to the KHS. Alison has recently moved back to London after 8 years living in Australia and New Zealand and says she is delighted to join the KHS Committee to help plan an exciting series of events for 2018. She has been steadily working her way through an A to Z of careers, from Administrator to Zookeeper - and most things in between - she keeps returning to the letter G and the one thing that gives her the most pleasure in life, being a Gardener. Alison also volunteers with the Kew Society team that looks after the wonderful plantings at Kew Gardens Station, at the Garden Museum in Lambeth and will also soon be joining the committee of Richmond in Bloom.



Louise's tomatoes



Alison in the garden



Sara's Flowers

## Membership Report

Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, reports that the following joined the Society during 2017. We offer a sincere and warm welcome to you all and look forward to seeing you at one or two or hopefully all of our future events!

**Alison Arnold, Pricilla Ann Badham, Kate Beaton, Linda and Gerald Bodily, Kate Bray, Chris Child, Barbara & Andy Cook, Julia Culshaw, Anne Dembowski, Marjorie Evans, Tom Flintoff, Lynda Anne Fox, Jenny Fraser, Simon Greenal, Keith Henderson, Louise Holland, Robin Jowit, Mark & Alice Grol-Linell, Peter Jeferson, Julia Jones, Claire Kellet, Sue Kirkpatrick, Chris Langley, Mhairi & Steven Lowry, Gay Lyle-Meller, Tessa Maclean, Siobhan McCammon, Lance McCormack, Rosanda & Simon McGrath, Dan & Anita Morgan-Oats, James and Polly Outhwaite, Sarah Palmer, Annette Parshotam, Susan Roberts, Cressida Robson, Barbara Scarcliffe, Sara Scott-Rivers, Matthew Spratt, Derek and Joan Stanton, Chris Sumner, Joanna Thwaites, Jenny Tonge, Joanna Walton, Stuart Webb, Ailsa & Rob West, Kim Yukawa, Janet Taylor and Lucinda Williams.**

## Subscriptions

Firstly thanks to all of you who have already paid your subscription for 2018, especially those who pay by standing order. For everyone else, you are reminded that subs fell due on **1 Jan 2018**. If your renewal is not received by 31 March, sadly it will be assumed that your membership has lapsed. It is still only £5 per member or £10 per couple, a snip and the same as last year (please see the end of the newsletter for a subscriptions form).

## KHS Outings and Events

### Friday 2 March 2018 AGM and Gardeners' Question Time:

This will be held at St Winefride's Church Hall, 1 Leyborne Park. The doors will open at 7.45pm for a start at 8.00pm. After the formal part of the evening there will a panel to answer your gardening questions. Wine will be served and we hope that a good number of members will come along and share your gardening queries with us all.

### **Sunday 6 May 2018 Market Stall:**

As you will recall we had a very successful stall at the Kew Market last year when we recruited over 20 new members and sold pot plants and garden accessories. We are going to repeat the exercise again this year. So please put the date in your diary. Perhaps you could give some thought to helping for an hour at the stall or just visit and say hello?

### **Friday 18 May 2018 KHS Summer Party:**

Last year's evening party at the Priory Park Tennis Club was great fun and so we are going back there again this year. There will be a cash bar and canapés and light snacks and we hope Celia will, as usual, arrange another magnificent plant stall for us all. Guests are of course more than welcome.

### **June 3rd - 7th 2018 A five day coach trip to the Gardens of Dorset:**

Since the last newsletter you will notice that we have made a slight change to the programme. We worked very hard with Travel Editions to plan the best possible holiday incorporating interesting and varied gardens with a comfortable hotel in an interesting town. We finally selected the traditional Crown Hotel in the Georgian market town of Blandford Forum. The date is slightly earlier Sunday June 3 - Thursday June 7. Do take a look at the attached itinerary and application form which you will find at the end of this newsletter. We still have spaces and feel this is the best value garden visiting holiday on offer in England at the moment!

### **Wednesday 18 July 2018: Visit to Batemans and Perch Hill:**

We will start our day early as it is quite a long journey to Kent. Our first stop is Bateman's, a 17th-century house with mullioned windows and pretty secluded 'Old English' Arts and Crafts garden - the home of Rudyard Kipling. Visiting the house is voluntary. After lunch we travel on to a charming old dairy farm, Perch Hill, the home of Sarah Raven, gardener, writer and TV personality. The garden is rarely open to the public but we have it all to ourselves for two hours. Her husband Adam Nicholson is the grandson of the late Vita Sackville-West. Sarah's garden is full of ideas and lots of daring colour. The shop stocks products which complement her Cutting Garden, flower arranging and cookery courses. Take your pick from Sarah's top 60 veg and flower seeds. Then start planning your entries for the KHS 2018 Summer Show! (National Trust members bring your membership cards, non-members pay, £10.40 the group entry price, at Bateman's on the day.) The Programme and an application form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### **Saturday 25 August 2018 KHS Summer Show:**

This will be held in St Anne's Church Hall on Kew Green thus preserving the tradition of the Show being held on the Green but it will be a smaller more family sized affair that has been the case in past years.

### **Date to be fixed:**

We are hoping to arrange an allotment visit for families and children so the latter can see vegetables and flowers growing and do some planting themselves. Its another case of 'watch this space.'

### **Other news**

Darren Norman, the head teacher at Kew Riverside Primary School got in touch with the KHS. The school are in the early stages of designing a wonderful new school garden area over at their field next to Barker Close. Over the last few weeks, Darren has been meeting with the school community as well as the Rotary Club and a Townmead Allotments representative and is now looking for adults interested in supporting the school with getting the garden up and running and then helping us to maintain, engage and empower the children to take on the area. The parents have already raised £10,000 of funds and are now looking for expertise rather than manpower. Advice about soil, composting, plant choices, maintenance and harvesting would be very much welcomed. KHS Committee member Richard Ward has already met Darren and so the project is starting to gain momentum. It really is pleasing for the KHS to be asked to become involved in such a wonderful project.

### **On line news**

#### **A discount for members:**

We were approached by Ashridge Trees who offered us both a free gardening advice tool they had created. It's a fruit



tree pollination checker which you can find at <https://www.ashridgetrees.co.uk/gardening-advice/fruit-tree-advice/pollinationchecker> This really is useful. It's easy to use and covers most types of top fruit that you can grow in the UK. When you've selected a fruit (apple, pear etc) you just choose your variety and it presents a list of compatible pollinators. They also offered us a 15% discount on purchases made this year. Here is the discount code "KEW2018" that can be used/posted at the checkout when you order from <https://www.ashridgetrees.co.uk>. The only slight catch is that the minimum order appears to be £20.

### **Another approach to members:**

[www.the3growbags.com](http://www.the3growbags.com) got in touch with us asking us to check out their site. It includes a blog run by three sisters which is light hearted and fun. The site also has sections like 'Plant of the month' and suggestions for gardens worth visiting. It is worth a visit.

### **KHS on Instagram:**

We have a healthy following on our Instagram account, and are now calling all members for your input! We would love to share your photos of plants and vegetables, growing progress, preparation for the summer show, or local gardening events. We are happy to embrace the weird and the wonderful, including imperfect veg and infestations! The emphasis is on Kew itself rather than Kew Royal Botanic Gardens. Please email your photos with a short description to [KewHSMedia@gmail.com](mailto:KewHSMedia@gmail.com). Anything posted on Instagram will also be shared on our Facebook site.

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### **And Finally.....**

Your ever vigilant editor spotted an item that she thought would interest keen KHS vegetable growers. This was first reported in the Nottingham Post, for such is the reach of the KHS newsletter's editorial team.

A keen vegetable gardener, one Mr Handrahan Cook was particularly proud of his success at growing super sized vegetables. This culminated last September in a first prize for his 70lb marrow at the Langwith Show. His 19lb beetroot and 3lb potato lost out however. Mr Handrahan Cook was somewhat cast down at being bested in this way and determined he would have to work harder if he was to prevail in those classes at the 2018 Show. So he ordered all the things he needed to ensure success, fertiliser, plastic sheeting and capillary tubing, all of which he bought in bulk to keep the price down. But Mr Handrahan Cook's purchases were being watched very carefully by others.....

A week or two later the police turned up on his doorstep to see if he was a terrorist making bombs. This is because a large quantity of fertiliser is one of the essential components of homemade bombs and any bulk purchases have to be reported to the police. Mr Handrahan Cook took the boys in blue out on a tour of his allotment where they looked over his giant carrots, parsnips and radishes as they sweltered under their plastic sheeting, gobbling down intravenously fed fertiliser and they determined that rather than being a danger to Her Majesty's peace Mr Handrahan Cook was merely a determined and competitive gardener. And we know all about those in the KHS do we not?

Happy gardening to you all from the editorial team.



An example of gardener John Handrahan-Cook's giant veg.© The Nottingham Post

## KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUBSCRIPTION FORM

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** — Subs are due 1 January 2018. Annual membership is still £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 5th 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.

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I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ in payment for my 2018 membership plus any arrears I may owe

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## VISIT TO BATEMANS AND PERCH HILL

**DATE : WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2018**

### **PROGRAMME:**

**8.50 am:** Arrive promptly to leave Kew Green at 9 am. Just near the Botanist there is a suitable parking place which we hope will be available on the day. If there is no room the coach will be at Elizabeth Gate, Kew Gardens.

**11.30 approx:** Arrive at Bateman's with free time to visit the gardens and have an early light lunch in the Mulberry tearoom. Alternatively picnics are permitted in the garden. Picnic rugs are available to borrow from the tearoom for the Mulberry garden area only.

**1.30 pm:** Leave to travel on to Perch Hill

**2.00pm:** Arrive at Perch Hill. During the afternoon tea and cake will be available at no extra charge.

**4.00pm:** Depart. It is about 80 miles to Kew and we hope to be back around 6.30 pm depending on traffic.

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### **APPLICATION FOR TICKETS TO VISIT BATEMANS AND PERCH HILL**

Please send a cheque and to Jenny Long, Maze Lodge, Forest Road, Richmond TW9 3BZ . On receipt of your application, email confirmation of your place on the trip will be sent.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No (in case of problems on the day): \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ £49 each (includes tip for the driver)

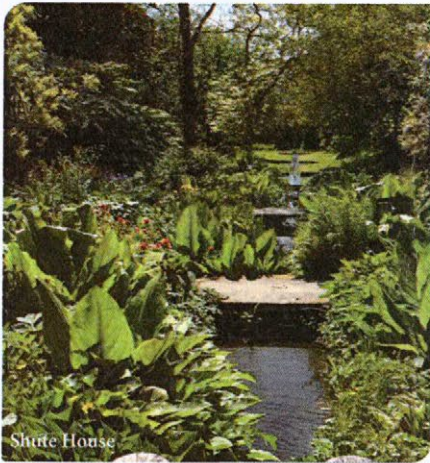
I enclose a cheque made payable to Kew Horticultural Society for \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the National Trust Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring a picnic Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_



## DORSET TRIP ITINERARY



### Day by day itinerary

#### 3 June 2018

Transfer by coach from local area to Longstock Water Gardens, part of supermarket Waitrose's estate in Hampshire, where there will be time for lunch (not included). Continue to Blandford Forum for check in for 4-night stay. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

#### 4 June 2018

Our first visit of the day is to an NGS garden at the Old Rectory, Manston, owned and managed by Andrew and Judith Hussey and a beautifully restored five-acre garden with a 120ft herbaceous border edged by old brick path, an enclosed yew hedge flower garden, wildflower meadow and walled Victorian kitchen garden. Then on to another NGS garden at Frankham Farm, a 31/2 acre garden created in 1960 by the late Jo Earle and now managed by Susan Ross and full of well-grown roses, unusual shrubs and trees as well as a productive vegetable garden. After time for lunch in the market town of Shaftesbury, our last visit of the day is the pleasure gardens at Larmer Tree, created in 1880 by General Pitt Rivers and were the first privately-owned gardens to be opened for public enjoyment. Evening free.

#### 5 June 2018

Our first visit of the day is to the sumptuous gardens at Compton Acres, which are divided into a series of spectacular gardens of different styles and influences, including Rock

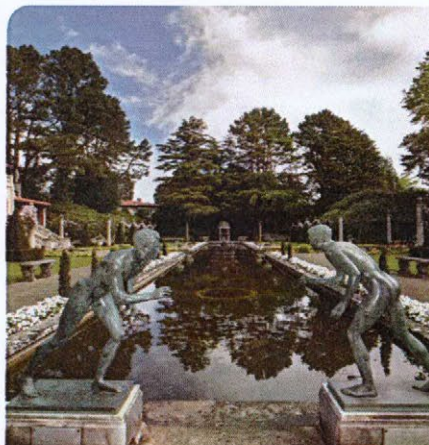
Italian. Time for lunch and a house visit (free for NT members) at Kingston Lacy, an elegant country mansion. Our afternoon garden is to Shute House Gardens at Donhead, created by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, his favourite and some say, his finest work. Evening free.

#### 6 June 2018

The first garden on the agenda today is East Lambrook Manor Gardens, the iconic and quintessentially English cottage garden created by the celebrated 20th-century plantswoman and gardening writer Margery Fish. The English Heritage Grade 1 listed garden is characterised by many winding paths through abundant borders and is renowned as the premier example of the English cottage garden style. Time for lunch and a house visit at Mapperton House (not included), home to the earl of Sandwich, a fine manor house and garden, that provided the setting for the 2015 film *Far from the Madding Crowd*. Afternoon visit to the subtropical gardens at Abbotsbury, HHA/Christie's Garden of the Year in 2012, which commands a wonderful view of the Jurassic Coast at the top of the Magnolia Walk. Farewell dinner at the hotel.

#### 7 June 2018

Alas, it is time to leave, but not before time to explore the town of Blandford Forum on market day. We then head to Heale House where time will be allowed for lunch and a visit to the gardens before returning to Kew with arrival expected at about 5-6pm.

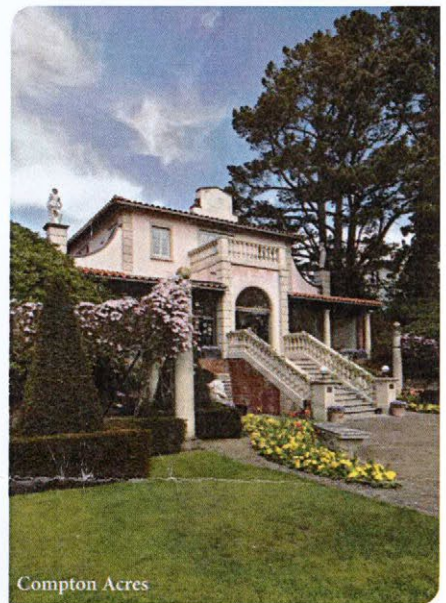


### Where you stay

#### Crown Hotel Blandford Forum

The oldest inn in Dorset, the characterful, but stylish Crown Hotel is located in the heart of the picturesque Georgian town of Blandford Forum. Rated as a four-star inn, the hotel has a beautiful garden, restaurant and bar, serving excellent local ales from the nearby Badger brewery.

Bedrooms are comfortable and well-appointed with private facilities, tea/coffee, free wifi, smart TV and digital radio.



### Included in the price

- Return coach from local area and at the group's disposal throughout the tour
- Four nights accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at the Crown Hotel Blandford, based on shared occupancy of a twin/double room
- Two dinners at the hotel
- Full range of excursions as detailed with all garden entrances
- Experienced garden tour manager, Tony Russell, throughout

Single room supplement £168.00

Based on a group of 30 passengers\*



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	Deposit per person	No. of persons	Insurance premium*	No. of persons	Total
Deposit/Full payment	£125.00		£		£

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