

Message from the Committee

As I write it really looks as if summer is over, it is raining and it is cold and I have just been out to pick some of the few remaining tomatoes from yellowing plants. Looking back over the summer since the last newsletter, a number of positive things have happened. We have had another very successful show at St. Anne's about which you will learn more in greater detail later on in this newsletter. We had a most enjoyable trip to Fulham Palace to look at the gardens there. Again, you will hear more a little later on.

What the Committee has been engaged in, is looking closely at the future of The Summer Show. We are of course aware that a number of members are very keen indeed that the Big Show in a marquee on Kew Green be reinstated, together with outside stalls. This would include a barbeque and tea tent and all the rest of the usual attractions which are necessary to offset the expense of the marquee. In the past two years we have held a smaller Show as we were constrained by the fact that we could not put together a large enough team of enthusiasts prepared to take on the commitment needed to put on the Big Show. It now looks as if this may change. Some enthusiastic new members have come forward, who are interested in the possibility of helping to reinstate a Show on the Green, and so a Show Committee or working party, call it what you will, of Big Show enthusiasts is looking at the options available to them. They will be returning to the next KHS Committee meeting with their suggestions so their ideas can be considered. So, watch this space for updates. In the mean time if any more members who would like to help with/organise a Big Show, please come forward Frances Goodwin would love to hear from you frgoodwin@hotmail.com.

Looking to the future, we have a fixed a date for the Quiz, which will take place in St Winefride's Hall as usual on 7 February, so please put the date in your diary now. Then in March there is another diary date which is the AGM. This will take place on 27 March, also in St Winefride's Hall. Finally, details of next year's five day trip to South and West Wales have been released and already the coach is almost full!

With another Beast from the East threatened we had better start thinking of the best way to keep our dahlias and pelargoniums going through the winter - do read on for some tips. **AS**

Photos from KHS Social Media:



Short Lots - Early Summer



Sunflower - Teddy Bear



RHS display - Hampton Court Flower Show

Membership Update

Welcome to the new members who have joined recently: **Daniel Le Cornu, Jenny Sneesby, Ayla Soguksu and Tina Ruygrok**. 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 that are being planned for the year ahead.

Membership subscription renewal falls due on 1 January 2020. If your renewal is not received by 31 March, **it will be assumed that your membership has lapsed**. It is still £5 per member or £10 per couple, a snip I think you will agree and is the same as last year (you will find the subscription form towards the end of this newsletter). - **CB**

Show Coordinator's Report 2019

Our annual Horticultural Show - the 75th - was held in St Anne's Church Hall, Kew Green, on Saturday 24th August, on a lovely sunny day. Forty-nine people exhibited their produce: the weather this year helped particularly towards wonderful displays of vegetables and fruit, while the dahlia classes were supremely colourful, as can be seen in the photographs throughout the newsletter taken by our photographer, Brian Secrett.



Enjoying the glorious weather



Howzat!?



Tending to the Plant Stall

Some cookery classes, for a jam, a Victoria Sponge and a chutney were included this year which were well supported and all looked wonderful. We had 258 adult visitors during the afternoon, who enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and were able to relax with tea and cake outside the hall after viewing the Show. The plant stall was also very popular.



Floral Art



Inspecting the results



Jams and chutneys were popular!

Father Nigel Worn presented the cups to the worthy winners (which are all listed at the end of the newsletter) and then our President, David Collison, held an auction of produce which raised £150, to be put towards a project to plant 15,000 bulbs in the churchyard.

We would like to thank the Show Committee for their hard work, together with all the volunteers on the day, and the exhibitors and visitors and we are already looking forward to next year!

Frances Goodwin

Visit to Fulham Palace

Where can you find a Bishops' tree complete with several Bishops, including a somewhat peculiar, spectacle-wearing Bishop apparently wielding a bottle, a pink Gothic gatehouse folly with oversize chimneys, a partly excavated moat, an Indian Bean, Cork, Holm, Scarlet, Cypress and Fulham oaks, both Black and White Mulberries, Black Walnuts, a Cider Gum, a Swamp and a Japanese Cypress, a Giant Sequoia and English Elms among many others, a black cat in a box (sometimes), a knot garden, a walled garden, an apple arbour, peace, calm, food and drink, Roman beginnings and a rich red Tudor brick courtyard with scorched black brick diaper patterns that inspired similar decorations at Hampton Court? All this and more was shown and explained to us by our guide, on the KHS visit to Fulham Palace Botanical Garden on Monday 16th September.



Ancient Holm Oak - planted in the 16th C.



Fulham Palace Courtyard



Colourful borders (Credit: Elizabeth Morton)

The project to restore the house and the remaining 13 acre garden is a huge on-going task. The history of Fulham Palace, the Summer home of the Bishops of London until 1973, spans 1,300 years, and has seen many changes in both architectural and horticultural fashion, still evident at Fulham. The garden was an important source of food as well as a place for leisure away from the pressures of London, and for those Bishops with an interest in botany and horticulture of which there were several, a place of study and learning. Fulham Palace is free to visit and explore, and you can even buy a variety of fresh produce from the garden as available. A highly recommended visit to a fascinating and tranquil refuge, close to home. - **LK**



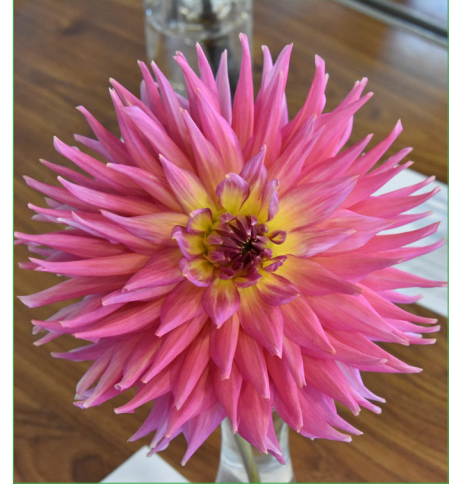
Edmund the Palace Cat

National Dahlia Society

It was my first time helping with the summer show this year, and I was interested to find out that the KHS is affiliated with both the RHS *and* The National Dahlia Society. At our show we have 2 special awards where the winners are given a certificate from the NDS for *the best exhibit of dahlias* and *the best dahlia in bloom*. For those who are new to the KHS or who just enjoy the delights of a dahlia, you may be interested to know more about the plant and the society.

The National Dahlia Society is the world's largest all dahlia society and it has been running for 137 years – a magnificent achievement in itself (let's hope the KHS is still thriving after that long!). The society is based in Solihull and aims to promote the dahlia by organising exhibitions, conferences and sharing knowledge.

Did you know that the dahlia was brought to Europe from Mexico over two hundred years ago? It was so named in honour of Anders Dahl, a Swedish botanist and student of Carl Linnaeus. This and many more interesting facts can be discovered on the NDS website. Here is a link which offers information sheets for feeding and soil preparation, growing dahlias in the garden, and advice on pests and disease: <https://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk/our-top-5-dahlia-care-tips/> For the budding exhibitor or dahlia fan, do follow this link to see a list of how the many types of dahlias are classified into groups, and details of colour classification: <https://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk/about-dahlias/classification/> For cultivation and tips for lifting and storing tubers: <https://www.dahlia-nds.co.uk/about-dahlias/cultivation/>



A selection of wonderful dahlias from this year's KHS show

The NDS holds their annual shows at Wisley and The Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate (where next year exhibitors will be only allowed to use biodegradable oasis). As an affiliated society, we are able to show our dahlias in the society classes - if anyone is particularly interested to do this next year, please let us know! - **LD**

Trip to Wales

Tickets for our five day coach trip have only been on sale for a few weeks and already it is almost sold out with a waiting list especially for single rooms. Last year we went to North Wales with our excellent guide and garden specialist Tony Russell and this year we hope to repeat the success by going with him again to South and West Wales. The trip is in late June so let's hope for a sunny few days. - **JL**

Dates for your diary - 2020!

Annual Quiz - 7th February (St.Winefride's Church Hall)

KHS AGM - 27th March (St.Winefride's Church Hall)

KHS Stall at The Kew Village Market - 3rd May

Trip to South Wales - 19th June

And Finally.....

Some years ago my aged mother took up residence in a care home. She had always been a keen gardener and I had noticed that there were 4 weed filled raised beds in the grounds. I asked the manager whether, if I provided funds for plants and tools, he could get the raised beds cleared and organise some gardening sessions for the residents.

He was very pleased with this suggestion, as were two care assistants who pronounced themselves enthusiastic gardeners. I handed over a cheque.

On one of the occasions I was visiting my mother about two weeks later, I was met in the entrance hall by the two care assistants, bubbling over with excitement. 'Come and see! Come and see! Come and see the garden.' They cried.

Off we went and I was a little startled to note the four raised beds each contained just one single red pelargonium in each corner. Nothing else but bare earth.

'Oh,' say , rather startled. 'No no,' they said 'Come and see the terrace.' There lining the terrace were about 12 brightly coloured garden gnomes.

Not quite what I had had in mind. - **AS**

Happy Gardening from The Editorial Team!

KHS SHOW 2019 - LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL

of the RHS to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in Horticulture: **Michael Delf**

LADIES THRESHER CUP

to the lady exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless she has won the Banksian Medal: **Ann Sandall**

MEN'S THRESHER CUP

to the gentleman exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless he has won the Banksian Medal: **Charlie Shelton**

DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP

to the exhibitor gaining the next highest points in Horticulture: **Sue Goddard**

KEW CHALLENGE CUP

for the first-time exhibitor gaining the most points in Sections A,B and C: **Gary Mitchell**

PRESIDENT'S CUP

to the exhibitor gaining most points in the vegetable classes only: **Michael Delf**

NEWTON CUP

for most meritorious vegetable exhibit: **James Doidge**

IAN MACLEAN CUP

for the best display of vegetables grown from Garden Organic seeds: **James Doidge**

K.E.W CUP

for winner of Class 19, Mixed Vegetables: **Michael Delf**

WELCH CUP

for the child winning most points in Classes 21 and 22: **Bea Doidge**

SCARBOROUGH CUP

for the best bean exhibit in Classes 2 and 3: **Richard Ward**

CAROLINE FIELDING CUP

for the best potato exhibit in Classes 13 and 14: **Malcolm Taylor**

KEENE CUP

for the best tomato exhibit in Classes 16 and 17: **Michael Delf**

DR SPARKES CUP for the best fruit exhibit:

Marian Mollett

QUEEN ELIZABETH CUP f

or the best apple in Classes 22 and 23: **Michael Kidd**

KEW SOCIAL CLUB CUP

to the exhibitor gaining most points in Section C, Flowers and Plants: **Ann Sandall**

GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP

for the exhibitor with the second highest points score in Section C, Flowers and Plants: **Pauline Taylor**

TINKER CUP

for the exhibitor gaining most points in the dahlia classes: **Stuart Webb**

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE (Silver) for the best exhibit of dahlias: **Stuart Webb**

NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE (Bronze) for the best dahlia bloom: **Stuart Webb**

THOMAS CUP

for best rose exhibit in Classes 37 and 38: **David Durie**

BURKE CUP f

or best pot plant in Classes 43-45: **Ann Sandall**

FLORAL CUP

for the exhibitor gaining the most points in Floral Art: **Sara Scott-Rivers**

PAT THOMAS CUP

for the first time exhibitor gaining most points in Floral Art: **Tina Ruygrok**

DAWSON CUP

for the best exhibit in Floral Art: **Sara Scott-Rivers**

ASSOCIATION CUP

to the exhibitor gaining the most points in Section E (Cookery): **Catherine Bates**

SIR ARTHUR HILL CUP

for gaining most points in the Show: **Michael Delf**



The Cups!



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The membership year is the same as the calendar year but members joining at the Show or later in any year, are covered for the following year.

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Please circle one of the following:

1 I enclose cash/cheque payable to Kew Horticultural Society for £5.00/£10 for my/our subscription.

Please return this form to our Membership Secretary, Carole Brougham, 58 Bushwood Road, Kew, TW9 3BW (020 8948 7254).

2 I have completed a standing order mandate (see below) for my/our bank/building society to pay my/our annual subscription(s) and I will give/send it to my bank.

3 I bank online and have instructed my bank to pay KHS by Standing Order and am emailing this application form for your records.

If 2 or 3 apply, please email this form to membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org for our records.

DATA PROTECTION: The KHS is operated in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. By submitting this form you understand that KHS will hold and use your personal data for administrative purposes and to keep you informed of its activities. Our data protection policy under these regulations can be found in full on the KHS website.

Help is always welcome with social events, deliveries of newsletters, committee membership, and organization of the annual Show – please indicate below any which interest you:

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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