

### KHS SUMMER SHOW – Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023



Another wonderful Show this year! There were more exhibitors than last year and over 1000 visitors to the marquee. It looked exceptionally full and colourful, so thank you to all who put in entries. The weather remained fine until just before the prizegiving, when the heavens opened and there was torrential rain, but after a short gap, the Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser carried on handing out the cups with aplomb, in traditional British fashion! Also

traditional was the auction at the end of the afternoon, when £525 was raised by the assembled crowd under the gavel of our auctioneer and president, David Collison.

Congratulations and thanks go to our brilliant Show Organisers, Alison Greenwood, Mandy Botta, Siobhan Clegg and Jo Wenham, the Site Manager Phil Crocker, and the Treasurer Mike Greenwood, and their whole hard-working team, and to all our financial supporters including The Kew Society, Antony Roberts, Priory Management and Ray Granleese for his very generous support for the marquee.

Our thanks also of course to all the KHS volunteers who helped on the day. It is impossible to list everyone who helped, but special mention must go to Charlie and Jane Shelton, Celia Fisher, Chris Morley-Smith, Zoe Neale, Zelda Blackadder, Julia Welchman, David Collison and all the KHS Committee.

The final profit from the Show is £3472 and the KHS stalls made the following amounts:

Books – £642  
Plants – £256  
Tea Tent – £1461  
Bric-a-Brac – £788  
Tombola – £142  
Raffle - £171



Putting in exhibits



**Judging gets underway**



### **CUPS AND WINNERS 2023**

<b>THE BANKSIAN MEDAL</b>	<b>Of the Royal Horticultural Society to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in Horticulture</b>	<b>Chris Morley-Smith</b>
<b>LADIES' THRESHER CUP</b>	<b>To the lady exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless she has won the Banksian Medal</b>	<b>Frances Goodwin</b>
<b>MEN'S THRESHER CUP</b>	<b>To the gentleman exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless he has won the Banksian Medal</b>	<b>Malcolm Taylor</b>
<b>DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP</b>	<b>To the exhibitor gaining the next highest points in Horticulture</b>	<b>Stuart Webb</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S CUP</b>	<b>To the exhibitor gaining most points in the vegetable classes only</b>	<b>Chris Morley-Smith</b>
<b>ASSOCIATION CUP</b>	<b>To the exhibitor gaining second highest points in the vegetable classes only</b>	<b>Malcolm Taylor</b>
<b>NEWTON CUP</b>	<b>For most meritorious vegetable exhibit</b>	<b>James Millar</b>
<b>KEENE CUP</b>	<b>To the winner of Class 28 (a collection of vegetables)</b>	<b>Malcolm Bell</b>
<b>IAN MACLEAN CUP</b>	<b>For the best display of vegetables grown from Garden Organic Seeds</b>	<b>Chris Morley-Smith</b>
<b>DR SPARKES CUP</b>	<b>For the best fruit exhibit</b>	<b>Clare O'Brien</b>

<b>TINKER CUP</b>	<b>For the exhibitor gaining the most points in the dahlia classes</b>	<b>Stuart Webb</b>
<b>KEW SOCIAL CLUB CUP</b>	<b>To the exhibitor gaining most points in the Flowers and Plants classes 42 - 64</b>	<b>Stuart Webb</b>
<b>NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>For the best exhibit of dahlias</b>	<b>Stuart Webb</b>
<b>NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>For the best dahlia bloom (the winner of Class 54)</b>	<b>Mandy Botta</b>
<b>KEW CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<b>For the first-time exhibitor gaining the most points in horticultural classes 1 - 64</b>	<b>Flo Dill</b>
<b>K.E.W. CUP</b>	<b>For gaining the most points in Cookery</b>	<b>Catherine Bates</b>
<b>THOMAS CUP</b>	<b>For the best exhibit of jams, chutneys &amp; pickles, classes 65 - 71</b>	<b>Julia Martin</b>
<b>BURKE CUP</b>	<b>For gaining the most points in Art and Crafts (excluding Photography)</b>	<b>Catherine Bates</b>
<b>GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP</b>	<b>For the best Craft exhibit</b>	<b>Tina Ruygrok</b>
<b>SCARBOROUGH CUP</b>	<b>For the best Art exhibit</b>	<b>Catherine Bates</b>
<b>CAROLINE FIELDING CUP</b>	<b>For best photograph in the Show</b>	<b>Tom Lawson</b>
<b>WELCH CUP</b>	<b>For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 6 and under</b>	<b>Beatrice Smith</b>
<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH CUP</b>	<b>For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 7 - 11</b>	<b>Chloe Slack and Bea Brennen</b>
<b>PAT THOMAS CUP</b>	<b>For children's photography</b>	<b>No Entries</b>
<b>FLORAL CUP</b>	<b>For gaining the most points in Floral Art</b>	<b>Caroline Buck</b>
<b>DAWSON CUP</b>	<b>For the best exhibit in Floral Art</b>	<b>Jane Shelton</b>
<b>SIR ARTHUR HILL CUP</b>	<b>For gaining most points in the Show</b>	<b>Catherine Bates</b>

Photographs of the Show throughout the newsletter by Caroline Fairs





## Future Events

**QUIZ NIGHT – Friday, 2nd February 2024** our popular annual quiz will take place. Please save the date! And do start thinking about getting a team of six together. The application form is attached.

**AGM – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in St Winefride’s Church Hall.** There will be drinks available and the AGM will be followed by a fun plant identification competition, organised by Richard Ward. In 2023, this was won by Julia Welchman with an amazing score of 17/24!

**KEW VILLAGE MARKET- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** We are planning a joint KHS/Rotary Club Charity and membership stall at Kew Village Market. Kew’s Shoes, planted with Sempervivums or Tradescantias, will be on sale for charity. Watch this space!

**KHS HOLIDAY TO CHESHIRE – 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.** Based in Chester, this will be a fascinating trip around the gardens of Cheshire. The first notification has already been sent out but the details are attached here as well, together with the application form. There are just four twin rooms left so if you are interested please book soon. Thanks to Mary Fisher and Travel Editions who are arranging it, with Tony Russell as our guide.

## Possible Future Event!

We have been thinking of organising a ‘Garden Crawl’ next Summer, with members visiting three or four gardens, ending up at Richard Ward’s garden on Mortlake Road for drinks and canapes. We have two offers of gardens to visit so far, but we need one or two more to make the walk viable. If you would be happy for people to come and look round your garden – it need not be perfect! It is just interesting to see what we are all trying to grow– please let Richard know on [richardward62@icloud.com](mailto:richardward62@icloud.com)



## Recent Event

### **VISIT TO WATERPERRY GARDENS AND OXFORD BOTANICAL GARDEN**

*Jenny Long writes:*

At last, our trip to Oxford took place in September having been cancelled because of Covid lockdown. Our first stop was Waterperry where our brilliant Guide, Rob Jacobs, Horticultural Manager gave us a lesson on how to create the perfect herbaceous border! He explained a design around three successive seasons where Lupins, Delphiniums and then Asters feature. No excuse now!

Rob told us amusing stories of the import of rare-quality tufa stone – 18 tonnes of it – from Canada, used to great effect for Alpine plants, and how the idea of domed caging for roses originated at Waterperry, despite the claims made by Sissinghurst Castle.



Moving on to Oxford for lunch we admired the house with the shark sticking out of its roof and finished with a restful couple of hours at the Botanic Gardens. Cups of tea and ice-creams were very popular in the heat as we watched the punts and sat in the shade of many unusual and beautiful trees.



## Charitable Donations

Our donations this year were to Richmond SPEAR and to Kew Gardens:

**£500 to SPEAR** to provide a garden seat for their clients, which was much appreciated.

**£1000 to Kew Gardens** for a series of Sunday monthly gardening workshops at the Community Allotment.

*Kew Gardens writes:*

*These gardening workshops are an opportunity for individuals who face barriers to engaging with horticulture, to learn about plants and fungi. The sessions are led by guest practitioners and involve hands-on activities and interactive talks.*

*The most recent workshop was led by Mark Ridsdill Smith (<https://www.verticalveg.org.uk/who>) who engaged the group in learning about growing vegetables in small spaces. Mark emailed afterwards to give us the following feedback: "I found it a wonderfully welcoming space and a delightful and diverse audience of keen learners who had lots of questions (always a good sign). You've created a real oasis of peace, wildlife - and edible plants - in the community garden. What a wonderful achievement."*

**£500 to Kew Gardens** for resources to create a Grow Wild meadow near Elizabeth Gate. One of Kew's Horticulturalists is interested in working with Kew's Youth Forum to establish a UK native wildflower patch. This would involve young people sowing wildflower seeds, monitoring the patch and harvesting the seeds.

If any member would like to suggest a destination (with a horticultural bent) for any money the Society might have available for giving, please alert the Secretary, Frances Goodwin, on [frgoodwin@hotmail.com](mailto:frgoodwin@hotmail.com) before the AGM next March.



## Membership News

*Carole Brougham writes:*

We have had fifteen new members since the Summer, with thirteen signing up at the Show. Welcome to you all.

This is also when we have to remind members that subs are due for renewal 1 January 2024 for all those who do not pay by standing order. Unfortunately, due to the privacy rules, we will have to delete members who have not paid by 31 March 2024, so please don't forget to send us your sub in time!

## KHS Archive Project

Our President, David Collison, brought a fascinating collage of old photographs and articles from the history of the KHS to the Summer Show, and we hope many members and others will have enjoyed it. Our archivist, Zelda Blackadder, visited David soon after the Show and took these wonderful photographs!



Please do get in touch with Zelda if you have any memories, photographs etc. of the KHS, that we can include in our archive: [zeldablackadder@googlemail.com](mailto:zeldablackadder@googlemail.com)



## Richard Ward's Gardening Tips

Richard is having a break from Tips this month but has just spent several weeks in Australia and he sent us this lovely photograph of wildflowers alongside the road leading to Coolgardie, South Australia:



And our Membership Secretary Carole's travels took her to Marrakech where she visited the beautiful garden of Yves Saint Laurent:





**Might you be considering joining our small, friendly committee? Don't hold back! You would be very welcome and it is not an onerous commitment, so do email Frances Goodwin on [frgoodwin@hotmail.com](mailto:frgoodwin@hotmail.com) for more details.**



We hope the weather will improve a little soon, (and in fact we have had a bit of sunshine over the last few days), so that we can all get back out in our gardens and finish off the pruning, tying back and tulip planting we have been planning before it gets too cold. But then there is always the shed/greenhouse to sort out, and the tools to grease. Gardening never really stops!

Happy gardening to you all from the Editorial Team.

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Date.....

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](mailto: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.**

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Please pay to Kew Horticultural Society the sum of £5/£10 immediately then on 3  
January annually until further notice.

Branch sort code: 20-72-33 (Barclays Bank)

Account number 13756440

Signed.....