

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

We hope that 2024 has begun well for all our members, and that cultivation of window boxes, gardens and allotments is underway (weather permitting...)

We have a pressing need for more committee members to help run the Society. It is not an onerous commitment and the more hands the lighter the work! If you are interested in gardening and are looking for a way to become more involved in the community, please consider joining our friendly group. Our activities raise money for local charities too, so it is a worthy undertaking! Just email Frances Goodwin on frgoodwin@hotmail.com for more information.

THE AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Kew Horticultural Society to cover 2023 will be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.30pm, in St Winefride's Church Hall. Free glass of wine on arrival and the AGM will be followed by a Plant Identification competition (a bottle to the winner) and a sale of Heritage Seeds.

Do come along and support the Society, and if you have any suggestions for the destination of our annual local charitable donations, please email Frances Goodwin on frgoodwin@hotmail.com as soon as possible so that the Committee may consider them.

Membership News from Carole Brougham

Membership fees fell due on 1 January 2024 and thanks go to all of you who have paid so far. If your membership fee is not yet paid by Standing Order, please consider setting this up now, which is very easy to do if you bank online. Our bank account details are on the renewal form at the end of the newsletter. Otherwise, please send me the completed renewal form with your payment.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on membership@kewhorticulturalsociety.org or 020 8948 7254.

Recent Event

Quiz Night at St Winefride's, Leyborne Park

Our popular Quiz Night took place on Friday, 2nd February. There were twelve tables of six and it was a very jolly evening with a delicious supper as well. All enjoyed the interesting questions, with something for everybody, and the top six teams were:

Pine Forest (led by Celia Hughes)	80 points (out of a possible 90)
Primroses (led by David Durie)	77
Undecided (led by Ann Sandall)	76
El Presidente (led by David Collison)	74
Townmead Allotments (led by Richard Jaggard)	72
Pensford Penstemons (led by Harriet Enthoven)	68

Congratulations to all, and a huge thank you to the KHS Committee for organising the whole evening so well and working so hard on the night. The KHS also thanks the Rotary Club for use of their equipment, for which we are very grateful. Special thanks as always go to Alan Sandall for his superb quizmastering!

The winners





Forthcoming Events

KHS/Rotary stall at the Kew Village Market - Sunday 5th May

We have planned a joint charity stall together with the Rotary Club of Kew Gardens, to promote our respective organisations. We will have a flier for the Show, some information on future events and lots of membership forms. Rotary will also be selling Kew's Shoes, for charity; pictured, all planted up with mixed Sempervivums. When they're gone they're gone!



KHS Summer Party at Priory Park Tennis Club - Sunday 9th June

Our annual summer party will be held on **Sunday, 9th June**, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Come along for a relaxing drink and nibbles, while looking at the plant sale, organised by Celia Fisher. **(During the Spring, please pot up anything in your garden that might be suitable for the sale, and bring it along.)**

£10; £12 non-members (food and first glass of wine included). Guests are of course more than welcome.

Further details and application form will be sent out nearer the time.

Kew Horticultural Society holiday to Chester - May 19th to 23rd

The holiday is almost fully booked with just three twin rooms still available. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Travel Editions direct for enquiries about availability. Their telephone number is 020 7251 0045 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

A reminder Everyone going on the trip must be a paid-up member. If anyone has a query on their membership status, they can contact Carole at carolebrougham.kew@gmail.com.

A date for 2025! Ellen at Travel Editions has suggested a trip to Madeira early next year where the weather is much warmer and sunnier than here!

She is holding rooms at Hotel Baleira in the Lido district of Funchal from 4-10 February 2025. Tony Russell will be guiding the tour.

If you think you may be interested, please contact Mary Fisher: maryfisher7@hotmail.com so we have an idea of possible numbers.
Many thanks.

Kew Horticultural Society Show 2024 – Saturday, 24th August

The date for this year's Show is **Saturday, 24th August**, so put it in your diaries now! We will soon be thinking about the classes for this year and we would like to ask members for their input. Are there any new classes you would like to see at the Show? Is there a vegetable/flower gaining popularity for growing that we could include? Please do let us know! It is our intention to send round and put up on the website the Schedule of classes by April this year, to give everyone lots of time to grow particular vegetables, take suitable photographs and start on craft projects.

We will, of course, need help on the day from our members. This year we are also seeking people to run the bookstall and the bric-a-brac stall. If you feel able to help with these, please contact Frances Goodwin on frgoodwin@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Visit to the RHS Lindley Library – provisionally 8th October, to be confirmed

The RHS Lindley Library is situated at 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE and is the largest Horticultural Library in the world. The "Treasures of the RHS Lindley Library" is a 60-minute visit during which a member of the Library team will share a selection of rare books, wonderful botanical artwork and objects from their world class archives and photographic collections, either with interesting stories attached or that are particularly visually interesting, and with a focus on the Victorian era. More details and an application form will be sent out later. The cost will be only £3 per person.

RICHARD WARD'S GARDENING TIPS

Please check our website for Richard's gardening tips each month. Here are his March Tips:

"By early March I strive to complete outstanding winter work in the garden. On 18th February my Apricot was in flower - luckily I pruned and tied in last year's growths in late December. That's only an 8-week window for pruning between leaf fall and flowering.



Cut Dogwoods back really hard now if you want well-coloured stems for next winter. Prune overweight Olive trees - they respond well even after hard pruning. And Mimosas after flowering if they are becoming top heavy. Most evergreens can be cut back this month or next, after flowering as appropriate. Hydrangeas should be trimmed to remove old flowers either in late autumn or now, and if they are leggy they also usually respond well after cutting back hard, and will regenerate from near the base.

To prevent, or control weeds on hard-surface or gravel areas, spray with Glyphosate or similar, and always read the instructions. Avoid wind drift, and walking wet chemical over lawns. Better to do it now rather than later so that you don't finish up with a mass of browned/dead plant remains. Wait for a warmish, dry day. You might need a follow-up spray in June too.

If you have moss on hard-surface areas such as walls, paving, brickwork you should spray now, but on mild days, as it is more effective. Avoid treading the wet chemical onto carpets. Most moss will die and shrivel easily. Incidentally, most chemicals are best and more effectively and economically applied using a fine or medium high pressure sprayer, or bottle, rather than through a coarse watering can rose.

Take cuttings from Phlox and other herbaceous clumps now if you didn't get round to dividing them. Good luck. Richard.'



Phlox needs support now



Pulmonaria/Lungwort – good for early bees



Camellia. Prune after flowering if necessary



Viburnum fragrans



Daphne odora



(Tell my wife!)

Finally, one of the benefits of KHS being a member of the Royal Horticultural Society is a discount card which gives 50% off the entry price to any RHS garden for up to two of our members at any one time. If any members would like to use this card, please email Frances Goodwin on frgoodwin@hotmail.com and it will be lent to you for your visit.

And do take a look at our Instagram account which has great photographs of trees, shrubs and flowers growing around Kew and in our members' own gardens, and of our KHS events and trips. Hopefully you will join our Instagram as a "follower".

Website: [Kew Horticultural Society](http://www.kewhorticulturalsociety.org)

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Happy Gardening to you all from the Editorial Team.



KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: One of the oldest horticultural societies in London. No gardening experience necessary. Lectures, events and outings throughout the year. Newsletters. Annual Summer Flower and Produce Show (open to all).

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - subscription per year £10 per household, £5 single adult, children free. The membership year is the same as the calendar year.

Your name(s).....

Address.....

Post code

Phone number.....

Email

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. Please do not send it to the Society.**

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/organization of the annual Show committee/miscellaneous – please indicate below any which interest you:

KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Standing Order Mandate

ToBank

Branch name.....

Branch address

Postcode

Name(s) in which your own account is held

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Account number.....

Branch sort code.....

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.....