

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Autumn Newsletter 2007

Thoughts from your Chairman

Greetings to everyone

Although it is difficult to avoid the subject, I am trying not to talk about the weather as I expect you are as fed up with the cold and rain as we are. Farming wise we have made a large amount of silage (winter feed), now we need some hot sunshine to make the maize grow and ripen. On the horticultural side we seem to have the best runner beans, courgettes and beetroot for several years and shrubs have enjoyed the cooler conditions.

I enjoyed the trip to West Dean. The grounds, flower and vegetable gardens were all immaculate, and those who went walking enjoyed the fine views. The restaurant had good food, the sun shone, it was a great day.

The July Show was the most successful that we have had for some years. There were really good exhibits in all sections, lots and lots of visitors to see them and taste the excellent teas. Thank you everyone who helped to make it such a great day.

Sheila Hobbs

Saving the gardens at Great Dixter

Those of you fortunate enough to have heard Fergus Garrett's recent talk to the Society will know that shortly before his death Christopher Lloyd set up a Trust to secure public access to the house and gardens at Great Dixter. Christopher Lloyd having bequeathed his 40% share of the Estate to the Trust, the latter is now trying to raise sufficient funds to acquire the remaining share. To help achieve this it is about to apply for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If the application is unsuccessful it is unlikely that the gardens will be saved. To increase the likelihood of being awarded a grant the Trust would like as many people as possible to write to them in support of their application. Please send any letters to: The Great Dixter Charitable Trust, Great Dixter, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex TN31 6PH

Membership

Membership fees for the New Year are due on the 1st October at the unchanged cost of £3. Payment can be made at any of our events (including at the Autumn Show on the 15th September), or alternatively, for an extra 50p, by post to the Membership Secretary Tom Hughes. On the other hand for a mere £45 you may wish to consider becoming a Life Member.

Summer Show 2007

Once again an excellent show and I thank all those members who exhibited. The highlight of the show for me was on collating the results I found that my grand-daughter had tied for first place in the Junior 10 years and under section. Ruby has been entering the shows from a very early age and this was the first time she had won a shield. To see her face light up when her name was called as a prize winner made me a very proud Nanny.

Results

RHS Banksian Medal	Rita Pickett
Blue Riband of the British Fuchsia Society	Rita Pickett
The Lemmy Cup	Pat Mace
The Savill Cup	Richard Hilson
The Filmer Cup	Anne Skinner
The Fruit Cup	Chris Gurr
The Thornbery Trophy	Sheila Hobbs
The Askew Cup	Michael Elliott
The Gilbert Cup	Richard Hilson
The Don Booker Fuchsia Cup	Rita Pickett
Forget-me-Not Shield	Ruby Anscombe) Alexander Cameron)
Heart and Soul Shield	Katherine Cameron

Best in Show

Vegetable	Richard Hilson
Pot Plant	Rita Pickett
Cookery	Fiona Pugh
Handicraft	Yvonne Bee

I look forward to seeing you all at the Autumn show.

Pat Whetstone

Sundries Centre

The Sundries Centre continues to be the place to find quality products at bargain prices, so do not forget the remaining opening dates for this year (between 9.30 and 11 am):

September - Sunday 2nd and Saturday 22nd
October – Sunday 21st