

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Newsletter 2007

Thoughts from your Chairman

Hello Members

As I sit here it is pouring with rain - I really do wish it would stop for awhile. In April we had no rain at all. To assist with the watering, last autumn the well which is behind our house was fitted with a pump from our old milk tank. This meant that instead of having to use a gravity fed tank which was very slow, I can now water in a quarter of the time and it has made my life much easier.

I am pleased to announce that the Society has recruited a Press Officer to be responsible for organising our publicity; so a very big welcome to Rosemary Humphries.

The recent outing to Wisley was apparently a great success. The weather was very kind and members were able to enter the new glasshouse which had only been opened to the public the week before. They were also able to see the Society's name engraved on the glass panels which list those who had made a donation towards the cost of the glasshouse. I look forward to joining you on the trip to West Dean in July and hope for another dry day!

Enjoy your gardens and the countryside for we are now in high summer and past the longest day.

Sheila

Spring Show 2007 Results and Report

SPRING SHOW CUPS AND AWARDS

Daffodil Society Bronze Medal & Certificate	Dave Vivash
The Fisk Cup	Dave Vivash
The Lea Cup	Pat Mace
The Jeeves Cup	Michael Elliott
The Floral Art Cup	Gill Jones
The George Murrell Photographic Cup	Margaret Nicolle
The Forget-me-Not Shield	Alexander Cameron/Megan Clark
The Heart and Soul Shield	Katherine Cameron

BEST IN SHOW

Vegetable	Michael Elliott
Pot Plant	M Mighall
Flower	Dave Vivash
Cookery	Gill Jones
Handicraft	John Harvey

What a brilliant start to the show year. The spring show was one of the best yet. The colourful display of flowers made for a very cheerful start to the horticultural society's gardening calendar; thank you to all those who entered. Although the entries for the photography classes were down from last year the photos were of a high standard. The advance notice of the photographic classes for next years spring show is on page 58 of this years show schedule. Perhaps members with digital cameras or those, like me, who still have the old fashioned ones that require a film would like to study the subjects and, in between tending your flowers and vegetables, snap away and produce some classic pictures for the next spring show.

I am sitting in my back garden writing this report enjoying one of, hopefully the first of many days of June sunshine. This brings me to the subject of the summer show which is on Saturday 14th July. To all new members I would say please have a go. If you have any questions you want to ask please phone me (483236). If I can't help I will know someone who can. To all members with young children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews please encourage them to enter the junior classes. To our "old stagers" I thank you in advance for all the exhibits you will be showing.

Would you please note that there is a change to the cups and awards for the summer show; the National Rose Society" Bronze Medal will not be awarded.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in July.

Pat Whetstone

Talk about Great Dixter

We expected that this would be a special occasion. The King Edward Hall was packed and there was a buzz of anticipation as we awaited Fergus Garrett to start his talk about Great Dixter. We were not about to be disappointed. Those of us who were lucky enough to be present were whisked back in time to when the house and gardens were first established. We learned how the different parts of the garden came to be as they are today and the ideas which underpin them. We were given a visual treat and Fergus delivered his talk with such enthusiasm and professionalism that the evening all too soon came to an end – but not before we had the opportunity to buy some plants he had brought from Great Dixter's nursery.

I am pleased to be able to report that our Outings Organiser, Ann Higgins is looking into arranging a visit to Great Dixter next year. It is not large enough for a full day's visit and to pair it with another garden would make it too expensive for some members due to having to pay two entry fees. Also there is no tea room. However Fergus has offered to let the Society visit the garden before the normal opening time of 11 am, so Ann is considering having a visit to Great Dixter in the morning and then going to Rye (which is only 7 miles away) where members can please themselves for the rest of the day and there are plenty of places in which to eat.

Anon