

# LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Autumn Newsletter 2010

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### Thoughts from your Chairman

While I am writing this there is a wild thunder storm going on; there is probably more rain falling than we have had since the Thursday night of the South of England Show. How welcome it is for farmers and gardeners alike.

At the July Show I was very impressed with the quality of the exhibits across the board. Well done, and thank you to all those who help run our shows. I am now looking forward to seeing you at the Autumn Show.

*Sheila Hobbs*

### Christmas Social

Tickets for the Christmas Social on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be on sale at the Coffee Morning on 9<sup>th</sup> October and at the October and November evening talks. Numbers will be limited to 114 and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis to members only. The cost will be the same as last year, £10 per ticket. Our entertainment will be provided by solo performer Nick Hancock. Nick will entertain us with golden oldies which will involve a special feature on Flanders and Swann followed, after the interval, with audience participation including "our favourite carols". The overall format of the evening remains the same, plenty of food and drink and lots of jolly good company.

*Alison Elliott*

### Summer Show 2010

Following our record breaking Spring Show we had a successful Summer Show. At the beginning of show week I always phone the previous year's cup winners to remind them to return cups; whilst chatting to them, some were not sure if they would have anything to enter, others had flowers that although were perfect then, would be finished by show day. I was beginning to worry that the weather was going to beat us and that we would not have many entries. But thankfully as usual the members managed to find flowers, fruit and vegetables to put on the show benches.

The floral art attracted two new entrants, which is very rewarding, perhaps we can encourage more members to follow their lead; and the cookery classes were as usual well supported. Although the adult handicraft and junior sections attracted excellent exhibits it would be nice to have more. If anybody has any ideas for increasing the entrants in either of these classes please get in touch with me.

Thank you once again to all those members who support the shows. To the members who are still thinking about entering – go for it. Let us hope the weather is kind to us and that we will have a bumper Autumn Show. See you there.

### *Results*

The Lemmey Cup	Ann Higgins
The Savill Cup	Tim Richardson
RHS's Banksian Medal	Ian Cooper
The Filmer Cup	Pat Pickworth
The Fruit Cup	Ian Cooper
The Thornbery Trophy	Pat Pickworth
Kieron James Toys Shield	Emily Sutlow
Heart and Soul Shield	Katherine Cameron
The Blue Riband of the British Fuchsia Society	Rita Pickett
The Askew Cup	Tim Richardson
The Don Booker Fuchsia Cup	Rita Pickett
The Gilbert Cup	Sally McBirney
The President's Cup	Tim Richardson

### *Best in Show*

Vegetable	Richard Hilson
Pot Plant	Michael Figg
Cookery	Margaret Wells
Handicraft	Andrew Harding
Flower	Pat Pickworth
<i>Pat Whetstone</i>	

### **Questions**

I'd like to thank everyone who answered my questions during the Summer Show. I had intended to write an article for Lindfield Life based on your responses. However, they were mostly so complimentary that it would not have been appropriate for the Society to include them in its own article in the magazine; it would be too much like blowing our own trumpet! I will however pass on to the committee the comments that were made. It was good to see everyone having an enjoyable afternoon. Do speak to any of the committee if you have ideas on how to improve the shows for exhibitors or non-exhibitors.

*Rosemary Humphreys*

### **Autumn Show 2010**

This will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the King Edward Hall. It is the Society's most prestigious show of the year and will be a magnificent display of locally grown flowers, fruit, vegetables, floral art and children's exhibits. The show will be open to the public from 2.00pm and tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes will be available together with a selection of plants. The awards will be presented at 5pm and

will include the annual trophies for the most points obtained over all three shows and at the conclusion be followed by the raffle and an auction of any donated exhibits.

Exhibitors are reminded that written entries should be delivered to 25 Eastern Road, Clough's in Sunte Avenue or to Abbots Pharmacy in the High Street by 10pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Entries can also be made by email to: whets25@tinyworld.co.uk up to 1pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits may be staged between 7pm and 9pm on the Friday or between 8am and 10.30am on the Saturday. It is exhibitors' responsibility to collect any prize money from the Treasurer between 3.30 and 4.30pm on the day of the show and no exhibit may be removed from the show bench until 4.45pm.

*Michael Elliott*

### **Membership**

Membership fees for the New Year are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October at a cost of £5 per individual member and £8 for a couple living at the same address. Renewals can be made at the Autumn Show on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and at any of our events after that date. Renewals can also be made by post to our Membership Secretary: Mrs Joyce Gladwell, 7 Brookway, Lindfield RH16 2BW - but please remember to add an additional 75p for postage and packing.

*Committee*

### **Society's Website**

The Society wishes to express its appreciation for the work done by Tim Richardson in maintaining the Society's website. This is regularly updated and is well worth a visit. All members who are on email have the opportunity to have their newsletters sent to them on the day it is published. Just go to [www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk) and click on 'email us' on the shed door and ask for your newsletter to be emailed.

*Committee*

### **Special Spring Show 2011 Daffodil Competition**

Following the success of the 'Pink Silk' daffodil competition at this year's Spring Show, the committee has decided that the special members' class for the Spring Show 2011 will be:

“One stem of 'Avalanche' from a bulb purchased from Lindfield Horticultural Society exhibited in a vase provided by the Society.”

Avalanche is a Division 8 tazetta multi-headed daffodil, which can have up to twenty white and yellow highly scented flowers on one stem. It is best grown in pots. The bulbs will be on sale for £1 per bulb (to members only) at the Autumn Show. Sales will be initially limited to a maximum of three per member's household. A handout with growing hints will be available when purchasing the bulbs. As this is a special competition (with

prizes to be announced later) this class will not count towards any other awards shown in the show schedule.

We would like to thank our Show Superintendant Richard Hilson for his help in researching and organising this project.

*Committee*

### **The Talks Programme**

Many thanks to Wendy Dumbleton for organising our talk's programme, which recommences in October. The following Wednesday dates should be entered in your diary:

*2010*

13<sup>th</sup> October – Late Summer Flowers – Marina Christopher

10<sup>th</sup> November – A Nurseryman's Lot – Graham Gough

*2011*

12<sup>th</sup> January – Vegetables and Vegetable Growing- Paul Templeton

9<sup>th</sup> February - Kitchen Gardens with Flowers and Natural Structures – Beata Burke

9<sup>th</sup> March – Demonstration of Floral Art – Bob Tunks

13<sup>th</sup> April – Spring and Seasonal Colour – Steven Rapkyns

11<sup>th</sup> May – Roses Now and Then – Sally Cole

12<sup>th</sup> October – Unusual Winter Plants – Bob Brown

9<sup>th</sup> November – Designing with Plants – Annie Guilfoyle

Admission remains at 50p for members and £1 for guests and everybody is welcome. However the talk by Graham Gough on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and Bob Brown on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 will be special meetings by ticket only, the price for which will be £1 for members and £2 for guests.

**Don't forget the AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm, which usually lasts half hour, prior to the talk by Graham Gough. Members are asked to make every effort to attend the AGM, it is your best chance to air your views and make suggestions for the improvement of the Society. The committee seems to shrink in size every year and we are now very keen to have some new blood, so if you think you could find some time to help, please have a chat with one of the Society's officers.**

The tickets for the Graham Gough talk will be on sale at the Autumn Show and subsequent events.

*Committee*

### **Garden Pride Discount Scheme**

As members will be aware they receive a 10% discount at Garden Pride, Ditchling whereas the general public only gets 5% when using the Garden Pride loyalty card.

If members do not use this facility once in every nine months, the discount will drop to 5%. So if you have not used your card for sometime, it is suggested that next time you visit Garden Pride you go to the Customer Services Desk and have your card checked and if necessary altered. Just to be on the safe side please take your membership card with you. Members who do not already benefit from the scheme should join as ordinary members of the public and then when they receive their loyalty card they should have it updated.

*Michael Elliott*

### **Sundries Centre**

The Sundries Centre will reopen after the summer break on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September (from 9.30 to 11am as usual) with the final two dates for the year being Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

*Noreen Smith*

### **Show Steward**

We are very pleased to be able to announce that Alan Smith has volunteered to undertake the newly created role of Show Steward. Alan will be helping the Show Superintendent and Show Secretary carry out their official duties on show days. This is important as they have to work to a tight timetable to ensure that: exhibitors have sufficient time to set up their exhibits; the judges have enough time to carry out their judging at our larger than average village shows, and for us still to be ready to open for the public on time. Alan will be well known to many of you particularly for his valuable work in helping Noreen (his wife) run the Sundries Centre.

*Committee*

### **Outings 2010**

This year we had two coach trips, to Waterperry Gardens and Hyde Hall, and a self drive / have a lift visit to the garden at Great Comp in Kent. They were all very successful and gave us an opportunity to see very contrasting gardens.

At Waterperry the roses in particular were looking magnificent and are displayed to advantage by being carefully under planted with perennials. The individual gardens at Hyde Hall were full of ideas about planting combinations which would work in normal sized gardens. They were set off by lawns which were like green velvet despite the drought, and were therefore less likely to be replicated at home except by the most dedicated "lawnaholics". Great Comp on the other hand has a very restful feeling to it, with interesting vistas, unusual features and all set amongst some fiery boarders ablaze with salvias, dahlias and heleniums. The later surprisingly not undermining the overall restfulness as they are offset by large areas of trees and shrubs and woodland walks.

What has Ann in store for us next year I wonder?