

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Summer Newsletter 2011

Thoughts from your Chairman

What a marvellous start to the show season we had at our spring show, freak weather conditions obviously are no deterrent to Lindfield's horticulturalists! Pat reports on the show below, all I want to add is a big thank you to all our exhibitors and helpers. As we had a spectacular avalanche of "Avalanches" in the special daffodil class the committee has decided to offer another bulb for sale at the Autumn Show, and thank you to Richard Hilson for again organising this.

I hope to see you all at the Rose Evening and the Summer Show
Sheila Hobbs

Summer Rose Evening

This year we have a new event - a Summer Rose Evening, to be held in the King Edward Hall on Wednesday 22nd June at 8pm. It is a non competitive occasion on which we want to fill the hall with **your** roses, so you can have a drink and a chat, and enjoy the display, not to mention the perfume

As it is the KEH's centenary year, Bob Tunks has kindly agreed to create a floral arrangement of roses based on this anniversary. The arrangement will form part of a rose themed raffle which will also include two rose bushes. Amongst the other attractions there will be a display of rose bushes mounted by Wych Cross Garden Centre, which can be purchased should you so wish with expert advice on hand. As if that is not enough, there will also be live background music provided by Corey Wickens, an exceptionally talented local violinist who is on the verge of a great musical career.

The event is open to everyone in the Village, members and non members alike. We hope all those who attend will try to bring a rose or roses with them. We do not expect Chelsea standard blooms, just whatever your garden has to offer on the day. So what if your bushes have black spot, it is the blooms we want to see, leaves are optional. If you do not have any roses, then you are more than welcome to persuade friends or family to let you have one, whether or not they bring one themselves. As a last resort bought ones are not banned from this particular event!

You may bring either a single rose or a bowl of roses, or both; but whatever you decide to do **they must come in your own vase and/or bowl**. We will issue you with two number tickets for each entry, one to put under it on the display bench and one to keep, to help you find it/them at the end of the evening.

The entry charge (with or without a rose) will be £1.50 which will also entitle you to a drink. You may also buy subsequent drinks from the bar. You can bring your roses from 7.30pm, the event starts at 8.00pm and finish by 10pm. Roses with their vases and bowls may be removed at the conclusion of the raffle which will be held around 9.30pm. Do come and enjoy yourself.

Martin Higgins

Spring Show 2011 Results and Report

Congratulations to you all; we had a record breaking number of entries to the Spring Show. There was a dazzling display of daffodils; the perfume of all the flowers was overwhelming. The new liqueur class was very popular, and if anyone has any other ideas for this or any other class please let me know.

As usual the cookery and floral art classes were well supported, and I think we had more entries in the miniature floral art than I can ever remember. It was also very rewarding to see more entries in both the adult handicraft and the junior classes. Most encouragingly of all, we had five new exhibitors in the member's classes and four in the junior classes, which is brilliant. So please keep this up, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Show on the 9th of July.

As I write this report on Friday 13th May the warm sunny weather is still with us. It is very nice but the gardens are desperate for some rain. I have one border left to sort out in my garden and at the moment I can't even get a spade in it because it is so dry. Let's hope we have some rain soon – but only at night!

Finally please note I have a new email address: whet25@btinternet.com

Awards

Daffodil Society Bronze Medal & Certificate – Jim Stockwell

The Fisk Cup – Jim Stockwell

The Jeeves Cup – Alison & Michael Elliott

The Evelyn Drew Floral Art Cup – Janis Dyer

The George Murrell Photographic Cup – Dorothy Brown

The Lea Cup – Jim Stockwell

The Kieron James Toys Shield (Junior 10 and Under) – Liam Jolly

The Heart And Soul Shield (Junior 11 –15) – Ruby Anscombe

The Daffodil Cup – Rosemary & Neville Humphreys

The Dawson Cup - Tom Hughes

Best in Show:

Pot Plant – Sheila Hobbs

Flower – Jim Stockwell

Cookery – Margaret Wells

Handicraft – Gill Jones

Trug class:

1st – Clare Wilson

2nd – Gill Jones

Pat Whetstone