

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Winter Newsletter 2011

Thoughts from your Chairman

As formally notified below the AGM is nearly upon us and I hope that some of you will put yourselves forward to serve on the Committee as we are one or two short. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Hilson for having been such a successful Show Superintendent. Richard wishes to stand down due to his many other showing and judging commitments but has made clear that he would be very happy to continue to give advice and guidance if asked to by his successor. We are therefore seeking his replacement for next year's shows and if you would like to know what is involved please contact Richard (440148) or Pat Whetstone (483236).

Ann Higgins has also indicated that after six years of arranging our outings for us she feels that the time has come for someone with new ideas to take over. Ann will be arranging and organising the trips in 2012 but we need to find a replacement now so that they have a year in which to plan for the visits in 2013. If you would like to have some more information about this role please contact Ann (484120) who will be pleased to discuss the matter with you. So on behalf of the Society I would like to thank Ann for having provided us with such an interesting programme of visits.

We are also in need of a Flower Arranging Steward, a post with very light duties, and if you would like to consider helping us by undertaking this role please speak to Pat (483236).

Sheila Hobbs

AGM Wednesday 9th November 2011

Formal notice is hereby given that this year's Annual General Meeting will be held on the above date in the main hall of the King Edward Hall commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting starts **30 minutes earlier than normal** and usually lasts only half an hour; so do please try to attend. The AGM will be followed by a talk by Annie Guilfoyle entitled 'Designing with Plants'. Annie was one of our most popular recent speakers and is back with a new talk at popular request.

Committee

Autumn Show 2011 Report

Lindfield's Autumn Show can usually be relied upon to give us a fine display of dahlias with blooms ranging in size from footballs to little pompons, and colours to suit all tastes; and this year was no exception. It was good to see that after Martin's appeal in this year's Show Schedule the grasses class produced some entries, and very good they were too.

I think the Society will have to consider levying an additional charge on Ben Smith (for the heaviest marrow) and Ian Cooper (for the heaviest pumpkin - which weighed 35kgs) if they continue to produce such enormous exhibits; we will need to reinforce the tables!

The vegetable exhibits in general were excellent and the soft fruit exceptional, even allowing for the good season. With good exhibits in the junior categories, very tasty cookery and high class handicrafts there was much to admire and be stimulated by. There was only one disappointment and that was the scarcity of flower arranging entries, although those that we had were of a high quality.

Results

The Bob Lacey Salver	Ben Smith
The Massey-Dawson Cup	Ian Cooper
The Helena Hall Cup	Richard Hilson
The Dahlia Members Cup	Michael Figg
The Huddart Cup	Jim Stockwell
The National Chrysanthemum Society's Certificate & Bronze Medal	Pat Mace
The President's Salver	Pat Mace
The Dahlia Open Cup	Richard Hilson
The Penney Cup	Gill Jones
The Harry Tester Cup	Betty Billins
Kieron James Toys Shield	Emily Sutlow
Heart & Soul Shield	Ruby Anscombe

Best in Show

Vegetable	Richard Hilson
Fruit	Alison & Michael Elliott
Pot Plant	Michael Figg
Cookery	Sue Stockwell

LHS Annual Cups & Awards

The Lady Wilkinson Silver Tray	Margaret Wells
The Morecombe White Cup	Miss N Fulford
The Proctor Cup	Rosemary Humphreys
The Shepherd Cup	Alison & Michael Elliott
The Ron Pickett Trophy	Clare Wilson
The LHS Perpetual Shield	Emily Sutlow
The Shepherd Perpetual Shield	Ruby Anscombe
<i>Pat Whetstone</i>	

Suttons and Dobies Catalogues

The Suttons and Dobies Catalogues for the 2012 season are now available at our events. Members when ordering their seeds and plants through the Society will receive a 20% discount on seeds and a 10% discount on other items. It does not matter how much you order, £5 or £50, it all adds to the total on which the Society

itself gets a commission (dependant on the total amount of seeds ordered). So if you intend to purchase Sutton's or Dobie's seeds please do it through the Society, and if you would like a catalogue please see Alison or Michael Elliott.

Alison & Michael Elliott

Kidnapped in Colombia

The Society is proud to announce that Tom Hart Dyke will be giving the evening talk on the 11th April 2012 and would recommend that you put this date in your diary. This will be one of our series of special meetings with a slight increase in charge to £1.50 for members and £3.00 for visitors. Tickets will be on sale from February 2012 onwards.

Many of you will have been on our outing earlier this year to Lullingstone Castle to visit the two acre World Garden which Tom created following his kidnapping. This shows where many of the plants we use in our own gardens come from by being planted in their respective country of origin. It was planned by Tom during his captivity when he was held for nine months by guerrillas in the Panamanian jungle whilst on a plant hunting expedition that went dangerously wrong. Tom is a recognised horticultural expert with a very lively personality and is much in demand as a speaker. It promises to be an excellent evening.

Committee

Would you open your garden?

Carol Hughes of St Peters and St James Hospice would like to hear from anyone in Lindfield who would be prepared to open their garden in 2012 in order to help raise funds for the hospice. If you might be able to help this worthy and essential cause please contact Carol (471598).

Are you in need of a good watering?

Well not personally you understand, but Sally McBirney has a good quantity of piping and accessories for a Gardena automated drip feed watering system for which she no longer has any use. In fact some components have never been used; so if you would like to take advantage of this offer please contact Sally (417261).

Coach Outings 2012

You may wish to put in your diary the dates of the 2012 coach trips. These will be to three famous gardens, on two of which you will be able to visit the house, or part of it. The visits have been timed to take place when the gardens should be at their best and will be on Thursday 5th July and Thursday 16th August (a two garden trip). The venues will be announced in the next newsletter.

You might wonder why there is no trip in June, well apparently there is some minor activity taking place called the Olympics and any coach worth having has been pre-booked for over a year to help service the event.

Ann Higgins

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October 2011

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of the above named Society will be held on Wednesday the 9th November 2011 at 7.30pm in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

AGENDA

- 1) Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence
- 2) Minutes of the 2010 AGM.
- 3) Matters arising there from.
- 4) To consider the Chairman's report for the year 2010/2011.
- 5) To adopt the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending the 30th September 2011.
- 6) Election of Chairman.
- 7) Election of Officers: -

Vice-Chairman	Show Secretary
Secretary	Flower Arranging Steward
Treasurer	Catering Supervisor
Show Superintendent	Sundries Centre Supervisor
- 8) Election of a Committee of not more than nine members
- 9) Appointment of an Examiner
- 10) Any Other Business

Alison Elliott (Mrs)
Honorary Secretary

N.B.

Nominations for Chairman, Officers or Membership of the Committee should be made on the form below and must reach the Honorary Secretary by Wednesday 2nd November 2011.

Nomination Form

I propose the appointment of

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as..... of the Society for the
forthcoming Year.

Signature.....Address.....

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I second the proposal

Signature.....Address.....

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If appointed I am willing to serve

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Signature.....Address.....

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**Please return this form duly completed, to the Secretary by the 2nd November
2011**

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Minutes of the AGM of the Society held on the 10th November 2010 in the King Edward Hall.

- 1) The Chairman, Mrs Sheila Hobbs opened the meeting and welcomed the Members attending.

Apologies for Absence were received from Zoë Giles and Richard and Lorelei Hilson.

- 2) **Minutes of the meeting of the 2009 AGM** were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 3) **Matters Arising.** There were no other matters than those on the agenda.
- 4) **The Chairman** presented her report saying how the unpleasant winter had helped the large daffodil display at the spring show and how it had been the year of the vegetable at the other shows, she congratulated the shows exhibitors for such good quality produce. She commented on the wide programme of events during the year and thanked everybody for their help and assistance and especially her Committee and family. She specifically mentioned Peter Day who was leaving the Committee after 15 years. She was also looking forward to Christmas as when it was over the days become longer. She was thanked unanimously and her report was accepted by the meeting proposed by Margaret Nicolle and seconded by Malcolm Springall.
- 5) **The Treasurer** presented the accounts for the year, which showed a small surplus of £653. He felt that there was little to report as the accounts were very similar to the previous year. He highlighted the increase in sales at the Sundry's Centre and thanked David Macmillan for selling adverts in the Show Schedule, which brought in over £1000. As expected interest on our investments had fallen considerably. The costs of the Schedule and Newsletters had been shown separately for the first time as the costs were now considerable. Due to falling interest rates the tax liability had fallen and was shown in the Balance Sheet. The Treasurer thanked Malcolm Springall for his help and assistance as examiner and also Joyce Gladwell and Anne Peters the Membership Secretaries. The accounts for the year were accepted, proposed by Rolf Lloyd-Williams and seconded by Neal McNamara.
- 6) **Election of Chairman** The President took the Chair thanking everyone for coming and proposed Mrs Sheila Hobbs as Chairman, who was then elected unanimously.

- 7) **Election of Officers.** The following Officers were elected on block proposed by Wendy Dumbleton and seconded by Janet Buck:
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| Vice-Chairman | Martin Higgins |
| Secretary | Alison Elliott |
| Treasurer | Michael Elliott |
| Show Secretary | Pat Whetstone |
| Sundries Centre Supervisor | Noreen Smith |

The position of Show Superintendent would be filled by Richard Hilson and that of Catering Supervisor by Audrey Kite, although neither would be joining the Committee. The position of Flower Arranging Steward remains vacant.

- 8) **Election of the Committee.** The following Committee were elected on block proposed by Betty Billin and seconded by Neal McNamara: -

Anne Marsden, Rosemary Humphreys (Publicity), Rita Pickett and Sally McBirney. It was also noted that Wendy Dumbleton (Talks) and Ann Higgins (Outings) would assist the Society but would not be on the Committee. The Chairman thanked her Committee for their hard work and especially mentioned Richard, Audrey, Wendy and Ann who covered unfilled Committee places. She also mentioned her concern that so few people were now actually on the Committee.

- 9) **Appointment of Examiner** The Treasurer thanked Malcolm Springall for his work as examiner and agreeing to undertake the job again, he was duly elected proposed by Michael Elliott and seconded by Rosemary Humphreys.
- 10) **Any Other Business** Audrey Kite wished to thank all her cake bakers and helpers and stated that she was always on the lookout for new ones. Unfortunately Peter Day had not been able to attend the meeting but in his absence he was presented with a book on the History of Brighton and Hove Albion which had been duly inscribed to mark his retirement from the Committee and the raffle table after 15 years.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.45pm