

# LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Winter Newsletter 2012

### Thoughts from your Chairman

This edition includes formal notification of the AGM and I hope that some of you will put yourselves forward to serve on the Committee as we always welcome new blood. It is also important that as many of you as possible attend the AGM as it is your opportunity to have a say in how the Society is run.

Although she gave us a year's notice no one has yet come forward to take over the running of the outings from Ann Higgins. As things stand it looks as if we will not be having any during 2013 which is a great shame as so many of you tell me how you have enjoyed them. I hope that there is someone out there who is prepared to give it a go, and I know that Ann (484120) would be very happy to explain what is involved. If you do take on this role you do not have to go onto the committee, although you would be very welcome to join it if you so wish.

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 Whetstone (483236).

My Annual Report on a busy year's activities will be circulated at the AGM and I look forward to seeing many of you then.

*Sheila Hobbs*

### AGM Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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 about half an hour; so do please try to attend. A talk by Barry Newman entitled "Vegetable Growing and Techniques, Ideas and Advice" will follow the AGM.

*Committee*

### Autumn Show 2012 Report

Once again the members managed to pull out all the stops and produce some fine exhibits for the autumn show. The exhibits for the cookery classes were well up from the summer show. Several people have speculated how much Ian Cooper's winner in the heaviest pumpkin weighed; well the answer in old money is 97lbs! Although the entries for all three shows have been down from other years due to the weather, they have nevertheless been very successful. I would like to thank all the members who have exhibited; hopefully the weather will be kinder to us next year. See you at the Spring Show.

### Results

The Bob Lacey Salver	Ben Smith
The Massey-Dawson Cup	Ian Cooper
The Helena Hall Cup	Tim Richardson
The Dahlia Members Cup	Richard Hilson
The Huddart Cup	Jim Stockwell
The Dahlia Open Cup	Richard Hilson
The Penney Cup	Julia Hewitt
The Harry Tester Cup	Sally McBirney
Kieron James Toys Shield	Nick Watson
Heart & Soul Shield	Emily Sutlow
LHS Junior Cup	Nick Watson

### *Best in Show*

Vegetable	Richard Hilson
Fruit	Rich Hilson
Pot Plant	Martin Higgins
Cookery	Margaret Wells
Handicraft	Sue Stockwell

### *LHS Annual Cups & Awards*

The Lady Wilkinson Silver Tray	Margaret Carter
The Morecombe White Cup	Sue Stockwell
The Proctor Cup	Jim Stockwell
The Shepherd Cup	Ian Cooper
The Ron Pickett Trophy	Clare Wilson
The LHS Perpetual Shield	Emily Sutlow
The Shepherd Perpetual Shield	Ruby Anscombe & Cerys Fruin
<i>Pat Whetstone</i>	

### **Suttons and Dobies Catalogues**

The Suttons and Dobies Catalogues for the 2013 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 15% 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 purchase Sutton's or Dobie's seeds please do so through the Society. Alison or Michael Elliott will be pleased to give you a catalogue.

*Michael Elliott*

### **Special Members Fuchsia Class for the 2013 Autumn Show**

As a result of the success in recent years of the special members daffodil class in the Spring Show, the committee have been considering what other plant might interest you on a similar basis. As a result in next year's Autumn Show there will be a new members class of a fuchsia plant grown from a rooted cutting supplied by the Society. Our ace fuchsia expert Noreen Smith, for those of you who do not know her she used to run a fuchsia nursery in Surrey, is selecting a suitable fuchsia

variety which will be one of those not usually to be found in garden centres. At the Spring Show you will be able to buy the specially selected plant, together with an advice sheet. All you will then have to do is to grow it on and enter it in the Autumn Show.

### **Plant Matters**

I sometimes think I must walk round in a dream for this autumn whilst visiting a garden I saw a plant which impressed me and I could not recall having seen before. It was an *Actaea* with lovely ivory white bottlebrush like flowers held on very upright stems, fern like leaves and about 1.5m tall. As the nursery offered *Actaea simplex* “*Black Negligee*” I naturally bought one, and not just because of its name! This variety has near black leaves, flowers from August to October and likes partial shade. On arriving home with my new plant, still wondering how I had ignored such a lovely thing all these years, I opened the latest edition of the Hardy Plant Society’s “*Cornucopia*” which had come whilst I was out. There I found an item on *Actaeas* by Sue Ward of the HPS’s Ranunculaceae Group praising their virtues. Curious about my previous ignorance of them I took from the bookshelves a copy of that bible of autumn plants, Marine Christopher’s “*Late Summer Flowers*”. In doing so I was wondering to myself why she had never mentioned this gem of a plant for I thought that I knew which plants she had written about. I suppose I should have known better for there in front of me was a section on *Actaeas* which opened with the following words: “A genus unaccountably underused as garden plants...”

So I then partially consoled myself with the thought that even if it is rather late in the day, I was now about to grow it. I will let you know how it does – how many of you already have it I wonder?

*Martin Higgins*

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October 2012

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of the above named Society will be held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

## AGENDA

- 1) Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence
- 2) Minutes of the 2011 AGM.
- 3) Matters arising there from.
- 4) To consider the Chairman's report for the year 2011/2012.
- 5) To adopt the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- 6) Election of Chairman.
- 7) Election of Officers: -

Vice-Chairman	Show Secretary
Secretary	Treasurer
Flower Arranging Steward	
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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## 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

as.....

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

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**Please return this form duly completed, to the Secretary by the**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

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## Minutes of the AGM of the Society held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 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 Sally McBirney, Anne Marsden, Rolf Lloyd Williams and Richard and Lorelei Hilson.

- 2) **Minutes of the meeting of the 2010 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 what a successful year it had been for the Society with three very good shows. Although she would have liked to have seen more Flower Arranging exhibits. In addition to the normal very successful Talks and Coffee Mornings she highlighted the Rose Evening, which was a one off to celebrate the Centenary of the King Edward Hall. She thanked Richard Hilson who was standing down as Show Superintendent and Rita Pickett who retired from the Committee, she also thanked Ann Higgins who gave notice that next year would be her last year organising the Outings, all three had done a tremendous amount for the Society and would be sorely missed. She informed the meeting that it had only recently come to the Committee's attention that Margaret Richardson, the Middy Voice for the Village was retiring and that the Society had sent her a bunch of flowers in thanks for all the advertising she had done, on our behalf, over the years. At this point she made an appeal for new Committee Members. In winding up she thanked all those who had helped the Society during the year and especially included her Committee and her Family She was thanked unanimously and her report was accepted by the meeting proposed by Gill Jones and seconded by Neal McNamara.

- 5) **The Treasurer** presented the accounts for the year, which showed a small surplus of £577. He drew the meeting attention to the change in presentation of the Accounts and hoped that Members would find them easier to follow. The only item of significance over the previous year was the increase in Subscriptions which in his opinion were very much justified as the increase had been absorbed by small cost increases across all our activities.

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 Wendy Dumbleton and seconded by Rosemary Humphreys.

- 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 Hazel Gubbin and seconded by Wendy Dumbleton:

Vice-Chairman	Martin Higgins
Secretary	Alison Elliott
Treasurer	Michael Elliott
Show Secretary	Pat Whetstone
Sundries Centre Supervisor	Noreen Smith

The position of Catering Supervisor would be filled by Audrey Kite, although she would not be joining the Committee. The positions of Flower Arranging Steward and Show Superintendent remain vacant.

- 8) **Election of the Committee.** The following Committee were elected: Anne Marsden, Rosemary Humphreys (Publicity) and Sally McBirney (Raffles) who were existing members and Debbie Anscombe who was standing for the first time, proposed by Martin Higgins and seconded by Betty Billin

It was also noted that Wendy Dumbleton (Talks) and Ann Higgins (Outings) would assist the Society but would not be 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**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.43pm.