

# LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Autumn Newsletter 2014

### Editorial

To date we have had no one coming forward expressing an interest in taking over the position of Show Secretary from Pat Whetstone. Pat after several years of undertaking the role wants a change and although she originally wanted to retire after this year's Autumn Show, she has kindly offered to continue until after the Autumn Show 2015 in order to help settle someone else into the role. **However if no one comes forward there will be no shows after next year's.** The Committee has discussed the issue but are very clear that we are not prepared to ask one of your existing officers to take on further responsibilities. Several of us double up, or more, as it is; it would though be a great shame if our shows were not to continue as they are a much loved part of Lindfield village life., so it is up to you.

Talking of shows, but on a more cheerful note, despite several major exhibitors either being away or not exhibiting for other reasons there were many excellent exhibits to enjoy at the Summer Show. There is not room to mention them all individually so I will highlight just a few of them. Superb fuchsias were shown by Graham Buck and Rita Pickett, and there were several fine displays of soft fruit with Chris Gurr's exceptionally fine redcurrants causing the judge to give him a special prize.

The floral art displays were very theatrical with Jill Jones's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in addition to nearly reaching the ceiling, demonstrated great imagination. Amongst the flowers there was a marvellous hollyhock, a plant which is rarely exhibited for the good reason that it is difficult to find one on show day that looks as good on close inspection as it does from afar. Well, although this one did not find favour with the judge we all enjoyed seeing it and it drew many favourable comments from our visitors. The two "floating in a bowl" classes, one for clematis and the other for fuchsias, were well supported and are an attractive recent addition to the show bench.

Andrew Harding's trug of seasonal vegetables, fruit and flowers was both a horticultural and artistic treat. There were also several fine individual exhibits in the vegetable classes, and Ian Cooper displayed an outstanding collection of three vegetables.

The cookery exhibits as usual made our mouths water and the expertly platted bread from Tracy Adams caught many an eye; unfortunately we could only look and speculate what it tasted like, but it made my machine-made bread making seem rather tame. Amongst several lovely handicraft exhibits Annette Page's felt

mother bear with cub and pot of honey made me smile and rightly won the prize for best handicraft exhibit. Although the children's classes were poorly supported there were several excellent entries to make up for it.

So now our thoughts turn to the Autumn Show which usually is our biggest of the year. After our lovely summer weather, although some have complained that it was "too hot", there should be plenty in the garden and on the allotment to choose from. Those of you who have been nurturing your special show fuchsia *Paul Pini*, do not forget to enter it. It really does not matter if you have not managed to get it looking like a show stopper, for it is a village show and not meant to require only Chelsea Flower Show standard exhibits – so get your entry form in!

### **Fergus Garrett**

As announced in the last newsletter Fergus returns for a third time on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October to give a talk entitled "The History of Great Dixter". It will be an all ticket occasion for which tickets are still available. They will be on sale again at the Autumn Show or you can reserve them by telephoning Tracy Adams (482999). The cost per ticket is £3 for members, and £5 for visitors (although more than our standard charge it is still much cheaper than elsewhere and reflects the higher cost of the booking).

### **Autumn Coach Outing**

There are still a few tickets left for the final coach outing of 2014 to Winkworth Arboretum ; here are the details:

#### *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Colours at the Winkworth Arboretum*

Run by the National Trust, Winkworth Arboretum in Godalming has a collection of more than 1,000 different trees and shrubs and is absolutely stunning in the Autumn. It is a hillside site so there are some steep routes but much of the site is accessible on level pathways. There are three marked trails, one 'Open to All', one medium route 'Taste of Winkworth' and a 'Challenging' walk. There are beautiful views and peaceful walks, a lake with a boathouse and a wetland area. There is a tea room serving hot soup, sandwiches and homemade cake.

We will be leaving Lindfield at about 10.30am and returning by 4.00pm, plenty of time for a good long walk and a nice lunch. As it is a National Trust Property there will be two prices:

National Trust Members	<b>£11.50</b>
Non National Trust members	<b>£17.25</b>

If you would like to go please use the form at the end of the Spring Newsletter, but if this is not to hand please either phone me (483229) or email me (rose.mortenson@gmail.com).

Rose Mortenson

### **Bravoure – a super daffodil**

Bravoure is a lovely large Division 1 trumpet daffodil having a yellow trumpet and white petals, and looks very attractive. It is the daffodil chosen by Richard Hilson for the special daffodil class in next year's Spring Show. Richard has secured some bulbs for the Society and we will be offering them for sale as usual at the Autumn Show. The price will be £1 per bulb or £2.50 for three of them. If you are unable to go to the show and have no one to ask to get them for you, you can telephone Martin (484120) to reserve some for you, but you will have to pick them up from him at 39 Dukes Road, Lindfield.

### **Sundries Centre**

The final three opportunities to obtain your end of season horticultural items from the Sundries Centre are nearly here, the last opening dates in 2014 are:

*September*  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

*October*  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Christmas Social Tickets**

Tickets for the Christmas Social on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December will be on sale at the talk on the on 8<sup>th</sup> October, at the October Coffee Morning and the November Evening Talk. The ticket numbers will be limited to 114 and will be sold on a first come first served basis to Members only. The ticket price remains as it was last year at £10. The entertainment this year will be provided by the very talented Tania Robb who will be singing songs that we all know and love. Come along and enjoy yourselves, the format of the evening as always remains the same, wine, food and song and very good company.

Alison Elliott

### **Summer Show Report**

Following on from a spectacular Spring Show we had a superb Summer Show. Numbers were down slightly but I think that was because four of our big exhibitors were away. We had a new horticultural judge this year and he was impressed with our entries. In fact he was so impressed with Chris Gurrs redcurrants that he gave them a special award! Once again the junior entries were down; if anyone has any ideas to encourage more juniors please let me know.

I would like to mention two of our unsung heroes. Neville Humpreys, husband of Rosemary, has no official job in the LHS but he is a stalwart helper at every show. He is there on Friday evening setting up, he has folding the corners on the paper cloths down to a fine art, and he is there at the end of the show clearing up. Alan Smith, husband of Noreen, not only helps to run the sundries centre but like

Neville he is there at every show. Friday evening he helps with the setting up and then between us we set out the show classes. He is there for most of Saturday and at the end of the show for clearing up. Thanks to both of you for your help.

As yet nobody has come forward to take over the show secretary's job. The job could be done by a couple. The programme for producing the entries etc. is set up on a LHS laptop. Please remember no show secretary no shows.

### **Results**

The Lemmey Cup	Richard Watson
The Savill Cup	Richard Hilson
The President's Cup	Ian Cooper
The Don Booker Fuchsia Cup	Graham Buck
The Gilbert Cup	Rolf Lloyd-Williams
The Thornbery Trophy	Doreen Orton
The Askew Cup	Ian Cooper
RHS's Banksian Medal	Ian Cooper
The Filmer Cup	Gill Jones
The Fruit Cup	Chris Gurr
Blue Riband of the British Fuchsia Society	Graham Buck
The Keiron James Toys Shield	Liam Jolly
The Junior Shield	Emily Sutlow

### Best in Show

Vegetable	Tim Richardson
Pot Plant	Graham Buck
Cookery	Brenda Houghton
Handicraft	Annette Page
<i>Pat Whetstone</i>	

### **Membership Renewal**

Membership fees for the New Year are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and remain unchanged at £5 per individual member and at £8 for a couple living at the same address. Renewals for the New Year can be made at the Autumn Show on the 13<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 at 7 Brookway Lindfield RH16 2BW but please remember to add an additional 75p for postage and packing.  
*Committee*

### **Newsletter by email**

All Members who are on email are offered the opportunity to have their newsletter on the day it is published. Just go to our website ([www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk)) and click on 'email us' on the shed door and ask for your newsletter by email.  
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### **Suttons and Dobies Catalogues**

The Suttons and Dobies Catalogues for the 2014/5 season may be available at our October meetings (hopefully). Members 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 (dependent on the total amount of seeds ordered). So if you purchase Sutton's or Dobies seeds please do it through the Society. If you would like to reserve a catalogue please ring 483039 leaving your name and address and which catalogue you would like.

*Alison and Michael Elliott*

### **Talks Programme**

After its summer break our talks programme gets under way on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October with Fergus Garrett telling us about Great Dixter. Then at the conclusion of the AGM on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Pilkington will be celebrating wild flowers.

For 2015 Wendy Dumbleton has yet again obtained for us an intriguing programme as follows:

January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Fenech	Unfurling the Gardens of Firle
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Carlisle	Contemporary Planting in an Amenity Environment
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Moore	Rapkyns (that lovely nursery that sells plants at Town Place amongst other locations – editor)
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Newman	Preparing for your Show – Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Lovett	The Natural Year in Focus (Jul – Dec)
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Spencer	New Plants – the Future of your Garden
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Jones	A Cut Flower Challenge