

# **LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## ***Newsletter - Summer 2018***

Welcome to our summer newsletter. I am sorry that because of a cough and cold bug I missed the spring show – I heard it was excellent - and also the Nick Bailey talk. I watch Nick on Gardeners World on a Friday night and was soooo looking forward to meeting him.

I'm afraid I am going to give my usual plea for more help from members. We are the best horticultural society in Sussex and in my opinion probably the whole country. To maintain our status as the best we need more volunteers to fill vacant posts.

First the good news. Christine Cawley has agreed to become a committee member and we need more like her. According to the constitution we are allowed a total of nine committee members plus officers. At the moment we have five committee members plus officers. The more committee members we have the easier it is to spread the work load.

We still do not have a Treasurer to take over from Michael and we have not yet found a Secretary.

Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and tea at the coffee mornings and the shows. Cake makers are needed to make cakes to go with the tea for the shows (biscuits at the coffee mornings).

Jacqui and Jeff Essen are doing a sterling job running the raffles but it would be nice to have a list of volunteers who would be willing to help them. Raffles are held at the talks, the shows, the coffee mornings and the Christmas party.

Another member who is doing a sterling job is Gill Jones who runs the Sundries Centre. If you are willing to help on a Saturday or Sunday when the centre is open, Gill would like to hear from you. The dates the Sundries Centre is open are on your membership card.

We need more help getting the KEH ready on the Friday evening of each show. Tables have to be carried in from the LHS shed along with the large boxes that hold the green vases. At least two reasonably fit volunteers would be very helpful. We start getting the hall ready from 5.30pm.

The reverse of this is that we need more volunteers to stay behind after the show to help clear up. The tables and boxes all have to be returned to the shed.

We are not asking you to help at every show, coffee morning, talk or sundry centre opening, one would be a help. We just need to know we can call on you if needed.

Please think carefully about what you can do to help and contact me. We are a very friendly society and with a bit more help from members as the song goes “things can only get better”.

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**Please Note** the information below in respect of the evening talk in **October by Rosy Hardy**

## **The LHS Members Privacy Policy**

Members will be aware that there has been new legislation introduced, to safeguard the information a third party hold about them, known as GDPR.

The fact that you have renewed your Membership and have at some time, given the Society your contact details does mean that we have implied permission, to use that information to contact you.

Nevertheless the Society has drawn up its own Data Protection Policy Statement (below) which we would ask you to read. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the policy or if you do not want us to hold any information relating to yourself, please contact the Chairman who's contact details are contained on page 2 of the Show Schedule.

### **LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

By joining or renewing your membership of our Society you are providing us with personal information which we will store and deal with in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Society. We set out below details of how your personal information will be dealt with and your rights with regard to that information. The details of the Society's Data Protection Policy are listed below.

What is promised is that:

- Your personal details to be held by the Society are your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
- The data is held on paper forms filled in at the time of application and electronically on a database held on computers which the Society owns and uses.
- The data can only be viewed by the Society secretary, membership secretary, assistant membership secretary, the treasurer, Data Protection Officer, and other authorised officers of the Society for the purposes of dealing with membership matters and distributing newsletters etc.
- Your personal details will not distributed or shared with any 3rd party.
- The information held will not be used for any commercial activity.
- We only keep information relevant to the administration of the Society, we do not keep information that is unnecessary.
- We remove old data. Information relating to past members is deleted.
- E-mailing of Society notices etc. are done on a "BCC" basis. i.e. the emails members receive will not show the other members' addresses.
- We will require each year when you pay your subscriptions that you re-affirm this agreement.
- You have a right to request that your data is removed.
- You have a right to request details of what information we are holding.
- You have a right to request that we delete any historical data or documents.
- You have a right to request that the details we are holding are changed.

## Reminders for your diary

- 15 June - outing to Mount Ephraim and Ightham Moat\***
- 23 June - Sundries Centre is open**
- 14 July - Summer Show**
- 18 July - outing to Chelsea Physic Garden and Fulham Palace\***
- 17 August - outing - evening picnic and walk at High Beeches\***
- 1 September - Sundries Centre is open**
- 8 September - Autumn Show**
- 13 September - outing to Fishbourne Roman Palace and Woolbeding Garden\***
- 23 September - Sundries Centre is open**
- 6 October - Sundries Centre is open**
- 10 October - Evening Talk by Rosy Hardy - see below**
- 13 October - Coffee Morning and plant sale**
- 28 October - Sundries Centre is open**

\* there are a few places left on the outings (including the outing on Friday 15 June) details of which can be seen in the Spring Newsletter on [www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk) and for more information, please phone Rose Mortenson on 01444 483229

**The evening talk by Rosy Hardy on 10 October.** At this year's Chelsea Flower Show, Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants won their 22nd Gold Medal. Rosy will be bringing plants for sale and will be talking about the attributes of a selection of autumn flowering perennials; how best to grow them, creating planting combinations and avoiding common pitfalls. Although October is some months away, the next Newsletter may not be published until a few weeks before her talk and many of our members will not wish to miss the chance of listening to Rosy. Cost of entry 'on the door' will be £2.

Since our last Newsletter, we have had a successful Willow Weaving Workshop (organised by Jenny Samuels) and a talk by a prize winning fuchsia grower which was fascinating and worth while attending, particularly as he had many different fuchsias for sale at very reasonable prices. The talk by Nick Bailey of the BBC was very well attended and Lindfield Life published an article about his talk. The talk on Organic Growing in The Gambia was also fascinating. It was also an entertaining and enjoyable talk to end the first tranche of Wendy Dumbleton's wonderful programme of talks this year. The next evening talk is by Rosy Hardy as mentioned above and then this year's last talk immediately follows the AGM in November.

**Sundries Centre** - It seems amazing that we only have one more opening before the Autumn! If you haven't tried Strulch yet, come and get yourself a bag to try....it acts like a mulch and really does help with keeping the slugs off your crops (and the moisture in). We have a new fungus product which stops box blight so if you haven't visited us for a while you know where we are!

The **Spring Show** again proved that at each of our shows the KEH looks at its best when adorned with a display of flowers and produce, particularly this year as the daffodils blossomed at exactly the right time. The stunning display was the centrepiece of a successful show which attracted 290 entries ranging from flowers, fruit and vegetables to crafts and cakes, although, whilst the weather had helped the daffodils, it had not been kind to the veggie growers which resulted in a reduced number of entries in the vegetable classes. The following were the winners of the various cups and certificate:-

**The Daffodil Society Bronze Medal and Certificate** - Richard Hilson

**The Fisk Cup** - Richard Hilson

**The Lea Cup** - Tim Richardson

**The Jeeves Cup** - Tim Richardson

**The George Murrell Cup** - Tim Richardson

**The Daffodil Cup** - Pauline Parkyns and Jocasta Fearn

**The Evelyn Drew Floral Art Cup** - Clare Wilson

**The Keiron James Toys Shield** - Florence Fearn-Hughes

**The Dawson Cup** - Debbie Anscombe

**The Junior Cup** - Sebastian Clarke

**Best in Show:-**

Tim Richardson - **Vegetable**

Anne Lord - **Cookery**

Jeff Essen - **Handicraft**

Jim Stockwell - **Plant Pot**

Richard Hilson - **Flower**

Clare Wilson - **Floral Art**

Andrew Harding - **Trug**

**Village Day** - We had a successful sale of plants at Village Day and our stall was a hive of activity throughout the day.

At the committee meeting in January, our new Publicity officer David Barrett suggested a membership drive for village day. David suggested that the Society purchase a gazebo and a bespoke banner, and make a real impact to draw in new members. The committee unanimously agreed with his proposals and as a result, we had an attractive pitch with gazebo, balloons, a wonderful banner, together with display boards with pictures from the Spring show.

The stand was manned throughout the day and cakes were offered to passing visitors to tempt them to the display. As a result, we had a lot of interest with 22 new members signing up on the day and many more taking the application form away with them. No doubt the fantastic weather added to our success and thanks to the volunteers who manned the plant stall and publicity stand and supplied the cakes, we are now set up well for next year!

**Tom Hughes.** Many members will remember Tom Hughes who for many many years was our Membership Secretary. Unfortunately, Tom died recently aged 93. His wit and good humour will be long remembered and our thoughts are with his widow, Josie at this sad time.