

# LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Autumn 2019 Newsletter

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## Message from your Chairman

I am retiring as our Chairman at the AGM in November so we will need a new Chairman. It is important that we find a replacement. Of our three hundred and fifty members there must be someone who is willing to take on this role.

At a recent committee meeting, members of the committee agreed to take on some of the jobs that are vacant or will become vacant at the AGM - that is Hon. Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Show Secretary, Publicity Officer, Catering Supervisor and Outings Organiser.

As you can see, your already hard working committee are prepared to take on more work so perhaps some of you, the members, will think seriously about giving some of your time to the LHS. Apart from the Chairman we also still need a Treasurer and a few more committee members would help spread the work load.

I would like to thank the members who already help at the shows, coffee mornings etc. By just giving an hour or two of your time it makes a big difference. I have a list of helpers to call on and I am always willing to add more names to the list!

Pat Whetstone - 01444 483236

## Membership 2019/20

Your Membership secretaries, Jacqui Essen and Christine Cawley will be available for you to renew your membership at the Autumn Show. Same price as last year - £6 per individual or £10 for a couple living at the same address. Also, we are at every talk, coffee morning and show to help you renew.

When renewing online, please send us an email to [membership@lindfieldhorts.org.uk](mailto:membership@lindfieldhorts.org.uk) to let us know you have done so.

If renewing by post, please send to Jacqui Essen at 18 Brook Lane, Lindfield RH16 1SG.

**New membership cards** - If you require your new membership card to be sent to you, please add 75p for envelope and postage. Alternatively, **which ever way you renew**, membership cards can be collected from anyone of our events at the King Edward Hall, including those cards for **Life Members**.

**\*\*Christine and Jacqui will be really pleased for everyone to renew by the AGM instead of our having to do renewals all year. \*\***

Those who did not renew last year (2017/8) will have their details removed from the LHS computer in accordance with the data protection rules.

Jacqui Essen - 01444 454816 - Christine Cawley - 01444 487407



## **Forthcoming Events**

**1 September** - Sundries Centre re-opens (9.30 to 11.00) after Summer Break

**5 September** - outing - Wisley Garden and Flower Show

**14 September** - Autumn Show

**15 September** - Sundries Centre is open

**6 October** - Sundries Centre is open

**9 October** - Evening Talk by Juliette Sargeant - see below

**12 October** - Coffee Morning and plant sale

**26 October** - Sundries Centre is open for the last time this year

**13 November** - AGM, followed by a talk entitled Nymans by Joe Whelan

**6 December** - Christmas Social - see below

### **Talk - 9 October @ 8pm - Juliet Sargeant - Secrets of a Chelsea Garden Gold Medal: The Modern Slavery Garden**

Juliet Sargeant is one of the BBC's 100 inspiring and influential women around the world for 2018 and has appeared on Gardeners World; regular coverage of The RHS Chelsea Flower Show; BBC's Inside Out; Ch4's Operation People Power and Village of the Year.

Her previous career in hospital medicine, informs her unique approach to designing gardens and communicating the importance of landscape to our health and well-being. She teaches garden design and planting to garden enthusiasts at her Sussex Garden School.

In 2016, Juliet designed the Modern Slavery Garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. It was Chelsea's first social campaign garden and was awarded a Gold Medal and the People's Choice Prize.

She has had experience as a member of the RHS selection panel for show gardens and acts as a judge, won awards from the Society of Garden Designers for sustainability and hard landscaping design and became a fellow of this society in 2017 for her contribution to garden design and horticulture. She has been celebrated for her role as a change-maker and role model in the black and asian community.

She was also been one of the Evening Standard's 'Progress 100' influential people.

Doors open 7.30pm - entry £2.50pp (£5 non-members)

*(Many of you will know that Wendy Dumbleton arranges our excellent programme of Evening Talks and, if need be, please contact Wendy - 01444 482633 - for more information about these talks.)*

### **Christmas Social - 6th December**

Tickets go on sale at the October coffee morning, the October talk and the AGM. The ticket numbers will be limited to 114 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and to members only. The ticket price is as last year at £10. The entertainment this year is again provided by the Sundown Ukulele Band. Come along and enjoy yourselves,

The format is changing this year in that we will not be having a bar so you will need to bring your own drink and glass. As you will appreciate a lot of hard work by the committee goes into organising this evening and by not having a bar this will ease the workload.

Those of you who are members of the Lindfield Club will be able to buy your drink from there.

For more information contact Pat Whetstone 01444 483236/[whet25@btinternet.com](mailto:whet25@btinternet.com)

## Seed swap 2020

A reminder that now is the time of year to make final thoughts about saving seeds including unused surplus purchased seeds for the seed swap at the coffee morning on 1 February 2020 and our following events at the KEH

### Suttons's and Dobbies's Seeds - 25% off

The 2019/20 catalogues of Suttons and Dobbies should be available at our October Meetings or the AGM.

The advantages of purchasing from these companies are obvious in that LHS Members ordering their seeds and plants for themselves or acquaintances, through the LHS will receive a 25% discount on Seeds and a 10% discount on other items. It does not matter how much you order eg £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 intend purchasing (or are thinking of purchasing seeds etc.) please consider the Suttons and Dobbies catalogues and make use of the arrangement we have with each company, **both of which are award winning suppliers of seeds and plants.**

There is usually a postage charge with orders so anyone only wanting a few packets of seeds where the postage outweighs the saving, can send their order to Michael Elliott, (23 William Allen Lane, Lindfield RH16 2SE) who will make a collective order and share out the cost of postage. If you would like to reserve a catalogue please phone Michael on 483039, leaving your name and address and which catalogue (or both of them) you would like.

### Summer Show.

Yet again the Summer Show had to compete against the Women's tennis final at Wimbledon but the turnout was excellent and everyone who attended was treated to a lovely display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The colour and aroma in the KEH was well worth the visit. The photographic competitions were again popular and it was good to see the Junior sections, cookery and handicraft well represented.

As ever, the success of the afternoon was enhanced by the 'tea, cake and chat' in the Jubilee Room in which the sale of excellent quality plants again proved very popular.

The following awards were made at the end of the afternoon:-

Don Booker Fuchsia Cup - Jacqui Essen  
Gilbert Cup - Rolf Loyd Williams  
Thornbery Trophy - Doreen Orton  
RHS Banksian Medal - Andrea Browne  
Filmer Cup - Jennifer Purdon  
Fruit Cup - Chris Gurr  
Lemmey Cup - John Rieley  
Fuchsia Society Blue Riband - Peter Browne  
Savill Cup - Richard Hilson  
Kieron James Toys Shield - Florence Fearn Hughes  
The Junior Shield - Alice Anderson  
The LHS Junior Cup - Teddy King

The 'Best in Show' awards were, Vegetable - Richard Hilson, Pot Plant - Jacqui Essen, Cookery - Lorelie Hilson, Handicraft - Jeff Essen, Floral Art - Jennifer Purdon, Fruit - Chris Gurr and the best display in a Trug was won by Andrea Fall.

On behalf of your Committee I thank the exhibitors, organisers and volunteers for the amount of work they put in to this Show and indeed all our Shows. Pat Whetstone - 01444 483236

## **Lindfield Arts Festival**

### **Articulture - 21 September 2019**

Lindfield Arts Festival (LAF) have invited LHS to host a workshop at this year's festival.

We have chosen to do a painting & printing workshop for youngsters with a garden & garden bugs theme using recyclable items, (check out YouTube - Crafts for Kids, 8 Awesome drawing tricks for kids) with the ultimate goal of making a large collage which we hope to display at our October coffee morning.

The workshop will be free and open to all, 11am-12.30 on the 21 Sept in the Common Marquee. LHS Members willing to help on the day, please contact Debbie, [debbianscombe4@gmail.com](mailto:debbianscombe4@gmail.com), or 01444 413193 and if any member has poster paints or paint brushes to spare we will gladly put them to good use!

For younger members wishing to join the workshop please checkout the LAF website. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Debbie Anscombe 01444 413193