

Lindfield Horticultural Society

Summer Newsletter 2020

Dear Member

In view of the continuing problems caused by Covid 19, it will come as no surprise to you that we have now unfortunately cancelled other events from the 2020 calendar, namely:

The Summer and Autumn shows, the coffee morning planned for 10 October and the October and November talks. We have also cancelled our Committee meetings.

Please, however KEEP your SHOW SCHEDULES as the classes therein will apply to the 2021 shows. We will let you have a note to insert giving you the information relevant to next year, ie new dates etc.

We also fear that it may not be possible to hold the AGM and the Christmas Social if the social distancing rules still apply, but have delayed any decision until September. We will advise you in our Autumn newsletter.

Those of you who visit the web-site regularly will have seen the excellent virtual Spring show that Tim Richardson added, for which a few Committee members and their families supplied some excellent photographs. If you have not seen these do please have a look on our web-site "www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk"

Tim has very kindly offered to repeat this so that we can all still enjoy a Summer show. This is open to ALL LHS members, and includes ALL CLASSES listed in the show schedule plus any seasonal garden pictures that look good at the time even if not in the schedule. To get involved, members are invited to take a photograph of anything they would normally have entered, and send these to Tim at "editors@lindfieldhorts.org.uk"

Entry dates for this virtual show are from 27 June to the closing date of 11 July, Entries after this date will not be included.

Anything entered in the photographic classes can also be entered again next year in the same category.

Please Note. The usual show rules DO NOT apply. It is non-competitive, these entries will not be judged, and there will be no prizes. Tim will archive selected pictures on to the home page, both the good and the humorous, and members can enjoy the privilege and pleasure of seeing their exhibit on our web-site.

As well as the above, I am pleased to tell you that, thanks to LHS Committee member Jim Stockwell and his wife Sue we are getting together with friends from Lindfield in Bloom and Lindfield Open Gardens and we are jointly sponsoring a Front Garden Festival for the village to enjoy. Jim has prepared all of the information of this event, and the instructions on how to enter. These are detailed later in this newsletter.

As well as the above, Heather brings us up to date with the situation regarding her intended outings, and Gill has information about the sundries centre.

Because of the present problems we will not be asking anyone to deliver a copy of this newsletter to Members that are not on our email list, so if you know of anyone can you please give them this information. Details will be on the web-site, and a copy of this note will be on the public notice board at the King Edward Hall. Hopefully we may also get some publicity via the Mid-Sussex Times.

That's all from me now. Stay safe, and we will be back in touch in the Autumn.

Richard Harding.

View from the Shed

"I'm told that context is everything , but I have to admit that it was a bit of a surprise. There she was, standing in my front room, as bold as brass casually dropping the F word. It's the end of the first week in June for goodness sake and this isn't the frozen tundra of the north but there was a possibility of frost! Mr Richardson was fleecing his chillies on the allotment, so I brought in my Aeonium last night, (better safe than sorry after all). And that best describes what's happening at the Sundry Centre at present. We're being very careful.

As you know we haven't had an opening this season and I have been doing my best to deliver members' requests where possible. First, if you have an urgent need and don't receive a response from the sundry centre email feel free to contact me directly on gill.pickworth@thewealthworks.com (there are too many Jones' at work so I kept my maiden name).....I am working full time from home doing my best to juggle priorities in common with many, so please bear with me.

I am really pleased to say that Spring Lane is now in a much improved state of repair. It is not a tarmacked road but it's certainly much better than it was and consequently we are ready for deliveries and customers. Our plan is to restock with a possible view of re-opening in September. There are a number of caveats for that to happen. There is some work to be done on the shed structure itself before then and several people who would assist are in households who are safeguarding. We have a long way to go before it will be safe to have you wander round the shed safely and that has to be our priority. I won't make any promises, but we need to look forwards, so we'll get ready for the time when we can re-open properly, and we'll let you know when this is going to happen. Watch this space!"

Gill Jones

OUTINGS UPDATE

On a very chilly Monday 10 February....

...it was lovely to bask in the steamy heat of the Indonesian tropics, among the glorious displays of orchids at the Princess of Wales Conservatory at Kew Gardens.



On Thursday 20 February....

...we were wandering among the Snowdrops and Hellebores in the serene woodland garden at Pembury House, Clayton. It was mild for the time of year and we only had a little drizzle to contend with, but this made coming into the cosy tea room and sampling Jane Baker's scrumptious cakes over a hot cuppa even more enjoyable.



Then it was on for lunch at Tates' Heritage Centre, followed by an interesting presentation on the history of the lawnmower (invented by Edwin Budding) and The Budding Foundation, a very worthwhile charity which supports local, disadvantaged children in many ways.



What a good job we got those 2 early outings under our belt before the dreaded Coronavirus came along to scupper our plans! I'm afraid I have to advise that all of our proposed outings, with the exception of the Worth & Ham House visit on 7th September have been cancelled. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the latter will go ahead as planned, but applicants will be advised should the situation change.

(Applicants' note - All cheques for cancelled outings will be shredded).

A little ray of light.....

IF government restrictions are eased sufficiently and IF the weather promises fair, it may be possible to add an outing or two to our programme for late summer/autumn.

Please don't forget to check our website periodically for any

updates and new proposals - www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk

You may be pleased to hear that some NGS gardens are opening again, although only to pre-booked visitors and on a limited number of dates. Nevertheless, this is a step forward on the road back to normality. Locally, the gardens at High Beeches, Copyhold Hollow and Great Lywood Farmhouse are opening their garden gates and whilst we cannot offer an organised LHS outing just yet, you might like to take the opportunity to book independently (see links below).

Also, the National Trust have commenced a phased and gradual reopening of a small number of its gardens and parklands. Tickets are bookable in advance on the respective property websites. Tickets are limited, although more are being released every Friday.

USEFUL LINKS:

NGS Gardens-

<https://ngs.org.uk/product-category/garden-tickets/south-east/>

Local NT properties-

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffield-park-and-garden>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/standen-house-and-garden>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wakehurst>

Others-

<https://www.bordehill.co.uk/>

<https://www.sussexpriaries.co.uk/>

<https://ngs.org.uk/shop/garden-tickets/south-east/kent-falconhurst-thursday-11th-june/>

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**Do you love your front garden?
Why not share it with others to help lift our spirits and
raise funds for our local hospice?**

**We are asking all involved to support our local
St Peter and St James Hospice
via this Just Giving web page**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lindfieldfrontgardenfestival2020>

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the 2020 Open Garden Event has been cancelled but Lindfield Open Gardens have teamed up with Lindfield Horticultural Society and Lindfield in Bloom to arrange a Front Garden Festival throughout the summer.

Full details can be downloaded by clicking this link [Lindfield Front Garden Festival flyer](#)

In summary we are asking garden owners to join in by July 11th. The best few will then be selected to go through to the "Peoples Choice" stage, which will run until Sat 12th Sept. A map of the selected gardens will be distributed so everyone in the community can view these lovely gardens and vote online for their favourite - and hopefully donate to the hospice.

The most popular garden in each part of the village and the overall People's Choice will be announced on Sat 12th September. Winners will receive prizes donated by our sponsors and there will be special prize for the best planter or hanging basket - so even if you only have a window box, hanging basket or planter, you can still join in.

With goodwill from LHS members and the wider community, we hope to raise as much as possible for the Hospice. Your help with the following would be much appreciated:

- Include your front garden in the festival
- Encourage your friends and neighbours in Lindfield to take part (you could forward this e-mail or add to your Social Media)

and finally

- Encourage all you know to support the event by making a donation to the Hospice via [Just Giving Front Garden Festival](#)

All owners of front gardens - large or tiny - are invited to join by sending your name and address to this e-mail

fg@lindfieldhorts.org.uk

Alternatively you can fill in the form on the flyer and send it to us.

To keep in touch through the summer visit [Front Garden Festival](#) website
