

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Autumn Newsletter 2006

Thoughts from your Chairman

Hello everyone.

Just before the Autumn Show the much needed rain arrived to freshen up the fruit, vegetables and flowers; but a little too late for some I fear. The show itself will be held on Saturday the 9th September 2006 in the King Edward Hall. This is the Society's most prestigious event of the year and will be a magnificent display of locally grown flowers, fruit, vegetables, floral art and children's exhibits. It will be open to the public from 2.00pm. Tea, Coffee and delicious homemade cakes will be available together with a large selection of choice plants.

The Society prides itself in being small and friendly and although our shows are staged under RHS rules everyone is encouraged to enter, whether it is a pot plant or a marrow. No one will be ridiculed or laughed at, just encouraged, so please have a go, we are always looking for new exhibitors. Our show Secretary Pat Whetstone is always happy to give advice and guidance whether you are a potential "first timer" or an "old stager" so please feel free to telephone her (483236).

The presentation of the awards will take place at 5pm and will include the annual trophies for the most points obtained over all three shows.

Exhibitors are reminded that entries should be in by 10pm on Wednesday 6th September and should be delivered to 25 Eastern Road, 66 Sunte Avenue or to Harmony Pharmacy (formerly Abbots) in the High Street. Exhibits can be staged between 7pm and 9pm on the Friday or between 8am and 10.30am on Saturday.

I must thank George Mason for building our new Sundries Centre (see the item from Noreen below). George built it virtually unaided with help from Michael and Alan when needed; thank you lads.

I would also like to thank Tony Lambert who after several years of successfully organizing our popular programme of garden visits has decided it is time for someone else to try their hand. Tony's Tours have become one of the joys of summer and not content with this achievement he has even managed to produce a volunteer to succeed him; thank you Tony.

Well that is all for now; down on the farm we just need a sunny week to get our corn in.
Sheila Hobbs

New Sundries Centre Shed

Come and see your new Sundries Centre Shed and whilst there stock up on all those things you will need in the autumn to prepare your garden for the spring. Designed and built by George Mason from mainly recycled material, the Sundries Centre has a new home. It is situated further down the track from the old centre at Fulling Mill Farm, and doesn't lean! You will find it very well stocked with all the things you need for your garden or allotment at prices that are a fraction of those in the garden centres, for example:

Bone Meal	4kg - 2.50	25kg - 10.15
Fish Blood & Bone	4kg - 1.40	25kg - 6.90
Garden Lime	4kg - 0.80	25kg - 3.50
Garotta	10kg - 6.70	
Groworganic Pellets	8kg - 4.55	
Lawn Food Autumn	25kg - 7.80	

Plus many more bargains !!

And here it is.....



Open 9.30 am – 11.00 am

Sunday 3rd September

Saturday 23rd September

Sunday 15th October

Noreen Smith

Summer Show Results

RHS Banksian Medal	John Brown
The National Rose Society's Bronze Medal	Richard Hilson
Blue Riband of the British Fuchsia Society	Michael Figg
The Lemmy Cup	Noreen Smith
The Savill Cup	William Flint
The Filmer Cup	Gill Jones
The Fruit Cup	Zoe Giles
The Thornbery Trophy	Mrs G Harrison
The Askew Cup	Richard Hilson
The Gilbert Cup	Richard Hilson
The Don Booker Fuchsia Cup	Rita Pickett
Forget-me-Not Shield	Alex Cameron
Heart and Soul Shield	Nikki Steele

Best in Show

Vegetable	William Flint
Pot Plant	Michael Figg
Fruit	Zoe Giles
Floral Art	Gill Jones
Cookery	Gill Jones
Handicraft	Philippa Chorley

Pat Whetstone

Suttons and Dobies Autumn Catalogue

The Autumn Catalogues for Bulbs, Perennials, Spring Flowers, Fruit and Winter Vegetables will be available at our October Meeting and can be obtained from the Secretary Alison Coburn. By ordering through the Society there is a 15% reduction on the Catalogue price if we generate £50 worth of orders. You get this discount if you order one packet or a dozen so please buy your seeds through the Society. The good news this year is that all orders will be dispatched directly to members' home addresses.

Alison

Society's Website

The Society is pleased to announce that due to some brilliant work by one of our members, Tim Richardson, the Society's Website is now up and running and can be viewed at www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk. Please let us know what you think about it.
Committee

Show Exhibitors Cards

Although the situation has been the same for the last four shows, a number of complaints were received at the Summer Show regarding the fact that exhibitors entry cards had been made out with surnames shown first. Your Committee was aware of the problem and had accepted that this was the best we could do at present. The cards are produced from a computer program that requires the names of exhibitors to be produced in alphabetical order. The alternative is that all the cards (up to 300 for each show) are written out by hand. As your Committee is very small at the moment and we have been working without a Show Superintendent for the last two years, unless people come forward who are prepared to help rather than to criticise, niceties such as this cannot be implemented. The matter is currently being reviewed and will hopefully be corrected for the Spring 2007 Show.

Michael Elliott

The Society's Autumn to Spring evening talk programme

The following dates should be entered in your diary:

- 11th October 2006 – Herbaceous Plants for Impact
- 8th November 2006 – North to the Wilderness Lands by Ship
- 10th January 2007 – Beauty and the Garden
- 14th February 2007 – A varied life in Horticultural
- 14th March 2007 – A demonstration of Floral Art
- 11th April 2007 – Sussex Wild Life
- 9th May 2007 – Great Dixter.

Admission costs are 50p for members and £1 for guests. On the 9th May 2007 we are very fortunate to have been able to arrange for Fergus Garrett, the internationally famous gardener, to come and talk and inspire us about that wonderful Sussex garden at Great Dixter. As many of you will wish to attend this prestigious talk, attendance will be by ticket, details about which will be announced later.

Our special thanks go to Peter Day who has again produced the programme even though he has given notice for the last two years that he wants to retire. We urgently need to find a replacement if our talks programme is to be retained. How about it?

Michael Elliott

Membership.

Membership fees for the New Year are due on the 1st October at the unchanged cost of £3 and can be paid at any of our events or by post for an extra 50p to Tom Hughes our Membership Secretary. Alternatively for a mere £45 you can become a Life Member. Renewals can be made at the Autumn Show on the 9th September. (See also the item below about the Garden Pride Reward Card.)

Committee

Renewals of LHS membership and the Garden Pride Reward Card

If you have a LHS Garden Pride Reward Card this will expire on 31 October 2006. The card does not have an expiry date embossed on it but will be disabled electronically by Garden Pride on that date. However, you can ensure that your current card remains valid for 2006/07 by renewing your membership before 18 October 2006.

To renew your membership (£3.00 per person) please complete the form below and present it when you renew your membership at the September Show or October Talk. Alternatively you can send it to Tom Hughes **to arrive by 18 October** (please add 50p for postal renewals to cover postage and stationery). Your existing Reward Card will be automatically renewed by us. You will need to take no further action and can continue to use your current card.

LIFE MEMBERS - if you have a LHS Garden Pride Reward card this will be automatically renewed for you.

If you renew your membership after 18 October 2005 (using the form below) and also wish to continue to benefit from the LHS Garden Pride Reward Card, we will have to apply for it to be reactivated on your behalf. You will not be able to do this with Garden Pride direct.

REMEMBER - renewing your LHS membership by 18 October ensures that your Reward Card remains valid.

Tony Lambert

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LHS FOR 2006/2007

Please renew my/our membership for 2006/2007 for:

NAMES

Contact 'phone No.

ADDRESS

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Post Code.....

I/we also wish to renew my Garden Pride Reward Card (delete if not required)
[Garden Pride Garden Centre holds your data on computer]

I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS (£3.00 per member plus 50p for postage etc if not renewed in person)

Please sent this form & your cheque made out to LHS to:

Tom Hughes 96 Barnmead, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1UZ