

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Spring Newsletter 2014

Editorial

Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter which is always the largest of the year.

Firstly, a big thank you to Heather Martin for her suggestion about giving members a complimentary packet of poppy seeds. Many of you have already expressed your appreciation of the gesture. Secondly, another big thank you this time to Heather again and her two daughters, Olivia and Eliza, for filling the individual seed packets for us. You have only to look at the minute size of poppy seeds to realise that this was no easy task.

In this edition you will find full details of the four outings which Rose Mortenson has arranged for us this year. Please remember to apply early if you do not want to be disappointed by the trip being fully booked.

The Spring Show will be your opportunity to buy a rooted cutting of the fuchsia *Paul Pini* for entry in the special fuchsia class 298 in the Autumn Show. These have been specially grown for us by Noreen Smith, who for good reason is known to many as “The Queen of Fuchsias”. It is fully hardy and a lovely plant which is not widely available. So if you are either unable to get to the Spring Show to buy one, or to get someone to do so on your behalf, then contact Martin (484120) and he will put one by for you.

Despite enumerable appeals over the previous sixteen months I regret to say that we still have been unable to fill the post of secretary. Your Chairman has temporarily been undertaking the role but as he also edits the newsletter and the show schedule, he would very much welcome a volunteer coming forward.

Poppy Seeds

In the last newsletter it was explained that the committee felt it is appropriate for the Society to pay tribute to those who were killed or injured during WW1, by encouraging as many members as possible to sow red poppy seeds in their front and back gardens - although preferably their front garden where they can be seen (and anywhere else that they have authority to do so). Hopefully you have all now received a packet with your Show Schedule and most of you a second one as well to give to a local neighbour or friend (not forgetting to mention to them where the seeds came and what a wonderful organisation the Society is and how it is worth joining).

Poppy seeds are very fine and do best in full sun. To plant them, lightly scratch the surface with a hand held tool and just sprinkled them on top of a clear patch of soil. Then scatter a few handfuls of finely crumbled soil over them.

Sundries Centre

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, spring is on its way. Well we can all dream! We may not be able to rely on the weather but one thing you can rely on is your Horticultural Society Sundries Centre. We are open throughout the spring and summer to cater for all your horticultural needs.

A large number of the items: garden canes, root-trainers, trays, Maxicrop, rose food and many others, are available at less than half the price you would pay at a garden centre. All our products are of the best quality and like-for-like considerably cheaper than the garden centres.

One of last year's new introductions – Potato Bags – as recommended by Barry Newman from the National Vegetable Society, proved to be very successful. We tried them out and used the last of our potatoes in February and could still scrape them! Naturally potato bags are also a lot cheaper from the Sundries Centre than from a garden centre. So pay us a visit to stock up on all you need to make your garden bloom this year and discuss your gardening tips and needs with like-minded individuals in a warm friendly atmosphere.

Opening times until June:-

March	Saturday 1 st
	Sunday 16 th
	Saturday 29 th
April	Saturday 12 th
	Sunday 27 th
May	Sunday 4 th
	Saturday 10 th
	Saturday 17 th
	Sunday 25 th
June	Sunday 8 th
	Saturday 21 st

We look forward to seeing you
Noreen Smith

Arkle Daffodil Update

Due to the mild winter, my daffodils are well ahead this year and therefore I am hoping that members will be able to stage a good number of blooms at our Spring Show on Saturday 5th April. Here are a few tips for looking after your bulbs and also to help you make the most of the flowers on the day of the show:

- Keep your pots of daffodils well-watered, especially when the bulbs are in flower.
- Don't expose the pots to too much warmth as this is likely to result in poorer quality blooms.

- Cut the flowers on the morning of the day before the show. Place in water in a cool place out of direct sunlight.
- A couple of daffodil leaves will enhance your exhibit. Vases are provided by the Society to stage your entry. Some paper or moss used as packing in the vase will aid its presentation.

There is a special members' class for one bloom of Arkle from a bulb purchased from the Society as shown under Class 12 on page 23 in the schedule. 'Rule 17' has been waived for this class to enable two or more members of the same household to make their own entries in this class. Arkle is classified as a "Division 1" daffodil and there are plenty of other classes in the schedule into which it can be entered. I am looking forward to seeing your blooms at the Show. If you need any advice beforehand, please contact me (440148).

Richard Hilson

Spring Show 2014

Now is the time to be thinking about what you can enter in this year's Spring Show. Full details can be found in the show schedule but do not forget the two new classes:

- 28. A single camellia bloom
- 52. One pot, any alpine plant

Richard has already reminded you to enter your Arkle Daffodils. Your committee are always surprised at how few houseplants find their way onto the show bench, most people have them so where are they? Let us have a bumper entry in classes 11, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 52 – there is no shortage of choice! Whatever you decide to enter we look forward to seeing it on the show bench.

The entry arrangements are shown on page 15 of the show schedule.

Outings 2014

We have four outings planned for this year. Because of the popularity of the outings, only members of the Society may purchase tickets in the first instance. If spaces are available at a later date these will be open to guests and non-members. Application forms are available at the end of the newsletter; **a separate one for each visit and please could you also send a separate cheque for each trip.** Do please contact me if you have any queries and I will be happy to help (tel: 483229 or email: rose.mortenson@gmail.com).

Thursday 8 May – Clandon Park and Ramster Gardens

Clandon Park near Guildford is one of the most complete examples of a Palladian mansion in England designed in the 1720's and set in a 7 acre garden. It is run by the National Trust and offers:

- Free entry to the house with its magnificent marble entrance hall, ceramics collection, wonderful furniture and a chance to see behind the grand areas with a tour of the attics

- The Surrey Infantry Museum located in the basement which tells the history of the Surrey Regiments and houses many regimental artefacts and medals
- The gardens which include a parterre and a Dutch walled garden and an Hinemihi (a Maori meeting house)
- A shop, café and picnic area

When we arrive there will be a 15 minute introductory talk about the house and time to explore house and garden. We will have lunch here before moving on to Ramster Gardens.

Ramster was one of the first gardens to open under the National Garden Scheme. It was laid out in 1890 by a local nursery and has strong Japanese influences. It is famous for its Rhododendrons and Azaleas so we hope to catch it in full bloom; and with luck we may also be at the right time for the bluebells. There are 20 acres of gardens, a pond and a lake which is home to a wide variety of birds. It is a peaceful and colourful garden with plenty of woodland walks. There is a tea room and a plant shop.

We will be leaving from the Lindfield Post Office at 9.30am and will return about 6.00pm. The fee includes coach travel, driver's tip and entry to both venues. As Clandon Park is a National Trust property, there are two prices:

National Trust Members	£17.75
Non National Trust members	£25.25

Friday 6th June - Marle Place Gardens and Great Dixter

Marle Place Gardens and Gallery is a privately owned garden in the Sussex Weald with 10 acres of formal planting surrounded by woodlands and orchards. The gardens have won many awards for their management of wild life and are one of the "Seven Wonders of the Weald". In June we should see the allium pasture and the rose gardens at their best. The highlights include:

- Hedged garden 'rooms' with herbaceous and annual plants, rose beds and unusual shrubs
- A kitchen garden, Edwardian rockery, Victorian gazebo and an Italianate walled garden
- An Orchid House in a restored 19th century greenhouse
- A Gallery with exhibitions by contemporary artists and artwork in the grounds

We will have complimentary coffee/tea and cakes on arrival and there is a chance to have a guided tour of the garden. We will leave Marle Place at 1.00pm to travel on to Great Dixter. The latter was the birthplace and home of gardening writer the late Christopher Lloyd who devoted his lifetime to creating the most wonderful and exciting garden in the country. The head gardener Fergus Garrett

will be coming to talk to the Society in October so this visit gives us a chance to see the garden in advance. Things to see include:

- A huge number of ‘garden rooms’ including the famous Long Border and Exotic garden
- Flower meadows and ponds
- A Nursery selling many of the rare and interesting plants we will see in the garden
- The largest surviving timber-framed house part dating back to about 1450
- A picnic area and a café serving drinks, sandwiches, quiches etc, cakes but no hot food

We would be leaving Lindfield at 9.00am and will arrive home by 6.30pm. The fee, which includes coach travel, driver’s tip, entry to both venues, plus coffee and cake on arrival at Marle Place Gardens, is **£28.25**.

There are two optional extras:

Garden Tour of Marle Place	£1.00
Entry to the Great Dixter House	£2.00

Thursday 10 July – Hampton Court Flower Show

We are organising this trip jointly with the Lindfield Club so book early to avoid disappointment! The themes for this year’s show are:

- Grow – finding plants for difficult places, tracing rare plants etc. An area of garden centres, nurseries and RHS advisors
- Escape – about enjoying nature, fresh air and the countryside. An area of show gardens, a nature walk, the Rose and Floristry marquee together with shopping and eating
- Inspire – challenging preconceptions, pushing boundaries and championing innovation. An area of conceptual gardens with a new Talks Theatre featuring RHS garden designers, plant experts and emerging new talent

We will be leaving Lindfield at 9.00am and will return by 7.30pm. Please note that the coach park for Hampton Court is about a 20 – 30 minute walk from the showground. There is a mobility bus to the show for those requiring assistance. There is also a courtesy bus service to Hampton Court rail station and from here you can walk along Barge Walk to the show or you can pick up a ferry service to take you across the river. The ferry service costs £2.50 each way and has not been included in the price. The fee, which includes coach travel, driver’s tip and entry (**at a saving of £13 per person on the gate price**) will be **£35**.

Friday 24th 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	£11.50
Non National Trust members	£17.25

Application Procedure

1. Application forms can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please complete the specific form and send a separate cheque for each outing. I will acknowledge receipt of your application if you are able to include an email address. If this is not possible, I will bring a list to each of the evening talks.
2. Cheques will not be cashed and tickets sent out until it is certain that an outing is viable.
3. Tickets are initially only open to members of Lindfield Horticultural Society (LHS). If you have friends or family who would like to come on one or more of the outings, you are welcome to enclose a note giving me their names and I will put them on a waiting list for spare tickets. Tickets will show the departure and approximate return times. The coach pick up point is always the bus stop by the Lindfield Post Office.
4. Ticket price covers the coach travel, the driver's tip and entry to the venues. Unless stated otherwise nothing else is included. If you have purchased a ticket based on your membership of the National Trust, you must have your valid membership card with you on the day. If not you may be liable to pay the full entrance fee.
5. Once your tickets have been sent to you, the booking is fully confirmed. If you then cancel, your fee is non-refundable unless we are able to resell your ticket.

Rose Mortenson

Christmas Social 2013

Well what an evening, never before have we actually sat down and fed 114 members, we were bursting at the seams and then 31 singers turned up! You could tell by the buzz and the excitement that everyone really enjoyed themselves, it was a great evening. May we thank all who were so kind with their

praise but as usual we must thank those unsung heroes who: laid the tables, cut up the food, made up the plates, made mince pies, served at the bar and waited on tables, it is those people who should have yours and our thanks. It is really a team effort. We must also thank Tony and Steve the Stewards, Trevor from the Club and Sue in the kitchen who all really put themselves out to help us. The entertainment from the Sussex Harmonisers was quite something and great fun.

Alison & Michael Elliott

Newsletter by Email

If you are on email and don't as yet get your newsletter by email, just go to: www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk and click on 'email us' on the shed door and ask for your newsletter by email. Why not at the same time view our website, which is really great thanks to the efforts of our Webmaster Tim Richardson who can be contacted with your suggestions and/or contributions in the same way.

Committee

Sponsor a Class

As usual I am appealing to members to sponsor a show class in 2014. Putting on a Show is really quite expensive and members sponsorship makes so much difference to the economics of our shows. Just one class in one show would cost £2.00, the same class in all three shows £6.00 and a specialist class in one show £5.00 and in all three shows £15.00. If anyone could help we would be most grateful. You could, just for a bit of fun, sponsor a class and challenge one of your friends or relations to win it back or you could give it as a present for one of those people who already have everything.

Michael Elliott

RHS Entry

The Society is an affiliated member of the Royal Horticultural Society and as such receives a number of benefits. One of these benefits is a reduction in the entrance fee of 30%, for two people at any one time, to any of the four RHS gardens. If you are thinking of going to a RHS garden and would like to borrow the card for a day, to take advantage of the reduction please give me a ring. We have only one card so it will be on a first come basis.

Michael Elliott

Advance Notice - Photographic Classes for the 2015 Spring Show

- My Lindfield (an iconic image representing what the village means to you)
- Herbaceous Border
- Outings/Visits (An image from the many outings/visits by Members of LHS in the previous 12 months)
- Still Life
- Round/circler
- An odd angle

Restricted Class

- Three of Something

The Garden Show at Firle

This takes place from Friday 18th April to Sunday 20th (Easter week-end). Set in the grounds of Firle Place with plenty of parking, it is easy to reach along the A27, and is a stress-free alternative to the larger shows. With around 100 exhibitors we have found the specialist nursery stands particularly good. There are other garden-related exhibitors, as well as gifts, art, craft and design and country food and wines. There is a website: www.thegardenshowonline.com

Rosemary Humphreys

Camelia Botnar Foundation

Despite poor weather on 12 February, a good number of members came to hear Richard Horsley talk about the work of the Foundation. Richard, the Nursery Manager, brought with him Tim Clement, the Metalwork Manager, and between them they talked about how the Foundation helps disadvantaged young people. They aim to train and educate 16 – 21 year olds on two year residential apprenticeship schemes in metalwork, horticulture, carpentry and joinery, catering, light building work, estate maintenance, pottery and painting and decorating. They receive a wage and are encouraged to save, with financial penalties for bad behaviour or poor work. The audience found the talk inspiring and bombarded Richard and Tim with questions for 30 minutes.

Although Camelia Botnar Homes and Gardens – the commercial arm of the Foundation – is relatively nearby just off the A272 two miles west of Cowfold, some members had not heard of it. When I visited last year I was impressed with the healthy, reasonably priced plants, especially pelargoniums, fuchsias and bedding plants. The showrooms sell items made by the apprentices; the furniture and metalwork are outstanding and trainees are often recognised by awards at the South of England Show. Bespoke items can be made to order. There is also a shop with a wide range of gifts, cards and Sussex produce. Several members vouched for the delicious home-cooked food served in the Bistro. Open Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4 - Reservations 01403 864588 – website: www.cameliabotnar.com

Rosemary Humphreys

BBC2 is looking for YOU?

You may be interested in a new BBC2 primetime gardening show 'The Big Allotment Challenge' to be shown in April. The series follows a handful of talented amateur kitchen gardeners as they transform a plot of earth into a patch of beauty and reveal all the wonderful possibilities that can be unlocked from allotment growing.

The production team are now looking for contestants (see flyer attached) for the next series, 'who have the skill and dedication and who could dig their way to victory and be crowned the winner of The Big Allotment Challenge. People who can cultivate the perfect carrot, make their green tomatoes into award winning chutney and turn their dahlias and sweet peas into floral arrangements fit for a Queen.'

Interested or know someone who might be? If so please contact: grow@silverriver.tv or call 0207 907 3401 for an application form. The

deadline for applications is 12pm on the 13th of March 2014 (I realise this may reach some of you too late – editor).
Heather Martin

TICKET APPLICATION: Clandon Park and Ramster Gardens

THURSDAY 8th MAY 2014

I am a member of LHS and wish to apply for:

..... ticket(s) at £17.75 each (NT members)

..... ticket(s) at £25.25 each (non NT members)

Please provide the name(s) and telephone number for each person

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If anyone in your party wants to pre-book a wheelchair or has any other special needs, please give details below:

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Address for tickets to be sent to

..... Post Code

Email address

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I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS

Separate cheque for each outing please.

Please send this form, a stamped addressed envelope and your cheque to:

**Rose Mortenson, Shamrock Cottage, Gravelye Lane, Lindfield, West
Sussex RH16 2RY
Tel: 01444 483229
rose.mortenson@gmail.com**

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TICKET APPLICATION: Marle Place Gardens and Great Dixter

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2014

I am a member of LHS and wish to apply for:

..... ticket(s) @ £28.25

plus the following optional extras:

..... ticket(s) @ £1 per person for a conducted tour of the Marle Place Garden

..... ticket(s) @ £2 per person for entry to the Great Dixter House

Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers

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rose.mortenson@gmail.com
TICKET APPLICATION: Hampton Court Flower Show

THURSDAY 10th July 2014

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..... ticket(s) at £35.00

Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers

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TICKET APPLICATION: Winkworth Arboretum

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER 2014

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..... ticket(s) at £11.50 each (NT members)

..... ticket(s) at £17.25 each (non NT members)

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LHS PRICE LIST 2014

Prices may changes when new stock is bought

COMPOST/ PEAT & GRIT		Seaweed Calcified 4kg	3.80
Compost Ericaceous 40lt	3.65	Seaweed Calcified 25kg	19.65
Compost Sinclair All Purpose 75lt	6.75	Sequestered Iron - 5 sachDoff	3.50
Compost Sinclair Potting 75lt	6.35	Sulphate of Amonia 4kg	3.40
Growbag Humax	2.20	Sulphate Ammonia 25kg	16.95
JI Compost Seed 20lt	3.10	Sulphate of Iron 4kg	3.10
JI Compost No 2 20lt	2.90	Sulphate Iron 25kg	15.30
JI Compost No3 20lt	3.10	Sulphate of Potash 4kg	8.35
Compost JAB Multipurpose 60 ltr	3.40	Sulphate Potash 25kg	41.75
Pearlite 100ltr	16.50	Tomorite 2.5ltr	10.30
Pearlite 5ltr	1.00		
Peat Shamrock mdm 225lt	14.50	INSECTICIDES/PESTICIDES/FUNGICIDES	
Potting Grit - Tunstall	3.90	All in One 1ltr - Doff	3.60
Sand - sharp or silver	3.80	Ant Powder 300gm- Doff	1.45
Vermiculite 100ltr	21.55	Bordeaux Mixture 175g - Vitax	3.70
Vermiculite 5ltr	1.15	Brushwood Kiler 500ml SBK	10.45
		Fly Traps x25	9.90
FERTILISERS		Pathclear per packet	1.25
Bone meal 4kg	4.00	Py Insect Powder 175g	3.25
Bone Meal 25kg	18.30	Roseclear3 200ml - Scotts	8.50
Fish Blood & Bone 4kg	2.55	RoundUp 280ml	13.90
Fish Blood & Bone 25kg	12.70	SB Plant Invigorator	2.55
Garden Lime 4kg	1.40	Slug Pellets 450gm	2.05
Garden Lime25kg	5.50	Weedol	1.30
Garotta 10kg	11.30	Yellow Sulpher 225g -Vitax	3.05
Growmore Granular 4kg	3.50		
Growmore Granular 25kg	16.35	SUNDRIES	
Groworganic Manure	6.30	Canes 4ft	0.20
Groworganic Pellets	5.60	Canes 4ftx20	3.40
Lawn Feed & Weed	28.40	Canes 8ft	0.35
Lawn Feed Weed mosskiller4kg	5.35	Canes 8ftx20	6.85
Lawn Feed weed mosskiller25kg	26.60	Green Jute 200gm	1.35
Lawn Food Autumn25kg	27.15	Labels Standard White 4" -25	0.35
Lawn Sand25kg	8.15	Plastic Potato Bags x 10 *	2.20
Maxicrop complete 1lt	4.15	Pots 13F	0.15
Maxicrop Mosskiller&lawn Tonic 1lt	4.60	Pots FP7- Vacpot x15	0.60

Maxicrop +SEQ 1lt	4.55	Rootainers 32x12cm	3.70
Maxicrop Tomato Feed 1lt	4.15	Seed Tray - Heavy Duty	0.25
Osmocote 1kg	6.20	Split Canes sticks/100	1.10
Phostrogen 240can	10.55	Twist Ties 6" sp per 100	0.70
Rose Food 4k	3.75	Twist Ties per 1000	6.00
Rose Food 25kg	18.70	Wool Moss 24"x24"	1.20

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