LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Spring Newsletter 2015

Editorial

What a lovely time of year the spring is with fresh green shoots appearing and nature on the move, and we can look forward to the various outings that Rose is has organised for us. You will find full details together with application forms below.

To help you really welcome in the spring we have our Spring Show on Saturday 28th March which always turns the King Edward Hall into a thousand delights. So remember to let Pat have your entries and come and see for yourself – it is worth coming for the tea and cake alone.

And talking about the first of our shows brings me onto the show schedule, the production of which this year has turned into nightmare. Those of you who have inspected your copy may well already have identified some oddities. To add to the confusion, things which have been wrong in one copy have not necessarily been replicated in another. For instance some copies had the first page of the list of advertisers completely blank, but in others it is as it should be. Then in all the copies which I have looked at Page 55 is repeated on page 56. Things which were right in the first proof were wrong in the second proof, and things which were right in the second proof were wrong in the print run. We have been using the same printer for several years so it is not due to them being unfamiliar with the document. All I can do is apologise that it is not to the standard we would like and assure you that we will take the necessary steps to ensure that we do not have a repeat next year.

The date for celebrating our 70th birthday has had to change, and is now Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 8pm. There will be a buffet and the chance to talk to friends about all your horticultural triumphs and hopes; but do not worry for you will be allowed to talk about other things as well! It is anticipated that tickets will first go on sale at the Spring Show, and then subject to availability, at our subsequent events. The price had not been decided on at the time of going to press.

Outings 2015

We have three coach outings and two local visits planned for this year. Because of their popularity 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 etc are at the end of the newsletter. Do please contact me if you have any queries and I will be happy to help, Rose Mortenson 483229.

Wednesday 20 May - Chartwell and Emmetts Garden

These are both National Trust properties only a couple of miles apart in Westerham. Chartwell is famous for having been the home of Winston Churchill. The house is full of Churchill memorabilia, there are lovely gardens, a Studio containing many of Churchill's paintings and the wider estate provides plenty of opportunity for longer walks. This year, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Churchill, there is a special exhibition – *Death of a Hero* – covering: Churchill's passing; the aftermath; the funeral; his legacy and remembering him. It is possible to arrange for a conducted tour of the garden and Studio at an additional cost of £7.50 per head.

After lunch we will move on to the nearby Emmetts Garden, an Edwardian estate with hillside gardens. There are rock and rose gardens, many rare and exotic trees and shrubs and wonderful views. Hopefully we will still be able to see the rhododendrons, azaleas and possibly even bluebells in flower. Both gardens are hilly so not all of each site is accessible by wheelchair. There is mobility assistance at Chartwell and we can book manual wheelchairs at both gardens.

These properties are close and you can choose to walk from one to the other or travel in the coach. As usual the fee includes coach travel, driver's tip and entrance charges as specified below. We will be leaving Lindfield at 9.00am and will return by 6.00pm.

NT members - £12.50 (includes entrance to Chartwell house and garden and Emmetts garden)

Non NT members - £29.50 (includes entrance to Chartwell house and garden and Emmetts garden)

Non NT members - £24 (includes entrance to Chartwell garden only and Emmetts garden)

Plus £7.50 for any person wishing to take the garden tour at Chartwell

Wednesday 15 July – Walmer Castle and the Secret Garden of Sandwich

Built in the reign of Henry VIII, Walmer Castle was the official home of successive Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports including Lord Wellington and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The castle, which is now run by English Heritage, has special exhibitions this year to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, a lot of Wellington memorabilia including the famous boots and other interesting displays. There is a lovely 10 acre Garden including a kitchen garden and a garden created for the Queen Mother's 95th birthday. We will stay and have lunch at this site before moving on to the Secret Garden of Sandwich.

The latter is a small garden (3.5 acres) surrounding a Grade 1 listed house designed by Lutyens. The original garden was designed by Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll but after years of neglect it has been restored by the current owners. There are White and Yellow Gardens and an elegant Bowling Lawn, as well as more modern

features that have been added such as the Tropical Border and the tranquil Lake Patricia Island. There is a tea room, shop and plant sales.

Although there are cafes at both sites you are also welcome to bring a packed lunch. We will be leaving Lindfield at 9.00am and will return by 6.00pm. The fee for this trip includes the entrance fees, coach travel and the driver's tip:

English Heritage members - £20 Non English Heritage members - £27.50 Optional Tour of Walmer Castle - £4 per person

Thursday 3rd September – Kew Gardens, Richmond

Kew is the world's most famous Botanic Garden. It is a large site encompassing wonderful glasshouses, historic buildings, many rare and beautiful plants in formal and informal gardens. This will be a whole day visit and some of the top attractions include:

- Kew Palace and the Royal Kitchens have recently been refurbished and give an insight into the lifestyle of George III, the most famous resident
- A Henry Moore Sculpture on display in the garden
- The Pagoda, and the Japanese Gateway
- The Princess of Wales Conservatory which contains ten different computer-controlled climate zones
- The iconic Palm House and the recently recreated Rose Garden behind it
- The famous Treetop Walkway
- Formal gardens including Plant Family Beds, the Rock, Queen's and Duke's Gardens and the Palm House Parterre

There is a huge amount to see and it is possible to buy advance tickets for the Hop on/Hop off bus to help you get around. We will leave Lindfield at 9.00am and will be back by 6.00pm. The fee for the trip will include the coach and driver's tip plus the relevant entrance fee. If you have bought a Wakehurst Season Ticket and have not already used your annual free entry this is your opportunity to use it. The different fee options are therefore:

Friends of Kew member - £12.50 Wakehurst Season Ticket holders - £12.50 (if you have not already used your one free entry entitlement) Over 60's concession - £24.50 Under 60's standard entry - £25.25 Optional Hop on / Hop off Bus - £3.50

Self-drive / Shared lift Visits

We have been offered exclusive entry to two large local private gardens this year both giving the proceeds to charity. I will organise these on a shared car basis to minimise the number of vehicles.

Wednesday June 24th 2.30pm – Orchard House, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield

The garden is a little under two acres with a courtyard which has a part raised part sunk pond, some container planting and magnolias, rhododendrons and azaleas. There are several well stocked herbaceous borders and shrubberies, an area given over to rhododendrons and deciduous azaleas, an orchard, a vegetable garden, compost bins and two greenhouses, one with a raised alpine bed. In addition at the end of the garden is a small "wild" area. Andrew Winskill also does a lot of propagation from seeds, from cuttings with an automatic misting system and by division. There will be plants for sale.

Entry fee £4.00 to include tea and biscuits; an optional glass of wine also available for £2.00. All proceeds to St Peters and St James Hospice.

Thursday 6th August 2.00pm - Ham Cottage, High Brook, Ardingly

Peter and Andrea bought the derelict 18th century Ham Cottage in the scorching hot summer of 1976, then spent the next 39 years restoring the house and expanding the original quarter acre plot into eight acres of 'a mini Wakehurst'. Near the house colour bursts from everywhere with plants in flower throughout the year. Many plants like sarcococca, daphne bholua, rhododendron polar bear and azalea luteum, have been chosen specifically for their scent.

A small lake created from an overgrown bog lies in a sylvan setting, surrounded by azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias on its sloping sides. A stream flows through a large bog garden, then passing the winter garden it falls over waterfalls into a bluebell carpeted wood. On the garden boundary an old sandstone quarry has been transformed into a natural amphitheatre which is used for private parties and Shakespeare plays performed by a local school. The garden aims to be very self-sufficient and has fully embraced green technology with an air source heat pump, PV panels, solar water and grey water recycling.

Entry Fee is £5 to include tea and cake and all proceeds are split between St Peters and St James and the NSPCC.

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
- 2. 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.
- 3. Cheques will not be cashed and tickets sent out until it is certain that an outing is viable.
- 4. 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
- 5. Tickets will show the departure and approximate return times. The coach pick up point is always the bus stop by the Lindfield Post Office.

- 6. Ticket price covers the coach travel, the driver's tip and entry to the venues. Unless stated nothing else is included.
- 7. If you have purchased a ticket based on your membership of the National Trust, English Heritage, Kew or Wakehurst, you must have your valid membership card with you on the day. If not you may be liable to pay the full entrance fee.
- 8. Once your tickets have been sent, the booking is fully confirmed. If you then cancel, your fee is non-refundable unless we are able to resell your ticket.

Any problems, queries or comments do please contact me on 01444 483229 or rose.mortenson@gmail.com

Rose Mortenson

Urgent appeal for help

A very busy society such as the LHS with a varied programme of events depends on having a key group people prepared to give some time to organising our activities. Like many other organisations in recent years we have had increasing difficulty in finding people who are prepared to help. Regrettably unless this situation can be rectified the committee will have no option but to cut back on our programme of activities.

To give you some idea of the problem we face:

- The committee should have nine members plus the officers. Currently we only have four members plus the officers. It was five, but Sally retired at the AGM after several years of sterling service. She used to organise the raffle for us, but despite several appeals no one has come forward to undertake this role irrespective of whether they are prepared to serve on the committee.
- Our Vice Chairman, Rosemary, is house hunting in Devon and will be leaving us shortly. She also acts as our Publicity Officer, a role we have been seeking someone else to fulfil for three years without any success. So we need to find a new Vice Chairman as well as a Publicity Officer (they do not have to be the same person).
- Our Chairman, Martin, will be standing down at the AGM in November and not offering himself for re-election, neither will he be standing for election to the committee. He has edited both the newsletter and show schedule for many years and in the present situation we dare not even ask whether he is prepared to continue doing so post November.
- o We have been without a Secretary for over a year.
- We have been without a Show Superintendent for several years

The only way that we have been able to keep the Society's programme going has been due to the reduced number of officers and committee members taking on more work. This can no longer be sustained. Unless there is a positive response to this appeal for help we will have no option but to cut back on our programme. Committee

Alerting all cookery exhibitors

One of our keen and eagle eyed members has spotted that class 437 in the Autumn Show is very unusual in that it is a Cheese and Onion Flan not having any cheese in the recipe! Sorry about that, the correct recipe is attached towards the end of this newsletter.

Sundries Centre

The Sundries Centre in Spring Lane is now open again. It offers you the opportunity of buying quality products at very competitive prices, as can be seen from the price list towards the end of the newsletter. The full list of opening date are shown on the membership card and in the show schedule, however the dates for March are as follows:

Sunday 8th Saturday 21st Sunday 29th

Photographic Classes for the 2016 Spring Show

Below is advance notice of the photographic classes for the 2016 Spring Show for which we are indebted to Graham Russell.

Members Classes

102. My Favourite Flower

(This includes an arrangement of cut flowers, a single flower or living flowers in their natural state. If in a container, the container can form part of the composition.)

103. Recycling in Lindfield

(Create a picture of an example of environmentally friendly use or treatment of waste of unwanted horticultural items or vegetation within Lindfield.)

104. Humorous

(A picture taken with a humorous or whimsical slant or portraying a humorous incident. The humour should be reflected in the image and not merely in the title.)

105. Signs of Spring

(Create an image which shows the re-awakening of life in this exciting time of the year and its effect on plant growth, animals or people.)

106. Close Up

(A picture of horticultural related subjects photographed closer than 1 metre.) 107. Tree Study

(A photograph showing a landscape in which one or more trees are the important or dominating feature or a study of a portion of a tree.)

Restricted Class

108. Abstract Table Top

(The photograph should show an arrangement of abstract or unusual objects or shapes set up as a still life or table top. The result should be abstract, surrealistic or symbolic of horticulture.)

Newsletter by Email

If you are on email and don't as yet get your newsletter by email and would like to do so, just go to www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk and click on 'email us' on the shed door and ask for your newsletter by email. You can also contact the committee in the same way with your suggestions or any comments etc.

Committee

Sponsor a Show Class

As usual I am appealing to members to sponsor a show class in 2015. Putting on a show is really quite expensive and members sponsorship makes a great deal of difference to the economics of our shows. To sponsor just one class in one show would cost £2.00, the same class in all three shows £6.00; a specialist class in one show £5.00 and in all three show's £15.00. If anyone could help we would be most grateful. You could, just for a bit of fun, sponsor a class and challenge 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 on 483039. We have only one card so it will have to be on a first come basis. *Michael Elliott*

Slide Projectors

In my loft I have three old slide projectors that have been given to the Society at various times over the years. We have not used them for sometime as most speakers now come with laptops, which connect to the PowerPoint projector. I am quite happy to keep a spare for emergencies but I have no idea how to work these machines or even if they do work. Is there a member who has knowledge of slide projectors who could check whether they work and or which ones to throw away; if so please give me a ring on 483039.

Michael Elliott

Newsletter Distributors

There are many unsung heroes in our Society but one group who seem to get very little praise are the Newsletter Distributors who we rely on five or six times a year to get hardcopy information to you. The Committee would like to thank them on your behalf; they do a great job and we cannot do without them.

Committee

Open Gardens to visit

The following are Open Gardens where all or some of the fee goes to St Catherine's Hospice.

<u>Saturday 9 May (9.30am-4pm)</u> Burleigh Oaks House, East Street, Turner's Hill, Crawley, RH10 4PZ Contact: John and Pam Mayne, 01342 712852 The famous Turner's Hill Plant Sale! Entrance free.

<u>Sunday 10 May (2-6pm)</u> Birchanger, High Street, Balcombe, Haywards Heath, RH17 6JY Contact: Marian Erritt, 01444 413391 Birchanger is a beautiful 7 acre garden with magnificent displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and magnolias. (Refreshments, suitable for the disabled, dogs welcome) Fee £4, children free

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May (2-5pm) Ridge House, East Street, Turners Hill, Crawley, RH10 4PU Contact: Mr and Mrs Daniels 01342 715344 Breathtaking views of the Ashdown Forest and Sussex Downs. (Dogs welcome, refreshment, parking, suitable for the disabled) Fee £3.50, children free

Sunday 7 June (1-5pm) Turner's Hill Village Open Gardens Contact: Thelma Mason 01342 714858 Enjoy a family fun day out on this treasure trail of eight gardens. Entry ticket can be purchased at the first garden you visit. (refreshments, dogs welcome) Fee £4, for all gardens.

Other gardens are open further afield, look out for leaflets or on the website: www.stch.org.uk
Rosemary Humphreys

The Sloop Inn

If any member is willing to give gardening advice to Gary & Nikki who are the new owners of the Sloop Inn at Scaynes Hill, they would delighted to hear from you. What they want to know is what to plant, what to put where and when, and what is fragrant and easy to maintain etc. They are not after workers, just advice. They can be contacted by telephone on 831219, or by email: thesloopinn1@gmail.com

Have you been Upcountry yet?

Upcountry is the name of the new complex on the site of the old Scaynes Hill nursery. In purpose-built premises it sells garden equipment and sundries, including a wide range of plants, and has a separate warehouse for equine and pet food items. The plants look very healthy, having been potted up on the premises and everywhere is exceptionally clean and tidy! The main warehouse also has an interesting selection of locally-produced food and wine. The owners have applied for planning permission for a cafe. Upcountry is on the A272 on the far side of Scaynes Hill from Lindfield. Opening hours are Mon-Sat 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Amended Recipe for Autumn Show

437. A Cheese and Onion Flan, approximately 20cm (8in) diameter, to the following recipe:

Oat Pastry

125g Wholemeal Flour (4oz) 125g Medium Oatmeal (4oz) 125g Margarine (4oz) Pinch of Salt 2 to 3 Tablespoons of Water

Filling

250g Grated Cheddar Cheese (8oz) 2 Tablespoons of Oil 2 Chopped Onions 2 Eggs 150ml Milk (1/4 pint)

Method

Make the pastry in the usual way, line a 20cm (8in) flan dish, chill for 15 minutes. Meanwhile make the filling, frying the onions gently in oil before mixing with other ingredients. Pour into the flan case and bake in a moderate oven, 190 degrees C (fan 180 degrees C or gas mark 5), for 30 to 40 minutes.

(Note: Should the pastry break then carefully patch it together in the flan case.)

SUNDRIES CENTRE

PRICE LIST 2015

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	Sequstered Iron - 5 sachDoff	3.50
Compost Sinclair Potting 75lt	6.35	Sulphate of Amonia 4kg	3.40
Compost Vital Earth	4.75	Sulphate Ammonia 25kg	16.95
Growbag Humax	2.80	Sulphate of Iron 4kg	3.10
JI Compost Seed 20lt	3.10	Sulphate Iron 25kg	15.30
JI Compost No 2 20lt	2.90	Sulphate of Potash 4kg	8.35
JI Compost No3 20lt	3.10	Sulphate Potash 25kg	41.75
Compost Multipurpose 60 ltr	3.70	Tomorite 2.5ltr	10.30
Pearlite 100ltr	16.50		
Pearlite 5ltr	1.00	INSECTICIDES/PESTICIDES/FUNGICIDES	
Peat Shamrock mdm 200lt	14.50	All in One 1ltr - Doff	3.60
Potting Grit - Tunstall	3.90	Ant Powder Doff	2.90
Sand (potting)	3.80	Bordeaux Mixture 175g - Vitax	3.70
Vermiculite 100ltr	21.55	Brushwood Kiler 500ml SBK	10.45
Vermiculite 5ltr	1.15	Fly Traps x25	10.55
		Pathclear per packet	1.25
FERTILISERS		Py Insect Powder 175g	3.25
Bone meal 4kg	4.00	Roseclear3 200ml - Scotts	8.50
Bone Meal 25kg	18.30	RoundUp 280ml	13.90
Fish Blood & Bone 4kg	2.55	SB Plant Invigorator	2.65
Fish Blood & Bone 25kg	12.70	Slug Pellets 450gm	2.40
Garden Lime 4kg	1.40	Slug Pellets -bird friendly	5.55
Garden Lime25kg	5.50	Weedol	1.30
Garotta 10kg	11.65	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	10.00	Plastic Potato Bags x 10 *	2.20
Maxicrop complete 1lt	4.50	Pots 13F	0.15
Maxicrop Mosskiller&lawn Tonic			
1lt	4.60	Pots FP7- Vacpot x15	0.60
Maxicrop +SEQ 1lt	4.55	Rootrainers 32x12cm	3.70
Maxicrop Tomato Feed 1lt	4.15	Seed Tray - Heavy Duty	0.35

Osmocote 1kg	6.20	Split Canes sticks/100	1.10
Phostrogen 240can	10.55	Twist Ties 6" sp per 100	0.70
Rosefood 4k	3.75	Twist Ties per 1000	6.00
Rose Food 25kg	18.70	Wool Moss 24"x24"	1.20

Prices may change when new stock has to be purchased

TICKET APPLICATION: CHARTWELL AND EMMETTS GARDENS WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2015

Please send this form, a stamped addressed envelope and your cheque to: Rose Mortenson, Shamrock Cottage, Gravelye Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2RY
I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS Separate cheque for each outing please.
Email address
Address for tickets to be sent to
If anyone in your party wants to pre-book a wheelchair or has any other special needs, please give details below:
Please provide the name(s) and telephone number for each person
ticket(s) at £7.50 each (optional conducted Chartwell garden tour)
ticket(s) at £24.00 each (non NT members Chartwell Garden only)
ticket(s) at £29.50 each (non NT members Chartwell House & Garden)
ticket(s) at £12.50 each (NT members)
I wish to apply for:

Tel: 01444 483229

rose.mortenson@gmail.com

WALMER CASTLE & SECRET GARDENS OF SANDWICH WESNESDAY 15TH JULY 2015

I wish to apply for:
ticket(s) @ £20.00 (English Heritage Members)
ticket(s) @ £27.50 (non English Heritage members)
ticket(s) @ £4.00 OPTIONAL conducted tour of Walmer Castle
Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers
If anyone in your party wants to pre-book a wheelchair or has any other special needs, please give details below:
Address for tickets to be sent to
Email address
I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS a 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

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TICKET APPLICATION: KEW GARDENS THURSDAY 3RD September 2015

Rose Mortenson, Shamrock Cottage, Gravelye Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2RY Tel: 01444 483229
Please send this form, a stamped addressed envelope and your cheque to:
I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS a separate cheque for each outing please
Email address
Address for tickets to be sent to
If anyone in your party wants to pre-book a wheelchair or has any other special needs, please give details below:
Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers
ticket(s) at £3.50 OPTIONAL Hop on/Hop off bus
ticket(s) at £25.25 (standard entry)
ticket(s) at £24.50 (over 60 concession)
ticket(s) at £12.50 (Wakehurst Season Ticket holder)
ticket(s) at £12.50 (Friends of Kew member)
I wish to apply for:

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TICKET APPLICATION: Orchard House, Cuckfield Wednesday 24th June 2015 I wish to apply for: ticket(s) at £4.00 Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers I / we will require a lift to Orchard House Yes / No I / we can offer other people a lift to Orchard House I / we will be giving a lift to the following people who have applied separately for tickets: Address for tickets to be sent to Post Code **Email** I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS a 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 01444 483229 Tel:

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rose.mortenson@gmail.com

TICKET APPLICATION: Ham Cottage, High Brook Ardingly Thursday 6th August 2015

I wish to apply for:
ticket(s) at £5.00
Please provide the name(s) and telephone numbers
I / we will require a lift to Ham Cottage Yes / No
I / we can offer other people a lift to Ham Cottage
I / we will be giving a lift to the following people who have applied separately for tickets:
Address for tickets to be sent to
Post Code
Email address
I enclose a cheque for £ made out to LHS a separate cheque for each outing please
Please send this form, a stamped addressed envelope and your cheque to:
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