



Tilehurst Horticultural Association Newsletter October - December 2018

Dates For Your Diary

October	Oak Tree Road Shed is closed until 2 March 2019
25 October	Talk by Thomas Stone "Gardening for Wildlife" 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall
29 November	Talk by Paola Arrigo "Italy from Seed to Plate" 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall
December	Gratwicke Road Shed Closed until 3 February 2019
14 February 2019	AGM 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Annual Summer Show

Well, what a Show! The first Summer Show, organised by Show Secretary Claire O'Brien, has to be judged a resounding success! Records were broken in all areas, in spite of fears beforehand that entries would be impacted by the hottest summer for many years.

In fact, the weather on the day was also a factor in the success of this year's Show as it brought competitors and visitors alike out in their droves. Thanks to our main Show sponsor,



there had been an increased level of publicity this year and the red and white estate agents boards lining the streets of Tilehurst, advertising our Show, attracted much interest. In fact, thanks to the substantial support of local businesses, this year's Show made a healthy profit.

Claire O'Brien our Show Secretary writes:-

"Summer Show Success: Thank you to every single one of you that contributed to the success of this year's record breaking Annual Show what a fabulous display of flowers, fruit and veg you exhibited! There is an item in lost property, a glass sweetcorn dish, please contact me to reclaim. We are already looking ahead to 2019, the 3 August is the date for your diary. If you have any suggestions for new classes, or changes to

Trading Sheds - Opening times -

Sunday - Gratwicke Road: February, August, September, October & November 10.00 – 11.00hrs

March- July 10.00 – 12.00hrs - December and January closed.

Saturday - Oak Tree Road: March – July 10.00hrs – 12.00hrs .September – 10.00 – 11.00hrs, Closed all other times and for the whole month of August.

existing ones, or any other feedback, please contact me:

show.tilehurstha@gmail.com 07903 269554

We will be forming another Show Focus Group to meet a couple of times through the winter where we will finalise the schedule for next year. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this group-we meet on an occasional Wednesday evening."

Flanders Field Event



Members of the THA took part in an event organised by the Church of St, Mary Magdalen in Tilehurst to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1. Our display ran down the central aisle, leading towards the focus of the poppy cross. For further details and pictures see our website under Events.

RHS Wisley Visit

One of the benefits of our THA affiliation to the RHS is a free annual visit to an RHS Garden for up to 55 members. Our thanks to Maria Webb, who organised a coach trip for members to visit RHS Wisley on Wednesday, 5 September. This visit coincided with

the annual RHS Wisley Flower Show, also featuring the National Dahlia Society Annual Show and the British Flower Bus, along with various trade and nursery stands. The trip was a great success. We hope to repeat the trip next year so if you were not able to go this year, we hope that you will have the chance in the future.



E-Mail Addresses

Quite a number of our members now receive their Newsletter via e-mail. We do understand that some members either do not have an e-mail address or prefer to have the newsletter delivered. However, if we do not have an e-mail address we are not able to let you know of events such as the RHS Wisley visit, the NGS visit arranged by Julie Lawrence or the visit to Englefield Garden Centre if they are arranged after the quarterly newsletter is published. It is also more cost-effective for us to deliver the newsletter in this way, so we would encourage you to change to the electronic version of the newsletter by emailing the Membership Secretary at membership.tilehurstha@gmail.com and the next newsletter will be delivered direct to your Inbox. Of course, the advantage of the electronic version of the newsletter is the wonderful technicolour photos!

Peat Free Compost

We do have a limited amount of peat free compost at Gratwicke Road Shed. Although it is a little more expensive than our other composts, we believe that our price for the peat free compost is competitive.

Newbury Show

Congratulations to our team on achieving second place in the Inter Village competition at the Royal Berkshire Show and, additionally, Best Dish of Fruit for our apples. This really was a good result given the difficult

growing conditions this year and the unpredictability of produce available. In fact, the apples we exhibited were the only fruit which came for selection this year, whereas normally we have a choice of 3 or 4 varieties



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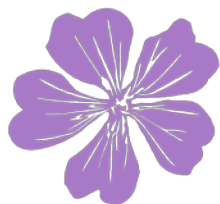
Nigel Turner will start organising the rotas for 2019 in November. We are looking for new Cashiers and Helpers for both of our trading sheds. The time commitment is not too great; a minimum of 6 hours a year of your time helping out would make all the difference. If you feel you could help, please give Nigel a call on ☎ 0118 9414 102. As always, please remember to make a note of the dates that you are on duty and make sure you turn up on time.

This is the last year that Nigel will be organising the rota so this does mean that there will be a **SITUATION VACANT**. You would need to be familiar with email and Word for this role. Please contact the Secretary if you feel you could help in this important job or speak with Nigel to find out what the role entails.

Dobies Group Discount Scheme

THA members can receive a 50% discount on seed orders and 15% off all other items, by using our special order form or by quoting the **new code** GD1022E when ordering online at www.dobies.co.uk or by telephone on 0844 967 0303 (calls cost 5p per minute). Please ensure that you give the code at the time you place your order as it cannot be applied retrospectively. Catalogues and order forms should be available in the trading sheds or at our talks, and goods ordered are delivered direct to your address. If you have any concerns about the quality of the goods you receive please contact Dobies Customer Service.

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Trophy	Trophy Winner	Criteria
Junior Rosette Aged 8 and Under	Leo Silvey	Most Points
Junior Rosette Aged 9 and Over	Milli Taylor	Most Points
V Nash Memorial Cup for Photography & Artwork	Catherine Burrow	Most Points
Tom Holmes Memorial Salver for Preserves	Rod Cox	Most Points
Mapstone Memorial Challenge Bowl For Cookery	Rod Cox	Most Points
Fred Keep Memorial Rose Bowl For Flower Arrangements	Sylvia Hickman	Most Points
Alec Simmons Trophy for Best Flower Arrangement	Julie Crawford	Voted by Judge Class 49
Rev F W Lane Challenge Cup for Cactus / Succulent	Sheila Cox	Most Points
Reg Barraball Memorial Fuchsia Cup for Standard / Half Standard Fuchsia	Pauline Sinclair	Most Points
Arthur Francis Challenge Cup for Dahlias	Margaret Finch	Most Points
President's Cup for Tomatoes	Rod Cox	Most Points
Frank Haynes Memorial Cup for Fuchsias	Pauline Sinclair	Most Points
R Spokes Memorial Cup for Pot Plants	Sheila Cox	Most Points
Albert Illsley Cup for Fruit	James Keating	Most Points
Reading Standard Cup for Flowers	Margaret Finch	Most Points
The Challenge Cup for Vegetables	John Green	Most points
The President's Shield for Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers	John Green	Most points
Rhs Banksian Medal for Horticultural Classes (cannot have won this in the previous 2 years)	John Green	Most points
Dick Wilcox Shield Of Excellence for Best in Show from Horticultural Classes	Sheila Cox	Voted by Judges Class 42
People's Choice from Best Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Pot Plant & Flower Arrangement	James Keating	Voted by Visitors Class 26
Best Dish Of Fruit	James Keating	Voted by Judge Class 26
Best Dish Of Vegetables	John Green	Voted by Judge Class 2
Best Pot Plant	Sheila Cox	Voted by Judge Class 42
Best Vase Of Flowers	Sheila Cox	Voted by Judge Class 37
Banksian Medal Winners for last two years	2017 Matt Ordidge	2016 Rod Cox



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Talks Programme 2018 - 2019

25 October 2018 7.45pm

Thomas Stone

Gardening for Wildlife

Thomas has been a gardener since childhood and has worked on some major gardens in the South. Since 1989 Thomas has been offering his services on all aspects of contract gardening, including renovation schemes, planting plans and welfare of the garden. Thomas will be talking about ways of attracting wild life into the garden as well as providing a beautiful setting to enjoy.
www.thomasdstone.co.uk

29 November 2018 7.45pm

Paola Arrigo

Italy from Seed to Plate

Paola imports Franchi Seeds from Italy and is passionate about the provenance and regionality of everything they sell at their store 'The Little Italian Market'. Paola will talk about vegetables from Roman Times until today and the journey of traditional vegetables from Italy to the UK. There will be an opportunity to purchase items.
www.seedsofitaly.com

31 January 2019 7.45pm

Carole Petipher

Monet's Paradise on Earth

Carole's career started in the French Steel Industry and she lived in France for many years. After a sabbatical on a French barge she became a Tour Director specialising in rivers and canals. Back in England Carole is now involved in animal rescue societies. Carole will talk about how Monet became interested in gardening and how he created his own garden at Giverny.

14 February 2019 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting/Social Evening

28 March 2019 7.45pm

Richard Ramsey

Dahlias

Richard has been growing dahlias as a hobby for over 40 years. 9 years ago, having many surplus plants he sold them locally. This has grown into a major cut flower business, with the blooms being used in many prestigious venues over the country. Richard will talk about all things dahlias. There will be an opportunity to purchase items.
www.withypitt-dahlias.co.uk

25 April 2019

7.45pm

Thrive

A volunteer from Thrive will share with us what Thrive does to make a difference to many people's lives, with an emphasis on Top Tips for Easier Gardening.
www.thrive.org.uk