



KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

OVER THE GARDEN WALL...

September, 2019. No. 145.

Dear Members,

The extremes of weather we have been experiencing this year are not helpful to gardeners, with flowers particularly being affected by heavy rain. This appears to be the result of global warming, so we will have to expect more of these extremes in the future. Our outings to the Oxford Botanic Gardens in May and to Kingsbridge Farm in July were well supported and enjoyed.

The exhibitors at the Summer Show provided some good quality produce. We were pleased Mr Wier presented our new trophy for baking in the Spring and Summer Shows, the Nora Wier Trophy, in memory of his late wife, Nora, who served our Society for many years.

We still need volunteers to fill vacant positions to ensure the smooth running of our Society. Thank you to those who already help, particularly at our plant sale and Shows. We have purchased a microphone and the Stewart Hall Committee are purchasing speakers and amplifier. When installed this should make talks more audible.

Brian Butler (Chairman)

## **Volunteers required**

I remind you we still need members to volunteer to fill vacant positions:

Secretary to take minutes at committee meetings and the AGM.

Newsletter Editor to produce four Newsletters each year.

Show sub-committee members (two) to assist in running our Shows.

Contact Brian Butler to volunteer or for more information.

## **Report on the Summer Show**

A delightful fragrance and a colourful display of roses and sweet peas greeted visitors to the Summer Show of the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society at the Stewart Hall, Little Kimble on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There were 95 exhibits on the benches provided by 12 exhibitors. The Show Sub-Committee were pleased to have such quality of exhibits, many of the rose and sweet pea exhibits were of a very high standard. Visitors during the afternoon were appreciative of the exhibits and many enjoyed the cream teas which were on offer again this year.

Sue Towersey won the President's Cup, for the most points in the show, the Preserves Trophy and the Nora Wier Cup for the baking classes. Graham Talbot got the Best in Show award for a bowl of sweet peas, the Sweet Pea Trophy for most points in sweet pea classes and the Don Taylor Rose Bowl. David Ridgway won the Rugosa Cup, for the most points in the rose classes. Brothers Kieron & Oliver Shefford cleared the board in the junior Classes

David Ridgway (Show Secretary)

## List of PRIZE WINNERS for the SUMMER SHOW on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Number of entries:97

Number of exhibitors: 12

### **TROPHIES:**

PRESIDENT'S CUP –Most points in Show	Sue Towersey
SWEET PEA TROPHY – Most points in Sweet Pea classes	Graham Talbot
ROGOSA TROPHY – Most points in Rose Classes	David Ridgway
THE DON TAYLOR ROSE BOWL – Best large flowered (HT) Rose in class 3	Graham Talbot
THE NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY'S BRONZE MEDAL –Best Sweet Pea exhibit	Graham Talbot
PRESERVES CUP –Most points in Spring and Summer Shows in Domestic classes.	Sue Towersey
NORA WIER TROPHY – most points in Spring and Summer Show Baking Classes	Sue Towersey
THE RHS JUNIOR COMPETITORS AWARD OF MERIT – Winner class 110	-----
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### **KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PRIZES**

FLORAL ART – Frist prize in class 93 : £5.00	Sue Towersey
MASTERCLASS – First prize in class 120 : £15.00	Graham Talbot
WINDOW BOX – First prize in class 100 : Bottle of wine	Sue Towersey
BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW – Bottle of Champagne	Graham Talbot

### **OPEN CLASSES**

First prize in class 201 (Roses) : £ 15.00	David Ridgway
Second prize in class 201 (Roses) : £ 5.00	Graham Talbot
First prize in class 202 (Sweet Peas) : £15.00	Graham Talbot
Second prize in class202 (Sweet Peas) : £5.00	Kathy Gray
First prize in class 203 (Vegetables) : £ 15.00	David Ridgway
Second prize in class 203 (Vegetables) : £ 5.00	-----
First prize in class 204 (Floral Art) : £ 15.00	Sue Towersey
Second prize class 204 (Floral Art) : £ 5.00	-----

## **Plant sale 2019**

The plant sale on May 13th was a great success. There were less growers this year and significantly less plants to sell but despite this we took £1,362 on the day. The raffle for the two hanging baskets (prepared by John Marshall) brought in extra money again. One was won by one of our members and the other hangs outside Little Kimble station! Thank you to everyone who grew the plants and helped out on the day.

I'm hoping to improve our takings in 2020 so shall be holding a meeting sometime in October (the date will be announced at a monthly meeting). Anyone will be welcome to attend to offer new ideas of what to grow or suggestions of how we can boost our profits.

Lyn Kilbride (Plant Sale Organiser)

## **Summer Evening Visit to Kingsbridge Farm**

This year we visited a very special garden which came highly recommended from Jean Young. Although it was a little further away near Winslow we had an excellent turnout and a very enjoyable visit.

Mrs Aldous greeted us with a refreshing elderflower juice in a beautiful converted barn where tea and delicious cakes were later laid out. She told us about the old farm house and how she designed the garden over 30 years. We were given a plan of the garden so we could wander around at leisure while she was on hand to answer any questions.

The back of the house looks on to the main lawn which is surrounded by enormous curved herbaceous borders on three sides with interesting and diverse planting against the backdrop of an old wall and mature trees.

A path of clipped yews led to the beautifully planted woodland areas with winding paths, ornamental features and enticing vistas drawing the eye irresistibly to other parts of the garden. The garden map was very useful to guide us through the many paths and secluded "secret" areas so we could admire a gazebo, rose arbour and a stunning semi-circle of pleached hornbeams with far-reaching views across the haha to the countryside beyond. The whole area was planted with unusual shrubs, roses and perennials while still retaining a woodland feel.

A natural stream meanders through the edge of the woodland gardens with many walks and a choice of bridges to cross with interesting shrubs, ferns and bog plants along the banks.

Mrs Aldous was a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic host, even digging up some plants for a lucky visitor to take home. The garden was a fascinating mix of cultivated and "wild" areas, all very skilfully laid out and planted. It was definitely one of the best garden visits we have been to and well worth the journey

Colin Ells (Programme Secretary)

## **Forthcoming Society Events**

### **September**

Sunday 1      2 00 – 4 30 pm      ***AUTUMN SHOW*** at Stewart Hall.

Tuesday 3      8 00 pm      ***Pin me to the wall and do what you want with me! How to Choose and Manage Climbers and Wall Shrubs***

Andrew Mikolajski, a horticultural consultant, writer and speaker returns to discuss how to make the most of climbers and wall shrubs.

### **October**

Tuesday 1      8 00 pm      ***The Garden in Autumn and Winter***

Margaret Easter, an experienced photographer and speaker, talks to us about what to grow so that there are always some plants flowering from September to early March. The talk is based mainly on the plants grown in her Hertfordshire plantsman's garden.

### **Other local events which may interest you**

3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Sep. The Wisley Flower Show and National Dahlia Society Annual Show. RHS Wisley GU23 6QB.

21<sup>st</sup> Sep. 2.30 pm. Aylesbury Gardening Society Annual Show at Aylesbury Grammar School HP21 7RP.

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. Malvern Autumn Show including National Vegetable Society Midlands Branch Championships at Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.30 pm. National Vegetable Society Bucks DA at The Community Centre, Wingrave HP22 4PD. Growing unusual vegetables, a talk by John Ellis.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### **Showing off your Patio**

Growing vegetables for a show is not that difficult to do and you don't need a lot of space. All you need is a southern facing fence or wall and some large pots. In the pots left to right contain an Aubergine, a Tomato, 5 Sweet Corn, 1 Pepper, 4 French Beans and 4 Runner Bean plants. In the planters on top the shelf tomatoes and mini Cucumbers, with 5 different herbs in pots. On the bottom shelf Beetroot and Lettuce. How many classes could you enter in Your Autumn Show? See picture on next page.

David Ridgway



Patio Vegetables



Window Boxes and Hanging Baskets  
at Summer Show



Nora Wier Trophy presentation  
at Summer Show



Trophy winners at Summer Show



Kingsbridge Farm garden  
(above and right)

