

# **Worthing Horticultural Society**

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## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

I am taking the opportunity of sitting in the garden to write this part of the Newsletter - in the shade, I might add!

It was good to see many of you at our most recent event, the June 26<sup>th</sup> Flower Show on Broadwater Green, which is the perfect setting for a Village Show. We were so lucky this year not having high winds or rain to batter the Marquee which this year was 135ft long, the extra length necessitated by the large entry of Children's Classes. There were 19 schools taking part and 94 children grew Potatoes in a bag, plus a dozen or so Schools also doing Planted Patio Pots. Our Judge for this section was Jean Griffin from the Radio Sussex gardening programme. Judging was carried out for each of the year groups 1 to 7, reception group and nursery group. A certificate and a £10 voucher kindly donated by SHOOTS Garden Centre, Washington, was presented to the winner of each group. Jean Griffin is very supportive of our Society and is always ready to give us gardening tips when needed. The Mayor, Cllr. Ann Sayers kindly presented the Children's Prizes, and stayed on to present the prizes for the remainder of the Show. The winners of cups and medals together with the results of the school competitions are shown below.

The main show was comprised of classes for flowers, plants, patio pots, hanging baskets, vegetables, fruit, flower arrangements and cookery sections. There were over 240 entries. It was extremely pleasing to see so many exhibits entered in the show - thanks all who took part and making the show so successful. We also had numerous stalls outside the marquee, including the Allotment Society which did a roaring trade selling Vegetable plants. We are particularly grateful to all our cake makers, so we are able to serve homemade cakes and fresh tea; we are always looking for new cake or sponge makers.

Unfortunately we did not have anyone to hire the Marquee on the Saturday night or all day on the Sunday. If anyone can get an individual or an organisation interested for next year it would be most appreciated. For future shows we are looking for, say, two people who would be willing to collect tables, vases and sometimes chairs from our store, plus help prior to the show to 'set up', unfortunately 'we regular's are not getting any younger! As the moving of tables etc is not good for our backs; any help would be much appreciated.

During the two previous months we held an April Meeting at Offington Park Church with speaker Robert Hill-Snook talking about the gardens at Brighton Pavilion, whilst in May we ran a Coach Trip to Kew Gardens and once again, we were very lucky with the weather, not too hot, truly beautiful trees and acres of garden to walk around or take the easy route and jump on their road-train to visit other areas. Our next Trip is to Hever Castle and Grounds on Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, leaving Broadwater 9 o'clock, back between 5 and 6pm. See Booking Form on Page 4.

But, before then, the next date for your Diary is on Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>, when Sally Botright, a Blue Badge Guide will give a talk with slides about the gardens in London's Square Mile. Having seen this on a previous occasion, I am sure you will all thoroughly enjoy the evening.

I also have two more dates for you - well three actually - October 30<sup>th</sup> Quiz night and Ploughman's at the Parish Rooms 7p.m, November 29<sup>th</sup> A Christmas Supper at Shoots Garden Centre 6:30 for 7pm, finishing at 9:30, so after your meal you will have time to purchase some gifts. And, just added to the calendar, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 our popular New Year Lunch at Windsor Hotel.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September Show at Offington Park jointly with the Allotment Society, where as always there will be much to see. Our excellent Website [www.worthinghorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.worthinghorticulturalsociety.org.uk) is now up and running, thanks to the expertise of John Taylor. All those that can access this should keep looking as John has put some photographs of the Show for you to see. A schedule for the forthcoming show is also available for downloading, together with the entry form. Our new Treasurer Liz Groves is settling in with her new job, thankfully her predecessor Paul Brownlee is at the end of the phone to give her assistance if required.

Finally, do keep watering in this hot weather as we want lots of Entries for the September Show.

Good Luck

*Jenny Cuer-Greene*

### Results of show June 2010

R.H.S. Banksian medal	highest money	Janice Shambrook
Frank Tower Cup	best exhibit	Rose Mason
Society Silver Challenge	best exhibit - sweet peas	Ted Banks
Molly Cuer	most money sweet peas	Ted Banks
NSPS Medal	sweet peas	Arthur Burt
Golden Rose Cup	best golden rose	Rose Mason
Bunce Challenge Cup	Best Vase Roses	Arthur Burt
Royal Nat. Rose Soc medal	most money in Roses	Janice Shambrook
Gloria Aylott Cup	hanging basket	Richard Taylor
Gladwin Cup	best pot plant	Janice Shambrook
William Newton Cup	most points - fruit/veg	Peter Webb
Society Challenge Cup	most points - cookery	Michael Innes
Dot Joy Bequest Cup	most points - flower arrangement	Rose Mason
Society Silver Challenge Shield	best flower arrangement	Rose Mason

### Results of the Potato in a Bag Schools Competition

Reception	Hawthorns First School	Class - Hawthorns
Nursery	Hawthorns First School	Class - Little Owls
Year 1	Ferring Church of England Primary School	Class - Egypt
Year 2	Elm Grove First School	Class - Poplar
Year 3	Heene Church of England First School	Class - 3a
Year 4	Ferring Church of England Primary School	Class - New Zealand
Year 5	Downsbrook Middle School	Class - 5RM
Year 6	Ferring Church of England Primary School	Class - Japan
Year 7	Downsbrook Middle School	Class - 7VW
Murphy Cup best overall entry most successful crop	Elm Grove First School	Class - Poplar

Two recipes from Anne's cookery corner:-

## Lemon Currant Cake

150g self-raising flour  
Pinch salt  
75g butter  
175g currants

75g caster sugar  
1 egg, beaten  
3 tbsp. milk  
Grated rind of half lemon

Grease and line a 15cm cake tin.

Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter. Add beaten egg, lemon rind, currants and sugar, and enough milk to make a soft dough.

Bake 1 hour, 180C, gas 4.

## Toss altogether Cake

250g self-raising flour  
½ tsp. ground spice  
Pinch of salt  
125g soft brown sugar  
300g mixed dried fruit

60g glace cherries, quartered  
2 eggs  
125ml oil  
125ml milk  
½ tsp. almond essence

Grease and line an 18cm. square or 20cm. round tin

Sift flour, spice and salt into a bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients.

Beat with a wooden spoon for 3 mins. until well mixed.

Turn into tin and bake just above centre of oven for 2 hours, 150C, gas 2, or until skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool before turning out of tin.

## 2010 Calendar of Events

Saturday 4th September	1.00pm - 5.00pm	Autumn Show - Offington Park Methodist Church
Wednesday 15th September	9.00 am	Coach Trip to Hever Castle Departs from Broadwater Green 9.00am and returns at 6.00pm Members £20.00 Non Members £22.00 MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE – see form Page 4
Saturday 30th October	7.00 pm	Quiz Night - Broadwater Parish Rooms with Ploughman's Supper £6.50 MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE – see form Page 4
Monday 29th November	6.30 pm	SHOOTS Garden Centre Late Night Opening & Meal for Worthing Horticultural Society. information to follow in next newsletter.

# BOOKING FORMS

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## COACH TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Name.....Membership No. ...@ £20 £

Name.....Non Member at £22 £

TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....

Address.....

.....Tel:.....



## **QUIZ AND PLOUGHMANS SUPPER SATURDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> £6.50 each**

Name..... HAM  or CHEESE  (Please tick)

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TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....

Address.....

.....Tel:.....

Please send this form with payment to:-  
Mrs Jenny Cuer-Greene, 28 Hall Avenue, Worthing, West Sussex,  
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