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HAYLING ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY WINTER 2017/8 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

From the Study window I see a dark, damp, cold, thoroughly depressing day. A very different scene from the heat generated at the AGM!

A group of 5 ladies had a request that a review of the Trading Centre be undertaken, and a report submitted to the Management Committee within the following six months. The Management Committee unanimously agreed that a review should be carried out, but to ensure a fair, measured report without fear or favour that an independent Chairperson should be appointed. To that end Janet Coates Jones has kindly agreed to Chair the review. She may appoint personnel either from in or outside the Society. Janet's husband, Bryn, is acting as Secretary to the review. When the report is received it will be considered by the Management Committee, then an Extraordinary Meeting will be held, and the Review presented to the Society's Members. This will, of course, be a closed meeting.

On a more cheery note, our finances remain in good health; our overall balance increasing by over £800. This increase did not grow by good fortune but by Members' efforts.

Towards this end, Maggie Martin contributed in her role as Sponsorship and Advertising Officer, raising a magnificent £2,884. Please thank our sponsors and advertisers for their support when using their premises.

Hazel Phillips helped reduce the loss on our Shows by handing over £650 from the 100+ Club, well done Hazel.

Norman Newton was the recipient of the President's award. Some of you may be aware of his unstinting work in respect of the Tombola, ever present at all our Shows. More importantly, in my view, is his magnificent web site, it is the envy of a number of Societies, and indeed, is of a professional level. You will also see from the new Year Book that Norman also won the Burgess Challenge Cup, and shared the Maggs Trophy with Wendy Sandham. I think he will agree, a pretty

good year!

Janet & John Lark, my Mr & Mrs Reliable, again produced a DVD/ Video of the Society Holiday to Norfolk. I have already stated that, in my opinion, it is their best yet. Some of you will know, they deduct a nominal sum for their expenses, and the balance goes to Rowans Hospice, this year's total of £125, a truly magnificent effort.

Lesley Tyrrell's appointment as Membership Secretary was confirmed at the AGM, she has a number of interesting ideas which I shall follow with interest.

The "Evening with Pippa Greenwood" was a great success and Gill Elton has arranged another celebrity, Charles Dowding, to appear at the Community centre on Wednesday 2nd November, 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Another date for your diary is Wednesday 24th January, 2018, when David Standing will talk to Members at the URC Main Hall at 2.30 pm, his lecture is entitled "Growing Old Fashioned Flowers".

On a personally sad note for me, Peggy Jackson a previous President, has retired from her last Society post, that of a cashier on a Sunday morning, she has served the Society for at least 40 years, and many of us owe her a debt of gratitude, she really will be sorely missed. Peggy was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Audrey White stood down as President, she has over 45 years' service with the Society, she was also presented with a bouquet of flowers, after she had badged up our incoming President, Ron Duffield.

Ron has many years service with the Society, he has also held many positions in various organisations, including that of School Governor at Hayling College. At the AGM he got to work immediately, speaking with, and advising a number of Members.

Yet again my sincere thanks to all who have volunteered throughout the year, especially those that form the Sub Committees. As always, my wife joins me in wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Bill Biggs, Chairman

SHOW TOMBOLA – UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

My thanks for your splendid support in 2017.

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents please consider donating for our 2018 shows, every little helps.

Bring along to a lecture meeting, the Trading Centre or my abode at 27 Park Road, Hayling Island.

Happy New Year

Norman Newton

CATERING

A big thank you for all the help in 2017 Cake Makers and helpers on the day. Looking forward to an even better 2018.

I am retiring from Catering for Lunches and Afternoon Teas at the end of the year, so if there is anyone who can take on the job Please connect me. I have very much enjoyed my 12 years, but now feel it's time to put down the towel. We have a very good team of helpers who know what to do; so you will not be on your own.

Thank you.

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FLOWER CLUB - TALK

On Thursday the 8th February at 2.15pm in the Mengham URC Hall the Flower Club have a visiting speaker. Andy McIndoe's subject is "Planting Seasonal Pots and Containers". The cost is £4, payable at the door. For more details call Jan Palmer.

Jan Palmer
023 9246 7040

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hi to you all.

I took over the role as Membership Secretary in January from Janet & John Lark and I wish to thank them for their support and help over the past year.

Currently the membership totals 810 which includes 39 postal members; 45 new members have joined the society this year.

I also want to say a big Thank You to all of the hard-working distributors who have delivered Newsletters and collected Members' subscriptions.

The introduction of payment by standing order or internet banking has been well received; this gives all members another choice of making their annual £4.00 subscription. If you wish to choose this option our details are as follows

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For your identification please could you include in the reference your No or name with the Sort Code.

I can also supply you with a standing order form to take to your bank if you do not use internet banking.

Our Facebook page, which was created by Jan Mitchell in March 2016, goes from strength to strength with 132 members and 3 Moderators; do come and have a look and join in the chat.

Happy New Year to you all

Lesley Tyrrell
Membership Secretary

HIHS OUTINGS – 2018

Wednesday 23 May 2018.—.MUSEUM OF LONDON

Enjoy a couple of hours viewing the Museum galleries at your own pace. Discover the story of London before the City was even built up to the present day.

PEWTER LIVE

In the afternoon, just a short walk from the Museum of London, we have a special invitation by The Worshipful Company of Pewterers to hear about their annual European Design Competition which is organised to promote the use of pewter in modern products.

Tuesday 19 June 2018.—.HIDCOTE MANOR GARDEN

One of the best-known and most influential Arts and Crafts gardens in Britain. (National Trust). Colourful outdoor 'rooms' full of surprises. Narrow paved pathways and secret gardens. Bring a picnic or visit the Barn Café.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

This market town, synonymous with William Shakespeare, has over 800 years of history. You might like to visit the Rooftop Restaurant at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, with a view of the River Avon, stroll round the shops, or look out for the street entertainers.

Thursday 19 July 2018.—.DORNEY COURT, WINDSOR

Just a few miles from the heart of bustling Windsor lies 'one of the finest Tudor Manor Houses in England'. Grade 1 listed. Of outstanding architectural and historical importance. Members of the Palmer family, who have owned the house for 450 years, still live there today. The adjacent 13th Century Church of St James, with Norman font and Tudor tower is also included in the tour.

THAMES BOAT TRIP

Two hour cruise on the River Thames, from Windsor to Monkey Island and back. Bring your own picnic.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON BOOKING FORMS, available from the Trading Centre from Sunday 14 January 2018 and from the January Meeting at the URC Hall.

Eve Osborne Outings Organiser 02392 466426

TRADING CENTRE UPDATE - JANUARY

Hi Everyone , here's wishing you all a Happy New Year.

For those who couldn't get to the AGM, a small loss was reported (£231.75) for the financial year ending 30 September 2017. This should have been a small profit but we needed to carry out urgent repairs to the floor in the bulk store at a cost of £300, this was for materials only as the labour came free. Thank you to Clive Osborne, Ron Duffield & Martin Clark.

Interestingly Customer numbers over the year differed by only 3. 2015/16 = 1728. and 2016/17 = 1731.

Peggy Jackson - Peggy put in her final appearance on the 19th November, after over 40 years service as Cashier. Thank you Peggy on behalf of the Trading Centre Sub Committee, for amazing service over such a long period. You will be badly missed.

Stock - We are well stocked with everything you are likely to need to get you started so we are ready when you are. Recently I took advantage of the 'black Friday' offers and purchased a pallet load of 6X chicken manure. These sell at £9 for a 20kg bag. A fantastic bargain which won't be repeated so if you want some you had better get in quick.

Seed Potatoes / Shallots/ Onion sets. For those who took the trouble to place an order, these should be arriving about the third week in January. To be certain of their arrival check our website or ring the TC.

Volunteers - Thanks to all the TC volunteers for keeping the TC on track come rain or shine, we couldn't function without you. Talking of which we still need more so if you feel up to it why not let me know.

I particularly need a lady volunteer to partner Eve Osborne on my Wednesday team. This is on a 3 week cycle from February to June. This vacancy arose due to the sad and totally unexpected demise of Anneka Hall. Anneka was a much valued member of my team and she also stood in on Barry Saddington's team when the need arose. She too is badly missed.

Sorry to end on such a sad note. It is now the 3rd of January and the weather is awful, let's hope it soon turns around and we have a fantastic 2018.

Good gardening

Peter Jackson
Hon Trading Manager

100+ CLUB

Drawn numbers for **July 2017** were:
First **116**, Second **33**, and Third **7**.

Drawn numbers for **August 2017** were:
First **100**, Second **32**, and Third **28**.

Drawn numbers for **September 2017** were:
First **2**, Second **54**, and Third **55**.

Drawn numbers for **October 2017** were:
First **86**, Second **88**, and Third **41**.

Drawn numbers for **November 2017** were:
First **82**, Second **58**, and Third **31**.

The draws for December 2017 and January 2018 will take place at the January talk on 24th January.

Renewal forms for next year, (starting in March), will be available at the January talk. If you wish to pay by standing order, or bank transfer, the form which includes all the required details is available on the web site, or contact me and I will let you have a copy.

New members are always welcome. For more information and an application form, visit the website www.hihs.org.uk or contact the club organiser.

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