NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024

KEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



KHS SUMMER SHOW – Saturday 24th August, 2024

Well, every few years we have to contend with English summer weather and 2024 was just that year! Despite almost constant rain during the day, we still had an excellent event. The marquee was full to the brim with wonderful vegetables, fruit and flowers and large numbers of craft, cookery, photography and art (and even more children's exhibits than usual), so a huge thank you to those who put in entries. The people that came were treated to a terrific display of all things grown and made and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

Congratulations to our Show Organisers, Alison Greenwood and Mandy Botta, and their whole team, particularly Phil Crocker, Jo Wenham, Siobhan Clegg, Lisa Cleary, Mike Greenwood, Jill Rzym, Sally West, Beth Greenwood, Mark Clapp, Penny Tweedie, Janet Deboo, Sue Murray, Grace Calvert and Alex Hithersay. Our grateful thanks go to the Reverend Cannon Dr Giles Fraser for presenting the cups and running the auction for us. And, of course, to the many KHS members who volunteered and helped on the day, including Celia Fisher, Chris Morley-Smith, Charlie and Jane Shelton, Julia Welchman, Linda and Gerry Bodily, the whole KHS committee, those who judged and clerked, and to our lovely jazz band, who kept us entertained.









This year, despite the weather, there were 133 exhibitors and 548 people visited the marquee. And, still despite the weather, we have managed to break even on the Show, which is great news! Here are the sums made by the individual KHS stalls:

Books – £418
Plants – £256
Tea Tent – £1493
Bric-a-Brac - £619
Tombola - £192
Raffle - £466

Auction: £862







The judges this year were particularly complimentary about the entries, and here are the 2024 Cup Winners. Congratulations to all!

CUPS AND WINNERS 2024

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL	**Of the Royal Horticultural Society to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in Horticulture**	**Stuart Webb**
LADIES' THRESHER CUP	**To the lady exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless she has won the Banksian Medal**	**Flo Dill**
MEN'S THRESHER CUP	**To the gentleman exhibitor gaining most points in Horticulture unless he has won the Banksian Medal**	**Chris Morley-Smith**
DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining the next highest points in Horticulture**	**Charlie Shelton**
PRESIDENT'S CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining most points in the vegetable classes only**	**Flo Dill**
ASSOCIATION CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining second highest points in the vegetable classes only**	**Malcolm Taylor and Chris Morley-Smith**
NEWTON CUP	**For most meritorious vegetable exhibit**	**Flo Dill**
KEENE CUP	**To the winner of Class 28 (a collection of vegetables)**	**Tim Bates**
IAN MACLEAN CUP	**For the winner of Class 25 (tomatoes 4, another)**	**Chris Long**
DR SPARKES CUP	**For the best fruit exhibit**	**Jayshree Sisodia**
TINKER CUP	**For the exhibitor gaining the most points in the dahlia classes**	**Stuart Webb**
KEW SOCIAL CLUB CUP	**To the exhibitor gaining most points in the Flowers and Plants classes 42 - 64**	**Stuart Webb**
NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY CERTIFICATE	**For the best exhibit of dahlias**	**Stuart Webb**

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KEW CHALLENGE CUP	**For the first-time exhibitor gaining the most points in horticultural classes 1 - 66**	**Siobhan Burn**
K.E.W. CUP	**For gaining the most points in Cookery**	**Catherine Bates**
THOMAS CUP	**For the best exhibit of jams, chutneys & pickles, classes 65 - 71**	**Clare O'Brien**
BURKE CUP	**For gaining the most points in Art and Crafts (excluding Photography)**	**Catherine Bates**
GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP	**For the best Craft exhibit**	**Annie Kunz**
SCARBOROUGH CUP	**For the best Art exhibit**	**Jane Shelton**
CAROLINE FIELDING CUP	**For best photograph in the Show**	**Killian Hanlon**
WELCH CUP	**For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 6 and under**	**Clara Martine**
QUEEN ELIZABETH CUP	**For gaining the most points in children's classes, age 7 - 11**	**Beatrice Smith**
PAT THOMAS CUP	**For children's photography**	**Beatrice Smith**
FLORAL CUP	**For gaining the most points in Floral Art**	**Jane Shelton**
DAWSON CUP	**For the best exhibit in Floral Art**	**Penny Tweedie**
SIR ARTHUR HILL CUP	**For gaining most points in the Show**	**Catherine Bates**













Future Events

Visit to RHS Lindley Library – Tuesday, 8th October 10.50am

This is the final call for the visit to the Royal Horticultural Society Lindley Library, situated in their Edwardian headquarters in Vincent Square, Westminster. It holds world-renowned collections of early printed books, botanical art and modern books on the history of horticulture and practical gardening. Timetable 10.50 am Meet at the main entrance of the Royal Horticultural Society at 80 Vincent Square, SW1P 2PE. A map will be sent when we acknowledge your booking. Victoria or Pimlico are the nearest Underground stations. 11 – 12.30 'Up Close Tour' of the Library to see Highlights held in the collections. 12.30 We are planning lunch next door at The Vincent Rooms at Westminster Kingsway College. If you would like to join the tour please let Jenny Long know by texting her on 07523 298 336. The cost is a £3 donation to the RHS. There are a limited number of places and your application will be acknowledged. Please note that 'Collections up Close' tours take place in the Lower Reading Room of the RHS Lindley Library. It is not a fully accessible site, meaning that in the event of an emergency visitors to the venue must be able to independently manage the stairs

Quiz Night – our annual quiz will take place in early February. Confirmed date to come shortly!















Richard Ward's Gardening Tips for October

A dry early autumn has made it easier to tidy the garden and get rid of weeds. This month is best for emptying your hanging baskets, containers and window boxes, replacing tired soil and drainage, and replanting with winter bedding plants to flower in spring. Think primulas, violas, wallflowers, forget-me-nots, together with 'dot' plants such as Skimmia, Hebe and heather. Water well after planting, and check for watering throughout the winter.

Elsewhere in the garden cut down herbaceous plants such as peonias, phlox, Michaelmas daisies etc. although its nice to leave some of the more 'architectural' plants a bit longer. And it's a good time to divide large clumps so that they establish during the winter. Most prunings can be composted.
Last month I mentioned Gogi berries. That should have been spelt Goji! Not a plant I knew well. Below is a photo of the fruits - apparently they boost the immune system and brain activity; protect against heart disease; and cancer; improve life expectancy and contain vitamin C, A, B2, iron, selenium and other antioxidants. I shall be buying some this year!



Goji berries (Lycium barbarum)
Also called Duke of Argyll's Tea Tree



Goji flowers





Leave sunflower seeds and rosehips for the birds

Clip lavender now



Before

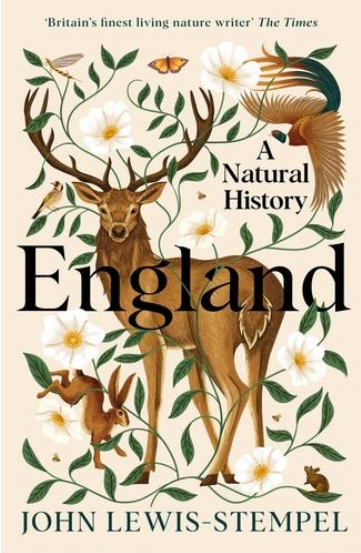


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Invitation from the Kew Bookshop

Author event with John Lewis-Stempel

We have an exciting evening event with John Lewis-Stempel on Monday 30th September, author of award-winning books Meadowland and Where Poppies Grow and many more. He will be talking about his new book England: A Natural History –



England's landscape is iconic – a tapestry of distinctive habitats that together make up a country unique for its rich diversity of flora and fauna. Concentrating on twelve habitats, John Lewis-Stempel leads us from estuary to park, chalk downland to woodland , river to field, village to moor, lake to heath, fen to coastal cliffs, in a book that is unquestionably his magnum opus.

Referencing beloved great writers in whose footsteps he treads – Gilbert White, John Clare, W. H. Hudson, Richard Jefferies, Edward Thomas – and combining breathtakingly beautiful prose with detailed wildlife observation, botanical fact and ancient folklore, Lewis-Stempel immerses himself in each place, discovering their singular atmosphere, the play of the seasons; the feel of the wind in midwinter; the sounds of daybreak; how twilight settles. Each one – whether managed park or wild moor, plunging cliff or man-made Broads – has also shaped human life, forming our idea of ourselves and our sense of what 'England' means.

Richmond Park is a featured chapter in this book, which I think would be of particular interest.

The talk is on **Monday 30th September at 7pm** and our friends at **St Anne's Church have kindly provided the event space. Tickets are £10**. The price of the ticket is redeemable against a copy of England: A Natural History, on the evening of the event. Only one ticket to be redeemed per book. Tickets can be purchased on our website, or in person in The Kew Bookshop

Happy gardening to you all from the Editorial Team.

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