



Autumn Newsletter

Welcome

I think my wish for an Indian summer came true, I've certainly enjoyed a fabulous September and October and I hope you have too.

The October charity day was a great success. Thank you to all who supported it to enable us to make donations of £500 each to Macmillan, The Macular Society and Barnfield Riding School.

Sadly, I have to report the death of Neil Philpott, whom many of you will remember. His enthusiastic support of KHS as a member and past president will be much missed. Please see the lovely comments from his family on the following page. KHS have made a donation, in Neil's memory, to The Shooting Star Children's Hospice, a charity he supported.

Our minds are now focussing on the next season and a Christmas get together. On Saturday December 11th we will have an outdoor festive afternoon, at Park Road allotments, with carols and a glass of mulled wine. Dig out your thermals and join our musicians between 3.30 and 5.30pm for seasonal live music by The Arables. There's no charge, but there will be a charity collection and a raffle. To assist with catering and managing numbers, please add your name to our list. Contact Linda Moll on Tel: 0208 546 0568



Wishing you all a happy and peaceful festive season with hope for a brighter, more sociable new year and more KHS activities.

Anji Tindall—Chair KHS

Photos: Carmen Drake



We have already made donations to The Macular Society and Barnfield Stables and will review the situation later in the year.



Jobs for the Autumn

- ~Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- ~Plant out spring cabbages
- ~Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- ~Prune climbing roses
- ~Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- ~Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- ~Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf
- ~Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- ~Divide herbaceous perennials
- ~Cut back perennials that have died down
- ~Plant Winter garlic
- ~Plant out Spring bulbs in pots, the lawn and Borders

With thanks to the RHS

Tomato Blight !

So many of us lost our tomatoes this year.

To reduce the risk choose **blight resistant tomatoes**.

Gardeners Which recommends - Mountain Magic, Crimson Crush, Divinity and Consuelo.



KHS Charity Event October 9th

A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the annual Charity event

Barnfield riding centre, Palm centre, Urban Landscapes, Lynn and Martin and all the Bakers, Jam makers, Tea makers, Washer uppers, Volunteers, donors and everyone else who supported the successful day. A Big thank you to Phil who took all the left over goods to the charity shops

The Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Sushila Abraham paid a visit and addressed everyone with her passion for gardening and the importance of well being growing plants brings us.

Beautiful bunches of cut flowers sold in vases and put together skilfully by Annette.



Guess the weight of the pumpkin?!
It was 'about the weight of a baby !'



Some of KHS helpers team



RECIPE IDEAS for you to try

Borscht (serves 6)

1 onion
450/1 lb raw beetroot peeled
2 celery sticks
1/2 red pepper
1 15/4 oz mushrooms
1 large cooking apple
25g/1 oz butter
30 ml/2 tbs butter
30 ml/2 tbs sunflower oil
2 litres/3 1/2 pts stock or water
1 tsp cumin seeds
Pinch thyme
1 large bay leaf
Fresh lemon juice

Chop all veges, place in large saucepan with butter, oil and 3 tbs of the stock or water. Cover and cook gently for about 15 minutes. Stir in cumin seeds and add remaining stock or water, thyme, bayleaf, lemon juice and seasoning to taste. Bring mixture to the boil, cover and simmer for about 30 minutes. Strain vegs and blend until smooth and creamy, Return vegetables to the pan, add reserved stock and reheat. Serve with swirls of soured cream



A Tribute to Neil Philpott

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A very proud Lancastrian, born in Southport in 1932 whose interest in horticulture started from a very early age when he collected exotic cacti.

At 16 years old he was accepted on a 4 year apprenticeship with the Liverpool Parks City Parks Department then went on to Study for 3 years at The Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens, riding to his digs through wind and rain on his motor bike to gain his Diploma in Horticulture.

He went on to study for a year at the Park Administration College on the banks of the Thames near Reading.

His extensive career includes;

Evening lecturer on horticulture and botany, Morley College, London. Landscape designer and contracts manager for Middlesex County Council. Horticultural officer – London County Council, which became the GLC. Arboriculture Officer, with responsibility for all matters concerning trees and woodlands under the control of the GLC and then the ILEA (Inner London Education Authority). This included tree preservation and conservation areas. Responsible for a large team of tree pruners during the big storm of '87. He was a Judge for Britain in Bloom English and National competitions, for the British Tourist Authority.

Neil was Chairman of the Kingston upon Thames Society for 11 years. Following on from Jenny Philpott, became the President of the Kingston Horticultural Society, in 2007.

KHS was far more than a hobby for Neil, it became a huge part of his life. It was an outlet for his passion of trees and all things horticultural, but more importantly it is where he gained the friendship, love and support of his dear friends and Wednesday workers. The family want to thank everyone at KHS for that.

KHS Notice Board

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Painting
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Decorating
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General maintenance
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Highest standards
Reliable
Clean and Tidy
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Christmas Event

Saturday 11 December 3.30– 5.30pm

Christmas carols followed by Mulled wine
Live Music from The Arables.



Raffle, please donate any seasonal prizes
Wrap up warm—All Welcome !

KHS Calendars for 2022
£5 each at the KHS shop



Calling all Photographers ~ by Carmen Drake

Some of you might have seen me with my camera around the allotments and maybe wondered what I was doing. I'm an amateur photographer and I like to find little creative projects to get involved in. In the last year I have walked around trying to capture images for the 2022 calendar. I would like to invite you all to join me in creating a beautiful collection of Images of our allotments throughout the year by sharing your pictures. Whether you're an experienced photographer or just a beginner, whether you're using a big camera or just your phone, all are welcome! Email contact@pitoresc.com
Website <https://pitoresc.com>.

Christmas Gifts

Christmas Gift ideas from the KHS shop, for only £10 and under;

- Hand Trowels and forks
- Daisy Grubber, Patio knife
- Secateurs, Kneelers & Knee pads
- Staples and pegs
- Gloves from 80p to £7.00 a pair
- Tool hooks
- Soil PH Tests, Deep root trainers
- Garden nets~Indoor and outdoor
- Watering cans

KHS Shop News

Currently in stock at the Park Road shop;

- 2022 Seeds available, 35% off catalogue prices !
- Selection of tools, seeds and gardening accessories

**Autumn Shop opening times
(from November 1st 2021)**

Wednesday and Sunday

11:00 am—12.30 pm