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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2025

After a thunder storm on the Friday night – the first rain for ages – and then rain first thing on the Saturday morning the rest of the day turned out to be excellent for our Summer Show in June. Lovely roses, pot plants and vases of summer flowers welcomed everyone into the hall. Homecraft, floral art and cake classes were as popular as ever and both our judges were kept very busy. Bric a brac, books and puzzles, the plant stall and raffle were all well supported. As usual the tea room was kept busy and our thanks go to all the people who donated cakes for refreshments. All these things made for an excellent Summer show.

Our thanks also go to the volunteers who helped set up and dismantle the show and their help is very much appreciated.

As usual clean, saleable bric a brac is very welcome but please **NO HEAVY, BULKY OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS.**

At the summer show the judge pointed out that exhibitors should not put a lot of moss in their exhibits so that it is hanging out of the vase, it should be inside the vase. Also **EXHIBITORS ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO USE OASIS/FLORAL FOAM AS THIS HAS BEEN BANNED BY THE RHS SO WILL EXHIBITORS PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE CHANGES.**

I hope everyone enjoyed the two coach trips Bob organised although I know he was disappointed with the lack of food and refreshments at Capel Manor and he has passed this onto the relevant people.

Hunt Roche Estate Agents print these newsletters for us and we thank them for their continued support.

AUTUMN SHOW 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

CLASS 80 – FLORAL ART This show's subject is “**HARVEST TIME**” and must be predominantly plant material.

CLASS 101 – PHOTOGRAPHY This shows subject is “**A SUNSET**” Please remember that the photo must be taken by the exhibitor, be no larger than 7” x 5” and be unframed/unmounted.

PRINCESS DIANA MEMORIAL CUP This will be awarded to the best exhibit in Class 31 – vase of flowers, one variety.

CLASS 104 This show's recipe is a **GINGER AND HONEY CAKE** and exhibitors must use the following recipe:

INGREDIENTS:

225g/8oz caster sugar	225g/8oz soft margarine
4 eggs	225g/8oz self raising flour
2 level teaspoons baking powder	2 teaspoons ginger powder

FOR THE FILLING:

50g/2oz full fat cream cheese	50g/2oz unsalted butter
1 teaspoon ginger powder	2 tablespoons honey
25g/1oz crystallized ginger, cut into small cubes	

FOR THE TOPPING:

175g/6oz icing sugar	1 teaspoon ginger powder
25g/1oz crystallized ginger to decorate, cut into small cubes.	

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 180c fan/gas 6. Mix caster sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add eggs, mixing in one at a time. Combine flour, baking powder and ginger powder and add to the mix. Bake in two 8in tins for 20/25 minutes until risen and golden. Leave to cool.

For the filling, mix all the ingredients together and sandwich between the cakes.

For the topping, mix the icing sugar and ginger powder with a little water. Spread over the top and sprinkle on the crystallized ginger.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS CAKE HAS A SHORT SHELF LIFE BECAUSE OF THE CREAM CHEESE FILLING.

A lot of new members joined the Society this year which is excellent but they may not be aware of the **AUCTION** which takes place after the prize giving. If exhibitors do not wish to take their exhibits home they put them in the auction and you can bid for some lovely plants and vegetables so it's worth staying for.

ROPHY AND DIPLOMA WINNERS AT THE SUMMER SHOW:

Trophies:

Rose Trophy awarded to Nicola Calder
Warner Trophy awarded to Janet Stables
Claydon Trophy awarded to Joanne Philip
President's Salver awarded to Linda Green

Diplomas:

Flowers other than roses – Marion Smith
Fruit and vegetables – Joanne Philip
Homecraft – Janette Eames

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Our traditional Christmas lunch will be held at the Thorpe Hall Golf Club on Wednesday 3rd December. Arrival from 12.30 for sit down at 1 p.m. A three course meal followed by coffee/tea will cost per member £43.50 or £45.50 if you choose cheese and biscuits as a dessert. Bookings will be taken at the EVENTS TABLE at the Autumn show with a deposit of £10 per person. Cheques should be made payable to Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AGM TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026. As usual this will be held at the Methodist Church cnr Johnstone Road and Broadway. The meeting commences at 7 p.m. and members are welcome to attend.

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S SHOWS:

SPRING SHOW – 28TH MARCH

SUMMER SHOW – 13TH JUNE

AUTUMN SHOW – 5TH SEPTEMBER

I look forward to seeing you at the Autumn show on the 6th September

Best wishes
Linda

PHOTOS FROM THE SUMMER SHOW 2025

THE SOCIETY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE WHICH IS
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