



TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW

Members Newsletter Summer 2007

Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th August 2007
www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter

It seems more than six months have elapsed since we despatched our Spring Newsletter and much has happened since then.

We have been busy organising the entertainment in the arena and below are some brief details to whet your appetite; the competitive classes entries are coming in thick and fast and over 100 outside traders and farmers' market traders are attending the Show.

If you would like to help us during the Show by stewarding, please read the details in the accompanying letter and then complete the form and return it to Mike Welch - we really do need and appreciate your help.

Please also continue to visit the show's website which is regularly kept up to date for news and has a wealth of other information - including the weather forecast!

As you will see from all the details below, there are lots of new sites and sounds for the 2007 Show so come and join us and bring your friends and family.

Bob Homeshaw

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Members Opera Supper

Sunday 5th August 2007

Sponsored by Rowan Dartington

Members will recall the fantastic opera supper we had last year. The good news is that a similar event will be run this year. Included with this mailing is coloured page with details of the supper and a reservation slip. Bacchanale are a dazzling group of professional musicians who will bring their exuberant talents to the evening of operatic classics performed by singers from Glyndebourne and English National Opera.

The evening will include music from Mozart's Magic Flute, including the breathtaking Queen of the Night aria; Bizet's Carmen with the sultry Habanera and dashing Toreador's song; Puccini's inspirational

Nessun Dorma; virtuosic arias and duets from Gounod's Romeo et Juliette, Bizet's famous Pearl Fishers' Duet and Delibes's enchanting Flower Duet amongst many other stunning arias and ensembles.

Held in the Competitive Marquee at 8pm, there is a wonderful menu on offer that is served at 6.30pm to refresh you before you are swept up in an enthralling evening of drama.

Please see the attached reservation form for full details.

You can see more of Bacchanale on their website:

www.bacchanale.co.uk



Arena events and other attractions

We have put forward a dazzling array of arena events for your entertainment this year. These include:

Jez Avery Motorbike and Mountain Bike Show - *motorbike stunt rider with many incredible tricks*

Chariots of Fire - *Two jumping sheep(!) join with six ponies and a cow to provide a unique, exhilarating arena driving display presented by Amanda and her Team. There will also be a static display.*

The Eagle and Vulture Show (Friday ONLY) - *Ernie the Eagle Owl will be learning the trade, Batty the Batleur Eagle gets to grips with soaring, Dyson the Vulture takes the show to new heights and Sydney the Bald Eagle will be all over the skies! There will also be a static display.*

Music - *The breadth of music available at the show continues to expand as we welcome two bands into the arena for the first time in the Show's history.*

The Salamanca Band and Bugles of the Rifles will help us re-engage with our military heritage whilst the next generation of gifted musicians will be showcased by the extraordinary contribution of The 2nd Rossendale Scout Group Band. The Lazy River Jazz Band, making their first appearance at the Flower Show, will maintain the popular Jazz feature around the Fountain. This year the show will also feature popular music radio station 'Orchard FM' and BBC Somerset Sound.

Don't forget:

- The ever-popular Seeds of Knowledge lectures and the useful 'Garden Doctors' panel which will again be helping with your horticultural conundrums.
- The new Farmers Market where we will be showcasing high quality food from local producers.
- Sculptures in the Park is an innovative opportunity to showcase young art students work at various locations around the park during the Flower Show weekend. Other works, subject to space, may be on show and for sale near the Seeds of Knowledge lecture tent.



Members Facilities

One of the benefits of being a member is being able to have a moment to sit down, relax and take in the atmosphere in the Members Marquee, away from the hustle and bustle of the Show. The Members lunch is again being provided by Posh Nosh in the Members' marquee close to the arena where tea, coffee and light refreshments are also available from 10.00am on both days. Enclosed with this mailing is a letter detailing the timings, cost and menu of the lunch but please make sure you book early as it is very popular.

Members are able to make use of the free Members parking facilities and, new for this year, we are providing a **golf buggy shuttle service** (kindly sponsored by Nynehead Court) to

take the less mobile from the car parking area in Ash Meadows straight to the gates of Vivary Park.

Members are, of course, able to browse the Show on the first day, Friday 3rd August, for an hour earlier than everyone else, as they are admitted from 10.00am, and the gates are open to the general public from 11.00am. However, it must be appreciated that judging may not have finished and therefore admittance into the Competition and Floral Marquees cannot be permitted until the judges have completed their assessments.

Your membership card is valid for both days of the Show. Please don't forget to keep it to obtain your 10% discount at Blackdown Garden Centre.



Competitive Classes News

Preparations continue apace as the show approaches and the pace begins to get more hectic. This year we have been determined to increase the number of entries in the competitive classes. Local schools have been provided with copies of the schedule and, whilst we cannot expect schools to enter as groups, we are hopeful that they can act as distribution points. We also encourage novices and group entries with special classes.

The idea of collecting the names at last year's show of people who would like to enter this year seems to have paid off and we have already received several new entries from people who have not entered before.

This year for the first time, we produced a competitive classes newsletter called 'First Division' aimed at generating more entries.

The white covering for the competitive tables has been bought

and new prize card labels have been produced. Only this afternoon we were down on the beach collecting items for the 'fun with flowers' classes...so things are moving quite fast now.

Entries have begun to come in. As always, these generally get left to the last minute and we expect the flood in the few days leading up to the closure date, but it is encouraging to get those little envelopes in the post and quite exciting to open them and to see who is entering what classes!

As always, please encourage your friends and family to enter the competitive classes. Schedules can be downloaded from the website, collected from Taunton Tourist Information Centre or they can be posted to you. Please see the contact details on page 4 of this newsletter.

We look forward to receiving your 'white envelopes' in the post soon!

Angela Coleby



ENTRIES CLOSE: 12 Noon, 27 July 2007

Ready.....Steady.....Garden.....!

We are really excited about this new competition that is a first anywhere in the country!

Ready, Steady, Garden is a competition with two garden designers racing against the clock to create the best garden possible to a set colour theme using plants from one of our sponsoring garden centres.

The competition starts on Friday at 10.00am with a visit to the garden centre then the hard work begins at 2.00pm. The two gardens must be completed and then judged by 4.00pm.

We are very pleased to have Simon Harrison-Knibbs who is the presenter of TV's 'Garden's Unplugged' to judge the gardens. Simon is well known for his down to earth approach to gardening and we are very lucky to have him taking a keen interest in the show.

Our two intrepid gardeners are:

Kath Crouch - First BBC Gardener of the Year 1999/2000 and Garden Designer *and*

Sally Leaney – Garden Designer & Author, winner of Best Show Garden at Taunton Flower Show 2006.

Please come along and support both them and this innovative event.



Useful Contacts

General Show Enquiries / Membership

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Charity Concert

The 2nd ROSSENDALE SCOUT GROUP BAND will be hosting a charity concert after they have performed at the flower show.

Saturday 4th August 7.30pm

at St James Church, Taunton
Tickets £5.00 - available from

The Salvation Army, League of Friends of Taunton
Hospital and Open Door

Telephone Contact: 01823 271 996

Commemorative Cover

The Scouting Commemorative Cover is an illustrated souvenir envelope with a special hand stamp which has been produced to commemorate the 2007 Show and the centenary of Scouting.

This souvenir cover will cost £1 and may be obtained at the show or ordered in advance, indicating whether you require the floral stamp or the Scout stamp. Cheques should be made payable to 'TDH&FS' and sent to 'Taunton Flower Show, PO Box 796, TA4 3WU'.

Envelopes will be addressed to you in soft pencil otherwise you may enclose a self-addressed sticky label with your order.

Further details from Show Secretary by email or tel 07794 407758.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

PUBLICITY

Could all members help us with publicity in the final run up to the Show by displaying as many posters as they can in homes, car windows, public notice boards, etc. We have included one in this mailing but if you would like more please contact Caroline on 07794 407 758. It will be particularly helpful if you can make sure that a poster goes up on every public notice board in your neighbourhood or village well ahead of the Show.

We also have leaflets, which are printed by Taunton Deane at no cost to the Flower Show, that need to be distributed throughout Somerset and the neighbouring counties. If you are able to deliver these leaflets door to door in your neighbourhood please let Caroline Seymour know how many leaflets you would like and which streets you can cover.

TAUNTON FARMERS MARKET

This popular event will be held on 26 July and 2 August in Taunton High Street. It is an ideal opportunity to publicise the show by handing out leaflets. Any time you can spare for this is valuable - please contact the show secretary.

DISCOUNT OFFER

Don't throw away your membership badges after the Show as Blackdown Garden Centre have very kindly agreed that on production of your 2007 membership card you will be entitled to a 10% discount on purchases.

STEWARDING

We are always looking for help with stewarding our visitors. With three entrances and numerous other jobs to be staffed throughout the two days of the show, we need a considerable number of people! If you think you could help and spare just a couple of hours for this vitally important job, please refer to the enclosed stewarding newsletter for more information. Thank you!

RAFFLE TICKETS

These are an important source of income for the show. Please sell the tickets included in this mailing and send the ticket stubs and money either to the Show Secretary or hand them in at the Show. Cheques should be made payable to 'Taunton Flower Show'.