

DON'T FORGET!

Our Annual General Meeting (this time including a review on film of the year at LHS) is on **Saturday 4 December** – see page 3 inside for details.

And if you can spare a bit of time to help with LHS activities – either regularly or as a one-off – see page 12 for some ideas.

LHS WEBSITE MEMBERS' AREA

Be sure to look us up on www.holehirdgardens.org.uk/marea

If you have any contributions or ideas for the website contact Diane Fisher or Kathryn Gamble using webmaster@holehirdgardens.org.uk

**Remember: your LHS membership card entitles you to
FREE ENTRY TO KEW GARDENS**

NEXT LHS NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2011 Copy deadline: no later than 28 February

The editor will welcome details of forthcoming events and other information relevant mainly to the months of April to June 2011, and later if appropriate. When planning anything that will need announcing in the Newsletter, please think ahead and bear in mind both the circulation date and the copy deadline.

Please also tell the editor about any changes in contact details, or inaccuracies or misprints that need to be corrected. Contact the editor by email at

newsletter@holehirdgardens.org.uk

or use the editor's private email address if you have it, or send contributions by post to Ann Thomson, Rowe Head Farm, Pennington, Ulverston LA12 0RR

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11am mini-lectures are given by members and last about an hour. Coffee from 10.30am.

NOVEMBER

Sat 13	Wardens' Get-together (p. 13)	Holehird	2pm
Tues 16	Viniculture at Holehird: indicator of global warming? by Ian Jones	Holehird	11am
Sat 27	A Garden for All Seasons by John Massey (p. 10)	Ladyholme	2.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat 4	LHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and film show (p. 3)	Ladyholme	2pm
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JANUARY

Sat 29	Woodland Gardening in Lakeland by Dr David Kinsman (p. 10)	Ladyholme	2.30pm
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FEBRUARY

Sat 5	Plant Heritage AGM, Lunch and Plant Sale with talk by John Wilkinson (p. 14)	Holehird	1pm
Sat 19 & Sun 20	Holehird Reception winter opening weekend (p. 3)		10-5
Sat 26	Alpines through an Artist's Eye by Rosemary Cox (p. 10)	Ladyholme	2.30pm
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MARCH

Sat 19	Garden Party with a Difference! (p. 12)	Holehird	10am
Sat 26	The Perennial Pleasures of Rosemoor: perennials in the garden throughout the year by Christopher Bailes (p. 10)	Ladyholme	2.30pm

APRIL

Sat 2 & Sun 3	Course: Pastel Pencils with Valerie Wood (p. 6)	Holehird	10-4
Sat 9	New members' day (p. 13)	Holehird	2pm
Tues 19	Garden Update by Garden Co-ordinator	Holehird	11am
Mon 25	Course: Plant Propagation with Tom Attwood (p. 7)	Holehird	10-3
Sat 30	Plant Invaders by Sir John Beringer (p. 11)	Ladyholme	2.30pm

MAY

Sat 7	LHS Annual Plant Sale	Lakes School	1.15pm
Thurs 12-19	Tour: Gardens of north west Scotland (p. 5)		
Tues 17	Woodland Creation in NW England – Opportunities & Benefits by Keith Jones	Holehird	11am

JUNE

Tues 21	Coppicing old and new by Ian Taylor	Holehird	11am
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JULY

Tues 19	A Holker Show garden – from idea to inception by Frances Davenport	Holehird	11am
Tues 19 to Fri 22	Tour: Gardens of Northumberland (p. 5)		

The LHS AGM takes place at the Ladyholme Centre on SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER at 2pm

This year the AGM will be followed by
a film show of the Society's activities over the last twelve months

We are assembling the material NOW and there is time to take
contributions from any member

*If you have a favourite photo for inclusion, please send it by the **end of November***

- by e-mail to pictures@holehirdgardens.org.uk

- or post to the LHS Chairman, Holehird Gardens,

Patterdale Road, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1NP

In each case please make sure you include your name and phone number.

WINTER OPENING 2011

Reception will be open again for two weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in early spring, to encourage visitors to come and see the winter bulbs. The dates are:

19 and 20 February 10am to 5pm

26 and 27 February 10am to 5pm

Information about the plants in bloom will be available in Reception and appropriate plants will be on sale.

LHS CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you [like me – Ed.] don't believe in starting Christmas preparations in August, it's not too late to remind you that LHS Christmas cards can be bought at Reception. They feature winter photographs taken in the gardens at Holehird, and this year's new design is a delightful snow scene. Proceeds from sales go to LHS funds.

LHS GardenTours 2011

Following our successful visits to some of the great gardens of Hampshire and Sussex we have arranged two tours for 2011.

7 nights 12 to 19 May – far north-west of Scotland

Our base for the first four nights will be the Royal Hotel in Ullapool. The legendary Inverewe Garden at Poolewe is a must and others in rugged but spectacular Sutherland are House of Gruinard and Dundonnell. At House of Tongue on the exposed north coast we are promised a surprising summer garden. Transfer to Kyle of Lochalsh will take us by the majestic peaks of Loch Torridon with a delightful garden at Attadale. Two nights at the Lochalsh Hotel will allow a full day on the Isle of Skye including a visit to Dunvegan Castle gardens. The return trip involves an overnight stay in Pitlochry with opportunities to visit the Scottish Plant Hunters' Garden and the renowned Branklyn alpine garden in Perth. The estimated cost of **£550** includes coach travel with pick-ups in Windermere, Preston Patrick and Penrith, en-suite hotel accommodation in twin/double rooms and all dinners. Single-room accommodation is very limited and a supplement of £70 per person must be applied.

3 nights 19 to 22 July – Northumberland

Some of the important Northumbrian gardens have been visited relatively recently on LHS tours and day visits so we may appear to be omitting the obvious, though we shall include the constantly developing garden at Alnwick Castle. The programme has yet to be finalised, but we intend also to visit gardens at Belsay Hall, Bide-A-Wee, Eggleston Hall, Hesterton, Howick and Mindrum. Lindisfarne Castle is a possibility subject to accessibility on the day. A day across the Scottish border will include Manderston. Our base is The Blue Bell Hotel at Belford where we shall occupy all available rooms. Again single rooms are severely limited but no supplement applies. The approximate cost of **£350** includes coach travel throughout with pick-ups in Windermere, Preston Patrick and Penrith, en-suite hotel accommodation in twin/double rooms, all dinners and some lunches.

For more information send the slip below to George Feather, 4 Greenbank Avenue, Storth, Milnthorpe LA7 7JP Email: george.feather@care4free.net Tel: 01524 761773

Please enclose 1st class stamp for each tour

LHS Tours 2011

Please send full information/booking form(s) when available. (Delete what does not apply)

12-19 May: North West Scotland

19-22 July: Northumberland

Name..... Phone

Address

A special publication for the 40th Anniversary of the LHS
THE LAKELAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
an illustrated history

*If you are a new member you will want to know how the LHS started
and how the gardens have developed over the years.*

*If you are a long-standing member you will want a souvenir of the stages
you were involved in and a reminder of the sheer scale of the enterprise.*

**Lavishly illustrated with over 500 photographs,
the History is now available from Reception at Holehird
(open Wednesday mornings during winter)**

Price £9.50 or by mail order £11.00

MAIL ORDER FORM

Please send mecopies of the History at £11.00 each

Name.....

Address.....

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..... Postcode.....

*Make cheques payable to The Lakeland Horticultural Society and send to
Hon. Sec. FAO History, Holehird Gardens, Patterdale Road, Windermere,
Cumbria LA23 1NP*

LHS 40th Anniversary History – a comment from the Newsletter Editor

Reading the History as a relatively recent LHS member I was intrigued to learn of its origin in post-War domestic food production strategy, how the Holehird site has been acquired and developed over the decades, and the heroic feats of engineering often entailed. The book's ingenious "timeline" layout shows how the Society's varied activities have evolved, with a generous supply of photos, diagrams and line drawings to bring the story to life.

It's a vivid reminder that Holehird (like any managed garden) is a perpetual work in progress, dependent on the skill, vision and dedication of many people past, present and – we trust – future.

LIBRARY REPORT

The New Members' Day in September was well attended and we hosted three groups through the afternoon, explaining what the library provides in the way of books & journals. On the IT side we covered use of the internet for information, access to LHS & RHS websites, etc. We also covered slide scanning and preparation of digital materials for giving talks. Of most interest, however, were the digital microscopes which we had set up to show short videos of greenfly wandering about on roses, the courting behaviour of white fly, the

dissection of primula flowers showing the pin-eyed and thrum-eyed variants and the stamens of eucryphia flowers. One outcome of our activities was a potential volunteer interested in the Children's Trail and another interested in the wildlife in the garden at Holehird. The display rack in the reading room contains an interesting selection of new books, ranging from Church Flowers to A History of Garden Gnomes. A new book on Auriculas has stimulated a proposal that we consider having an 'Auricula Theatre' at Holehird.

Diane & David Kinsman, Librarians

Should members have suggestions for new books, then please leave details on the sheet in the library.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Anon	Style Redefined: Haddonstone, The Collection	East Haddon	<i>Haddonstone</i>	2009	2a70
Bapasola J	The Finest View in England: The Landscape and Gardens at Blenheim Palace	Woodstock	<i>Blenheim Palace</i>	2009	9a187
Campbell K	Paradise of Exiles: The Anglo-American Gardens of Florence	London	<i>Frances Lincoln</i>	2009	9a183
Eckenwalder JE	Conifers of the World	Portland, Oregon	<i>Timber Press</i>	2009	7a25
Flanagan M & Kirkham T	Wilson's China: A Century On	Kew	<i>Kew Publishing</i>	2009	9b37
Foley C	The Allotment Handbook	London	<i>New Holland</i>	2004	5b14
Grey-Wilson C	The Rock Garden Plant Primer	Portland, Oregon	<i>Timber Press</i>	2009	6a31
Guest A	The Auricula: History, Cultivation and Varieties	Woodbridge	<i>Garden Art Press</i>	2009	8pri11
Hawthorne L	Gardening with Shape, Line and Texture	Portland, Oregon	<i>Timber Press</i>	2009	2c67
Hopwood R	Fountains and Water Features	London	<i>Frances Lincoln</i>	2009	2f19
Horwood C	Gardening Women: Their Stories from 1600 to the Present	London	<i>Virago</i>	2010	9a186
Jones L	The Garden Visitor's Companion	London	<i>Thames & Hudson</i>	2009	9a185
Kingsbury N	Hybrid: The History and Science of Plant Breeding	Chicago	<i>University of Chicago Press</i>	2009	4b33
Nelson EC	An Irishman's Cuttings	Cork	<i>Collins Press</i>	2009	9d40
Quest-Ritson C	Ninfa: The Most Romantic Garden in the World	London	<i>Frances Lincoln</i>	2009	9a181
Rankin G	The Flowering of Aberglasney	Llangathen	<i>Aberglasney Enterprises</i>	2009	9a182
Richardson T	Great Gardens of America	London	<i>Frances Lincoln</i>	2009	9a184
Rose S	For All the Tea in China	London	<i>Viking Press</i>	2009	9b38
Scot S	The Follies of Boughton Park	Moulton	<i>Scot Pubs</i>	1995	9a188
Scott S	Artificial Stone: A Successful Substitute for Natural Stone?	East Haddon	<i>Haddonstone</i>	2009	2a71

LADYHOLME LECTURES 2010/2011

**All lectures are held at
The Ladyholme Centre, Lake Road,
Windermere, LA23 2EQ**

Saturday 27 November 2.30pm

John Massey A Garden for all Seasons.

For 40 years, John Massey has built up the reputation of Ashwood Nurseries in the West Midlands through his passion for plants, especially Lewisias (of which he holds the National Collection), Helleborus, Cyclamen species, Hepatica and, more recently, Salvia and Hydrangea. Gold medals have been awarded to his exhibits at Westminster, and in 2003 he received the Veitch Memorial medal for his contribution to the advancement of the science of horticulture. He has created a new garden to show that there are still many more plants worthy of attention.

Saturday 29 January 2.30pm

Dr David Kinsman Woodland Gardening in Lakeland

Dr Kinsman is a geologist and oceanographer who started his professional life as a professor at Princeton University. When ashore, he has always gardened. Over the past 30 years he has been learning about the practicalities of Lakeland woodland gardening.

Saturday 26 February 2.30pm

Rosemary Cox Alpines through an Artist's Eye

Rosemary Cox, a teacher of geography, discovered alpinists in remote parts of Northern Europe. In retirement, she grows and paints these plants, and has exhibited at RHS shows.

Saturday 26 March 2.30pm

Christopher Bailes The Perennial Pleasures of Rosemoor: perennials in the garden throughout the year.

Christopher Bailes began gardening in 1970, and has worked at Kew from where he travelled on expeditions to East Africa, India, Nepal and Borneo. Since 1988 he has been curator of RHS Rosemoor.

Saturday 30 April 2.30pm

Sir John Beringer Plant Invaders

Sir John studied agriculture and microbiology at Edinburgh University, and is now at the University of Bristol. He has chaired the UK committee on the risk of genetically modified organisms which also examined the introduction of non-native organisms.

Saturday 29 October 2.30pm

Dr John Grimshaw In a Botanist's Garden – an eclectic sampling of the world's flora.

Dr. Grimshaw has been interested in plants all his life, as both gardener and botanist. He is currently Manager at Colesbourne Park, Gloucestershire, the Elwes family garden, and is co-author of *Snowdrops* and *New Trees: Recent Introductions to Cultivation*.

Saturday 26 November 2.30pm

Tony Kirkham Wilson's China, a Century On

Tony Kirkham arrived at Kew in 1970, became Head of the Arboretum in 2001, and is now one of Kew's most active plant collectors. He has recently written, with M Flanagan, *Wilson's China, a Century On*, and has featured in BBC TV series on trees.

MINI-LECTURES AT HOLEHIRD 2011

Mini-lectures are held monthly on Tuesdays at 11am in the Members' Room, Holehird. They are given by LHS members, and last about an hour. Free coffee and biscuits are available from 10.30am.

19 April	Garden Update	<i>Garden Co-ordinator</i>
17 May	Woodland Creation in NW England – Opportunities and Benefits	<i>Keith Jones</i>
21 June	Coppicing old and new	<i>Ian Taylor</i>
19 July	A Holker Show garden - from idea to inception	<i>Frances Davenport</i>
16 August	Crocossias through the ages	<i>John Foley</i>
20 September	The real 'Open Gardens' story	<i>Diane Hewitt</i>
18 October	The Orchids of Cumbria	<i>Peter Bullard</i>
15 November	Gardeners' Questions	<i>Panel</i>

HELPING HANDS AT HOLEHIRD

*All activities at Holehird depend on our reliable, hardworking LHS members.
This page suggests a few of the areas where help is needed at present.*

A Garden Party.....with a difference!

Do you love the garden and want to help but have too many other commitments - full time job? young family?..... your own garden?

Can you afford to give up **just one day to help with the SPRING CLEAN?**

Jobs such as ... sweeping ... painting ... washing down?

(See the *Journal Society News* for more ideas!)

It is a hugely enjoyable gathering and a great way for

- new members to meet some of the stalwarts
- regular gardeners, wardens, propagators, labellers to make a different kind of contribution.

Come and join us **whatever the weather!**

- Wear your old clothes
- Bring lunch
- **Absolutely no horticultural skills required!**

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2011 about 10.00am

Unlimited tea and coffee and **big** biscuits will be provided!



Projection Team Appeal

Two of our projection team are leaving in December so I am looking for replacements. The more people that are able to help the less often you are called upon. Mini Lectures require about two hours of your time and are only once a month. Ladyholme Lectures are a little longer. If you are able to help or would like to find out more please ring me.

Christine Willey 01539 730 365

Save Our Coffee Break!

The House Committee is urgently looking for someone to organise the rota for serving coffee to members on Wednesday mornings. If no one is willing, the Wednesday gardeners will not get their coffee break – so can you help?

To find out what is involved, please contact **Betty Sankey** on **01539 434 641**

CALLING ALL WARDENS

Arthur and I would like to invite you, on behalf of the Society, to a get-together at Holehird on Saturday 13 November at 2 pm to celebrate the end of a successful year's wardening and to thank you for always being so helpful and supportive; we really do appreciate it.

We shall be sending out individual letters to wardens with a return slip but please, please, if anyone doesn't receive their invitation do let us know – it's easy for names to be unintentionally missed out.

Beryl Gunningham, Warden Co-ordinator

NEWS FROM THE GARDENING COMMITTEE

(Garden Committee Chairman: Graeme Johnson 01229 889 687)

The Gardening Committee now circulates a news bulletin to regular Holehird gardeners. Here are a couple of items that may interest other LHS members.

Holker Show

We were delighted with our gold medal at the 2010 Holker Garden Festival. We're not planning to put on another display in 2011, but LHS may have a publicity and information stand at the Show instead.

Challenge the Propagators!

We're keen to receive more propagation material from Garden bedholders, particularly more unusual and interesting plants. Good quality, correctly labelled material from members' own gardens is welcome too. Why not give our propagators a challenge?

NEW MEMBERS' DAYS 2011

Recently these days have fallen at very busy times. We are changing them this year in the hope that more people will be able to attend. They will be held on **Saturday 9 April and Saturday 24 September at 2pm.**

All new members will receive individual invitations. Any established members who would like to come and get to know the gardens and gardeners better will also be welcome. If you are **not a new member** and would like to come, please notify the Membership Secretary at least a week before the event.

Anne Samways (Membership Secretary) 01539 432 139

AFFILIATED AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

The following Affiliated and Associated Societies have given details of forthcoming events which you are welcome to attend. For more information contact named representative.

PLANT HERITAGE (NCCPG North West)

Sat 5 February 2011 at Holehird: AGM with Bring and Buy Plant sale
Lunch 1pm; AGM & talk: 'Holidays, History and Heritage' by John Wilkinson 2.00pm
Contact Catherine Penny 01254 878 254

ARNSIDE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Lectures (50p admission) Thursdays at 7.30pm in WI Hall unless otherwise stated

4 Nov Tim Smith: 'Plants and Ideas for your Garden'
3 Feb 2011 Bob Sanderson: 'Low Maintenance Gardening'
3 March Ron Davies: 'A Year in a Victorian Country House Garden'
Sat 26 March 2pm: Spring Show
Sat 7 May 9.45am: Coffee Morning & Plant Sale
Mrs C Lion, Garthfield, Chapel Lane, Arnside LA5 0AQ dereklion@sky.com

GARDENERS OF EDEN

Meetings at 2pm in Quaker Meeting House, Kirkby Stephen unless otherwise stated

16 Nov Alan Clark: 'Collecting Rhododendrons'. Venue TBC
Contact Sue Bradley 01768 372 700 / email esuebradley@gofast.co.uk

GRANGE GARDEN SOCIETY

Lectures Fridays at 7.30pm in URC Hall, Grange unless otherwise stated

19 Nov 2pm AGM and mince pies
10 Dec Christmas Luncheon, Netherwood Hotel
Contact Wyn Sayers 01539 532 121

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY – CUMBRIA GROUP

See www.hpscumbria.org.uk. Meetings at the Masonic Hall Kendal, Mondays at 7.30pm

22 Nov Don Witton: 'Herbaceous Borders'
5 Dec: Christmas Lunch at Holehird
24 Jan 2011 Michael Myers: 'Scent and Scentability'
21 Feb Tom Attwood: 'The Restoration of the Garden and Nursery at Halecat'
21 March: AGM and Photo Competition
11 April Jeff Hutchings: 'Growing Hardy Orchids'
Erica Clapp 01539 530 592 / email: davidclapp@sandycottage.fsnet.co.uk

NORTH LAKES HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meetings on Saturdays at 2pm in Southey St Methodist Church Hall, Keswick

13 Nov Dr Ian Boyd: 'My American Travels'
8 Jan 2011 Phil & Lizzie Newport: 'Here's One I Built Earlier'
12 Feb Bob Sanderson: 'Stories from the Shows'
12 March Yvonne Anderson-Boyd: 'Allotments'
9 April Kevin Preston: 'Sweet Peas'
Contact Andrea Cameron 01768 776 141

STORTH AND DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Meetings Thursdays at 7.30pm in Storth Village Church unless otherwise stated

11 Nov Mr Les Foden: 'Gardening for Everyone' plus Members' Christmas Draw
2 Jan 2011 Mr Fred Barnes: 'Caring for and Exhibiting Roses'
Wed 2 March 7pm: AGM and talk by Mr Kevin Preston 'Planting Interests'
Contact Mrs M Dale 01539 564 166 / email m.dale66@btinternet.com

Associated or Affiliated Societies not featured above can be contacted as follows.

APPLEBY AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

Mr D Raine, The Wraes, Bongate, Appleby CA16 6UE

BORWICK AND PRIEST HUTTON GARDENERS' CLUB

Mrs Ann Lister 01524 734 357 / email lister1961@btinternet.com

LAKELAND RHODODENDRON, CAMELLIA and MAGNOLIA SOCIETY

Robert Smith (secretary) 01539 443 041

TATTON GARDEN SOCIETY, CHESHIRE (President: Sir Bernard Lovell FRS)

Mr P Davis, 1 Sydall Avenue, Cheadle SK8 3AA (0161 437 1789)
or go to www.tattongardensociety.co.uk

WESTMORLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

c/o 2 Peat Lane, Sandylands, Kendal LA9 6LA
Phone: 01539 741 267
