

# The FHS Grapevine

Newsletter of the Finchley Horticultural Society

Summer 2016

## Committee News

We are now on **Facebook**, to access this and to read FHS news go to [www.facebook.com/FinchleyHS](http://www.facebook.com/FinchleyHS).

### Trading Hut Volunteers needed

Are there any members who would enjoy the challenge of running our Trading Hut at Gordon Road? We need people to join our team of volunteers who manage our shop. It is a great service for all our members and sells essentials at reasonable prices. Please see June Brookes or Liz Thomson for more details.

## National Garden Scheme Open Day

**Sunday 4th September  
1.30pm until 5.30pm**

**Entry £3.50, children free  
in aid of NGS charities**

**Gordon Road Allotments,  
Finchley N3**

Garden Tours

Vegetables for sale

Perennials for sale

Honey from our own hives

Refreshments served from  
our new tea hut

## Success!

The Finchley Horticultural Society made an amazing £4000 on the two Plant Sale Days in May. The money will be spent on general repairs and improvements on the three FHS sites. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it so successful. Particular thanks go to Chris and Phil for getting the tea hut up and running ready for the Plant Sales after it had been erected by our team of local stalwarts. Also to Elain for coping with the teething problems! Come along, celebrate our success and meet fellow FHS members at the annual BBQ on Gordon Road on 24th July on the Piggery from 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Booking form inside.





## Nethercourt Avenue Allotments



Nethercourt Avenue Allotment Site, just off Nethercourt Avenue in N3, is a beautiful, quiet site comprising 14 allotments and is part of the FHS along with the Brent Way Site. Janine Limberg is the allotment secretary and is proud of the high standard of the plots at Nethercourt. Plot holders have access to water, a strimmer and a lawnmower though there is no electricity on the site.

### New Members

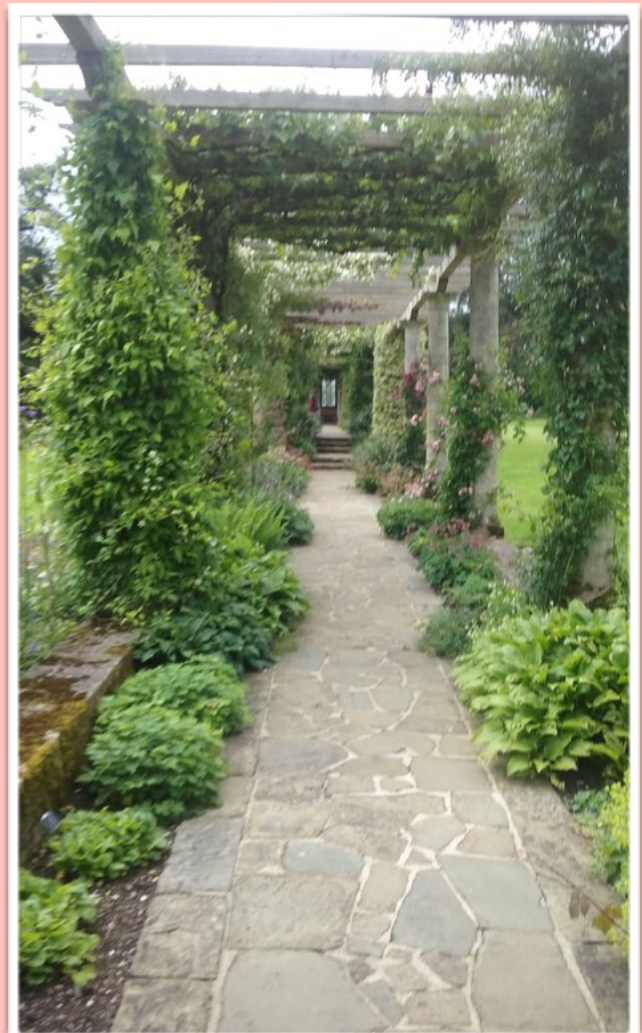
Welcome to Nicola Bettis, Anne Ng, Andrew Knowles and Valerie Hills. All FHS members can use the Trading Hut, attend events and come on our outings, the next one is to Wisley.

### The Barnet Allotment Federation Horticultural show

The 2016 show will take place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th August at Rathbone Allotments, Ryalls Court, Oakleigh Road South, N20 0RY. See the BAF website for

## FHS Visits West Dean Gardens

Until we had a sudden shower towards the end of the afternoon, the weather just about held up for our wonderful FHS visit to West Dean Gardens in West Sussex on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. West Dean consists of 100 acres of glorious gardens and parkland including 13 Victorian glasshouses full of tropical and temperate plants, orchids, pelargoniums, fuchsias, figs, vines, melons, cucumbers and much more. We were all overwhelmed by the walled kitchen gardens laid out using the classic Victorian design and full of rows and rows of perfect cabbages, broccoli, asparagus, lettuces and the most enormous onions. And not a weed to be seen. We all enjoyed the Pergola, at 300 ft, one of the longest in the country, the sunken garden and the walled fruit garden. A wonderful visit.



Why not come along to our next outing to RHS Wisley on Saturday 10th September?

**BARBEQUE  
SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY  
ON THE PIGGERY  
from 1.30 p.m.**

**£5 FHS member  
£7 guests  
(children under 7 free)**

**DONATIONS OF SALAD  
OR SWEETS WELCOMED**

**soft drinks provided  
bring your own alcohol**

I/We would like to attend the barbecue.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of FHS members \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary requests \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque (made out to Finchley Horticultural Society)  
for £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please give cheque or cash with this form to **June,  
Allotment Secretary**

**Newsletter**

If you received a paper copy of this newsletter and are now able to receive it by e-mail, please inform Christine Williams, [chrysw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrysw@hotmail.co.uk). This saves us time and money.

***THE FINCHLEY  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY***

**WISLEY VISIT**

**Saturday 10 September 2016**

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**R.H.S. Wisley offers a beautiful experience throughout the year, where you can take in the majestic beauty of the Glasshouse, the stunning rock garden or the glorious borders.**

**There are places to eat, a Plant Centre and Gift Shop**

Departure from outside the Library, top of Hendon Lane, Finchley Central at 09.30

Arriving back at 7pm approx

**The cost is only £17.50** (includes Drivers gratuity)

This will be a popular outing, so to confirm your booking please send your cheque before 1<sup>st</sup> September payable

to The Finchley Horticultural Society and send to: **June Brookes, 19 Norman Court, 395 Nether Street N3 1QQ.**

**Enquiries: 020 8349 2253**

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Name .....

Tel. No.....

Address .....

e-mail .....

Number of seats £17.50 .....

Total enclosed £.....

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## Events Diary

### May - September 2016

NGS Open Gardens - outer North/North West  
London Group  
see NGS website for details

### 24th July 2016

FHS BBQ at Gordon Road Allotments  
from 1.30pm  
FHS members £5.00, guests £7.00 and  
children under 7 free. All welcome

### 4 - 7 August 2016

RHS Garden Hyde Hall  
Flower Show  
Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8ET  
Seek inspiration from the garden in full  
summer bloom



### 19-20 August 2016

BAF Horticultural Show

### 6 - 11 September 2016

RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show  
9.00am until 6.00pm (5.00pm on  
the final day)  
A spectacular late summer show - six days of  
floral wonders



### 10th September FHS Visit to Wisley

Coach trip organised by the Society - see  
inside for details and the booking form

### 7 - 11 September 2016

National Dahlia Society Annual Show  
Tuesday: noon - 6.00pm  
Wed - Sat: 9.00am - 6.00pm  
Sun: 9.00am - 5pm  
'My Best Garden Dahlia Competition'  
on 10th and 11th September

To book tickets to RHS shows, visit  
[rhs.org.uk/shows](http://rhs.org.uk/shows) or call 0844 338 7539

### 4th September 2016

NGS Open Day 1.30pm - 5.30pm  
entry £3.50 and children go free  
in aid of NGS charities

### Finchley Nurseries Garden Centre

Finchley Nurseries Garden Centre offers a 10%  
discount on plants to all Finchley Horticultural  
Society members.

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