

## TILEHURST HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

**Welcome** to the Tilehurst Horticultural Association or THA for short.

**The THA aims** to provide to the gardeners of Tilehurst, sundry goods in realistic quantities and reasonable prices and increase the knowledge of and interest in, gardening in general. Volunteers drawn from the membership run the THA, and provide the staffing of the two Trading sheds.

**Trading** is a vital part and provides the finance necessary to keep the THA functioning. Only members are allowed to purchase from the Trading Sheds and your membership card must be shown when purchasing. Trading is carried out on:

**Saturday afternoon** in a shed situated on the allotments in Oak Tree Road, which is on the right, just past Parkhill Drive as you are going down the hill.

February – 1400hrs to 1500hrs  
March to July – 1400hrs to 1600hrs  
August – Closed  
September: - 1400hrs to 1500hrs  
October – January: - closed

**Sunday morning** in the shed in Gratwicke Road.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January - February: - 1000hrs to 1100hrs  
March – September: - 1000hrs to 1200hrs  
October -November: - 1000hrs to 1100hrs  
December: - closed

**Newsletters** are published 4 times a year, giving details of forthcoming events and tips on a variety of subjects. The Newsletters are hand-delivered to your door by volunteers if you live within our distribution area, alternatively you can elect to receive them by e-mail.

**Talks** are held in the Village Hall, Victoria Road, Tilehurst during the Winter/Spring seasons, to alleviate possible withdrawal symptoms and set you up to face the new garden cycle. The talks are published in the Newsletters, but are usually January, March, April, October and November. There is no entrance charge for the talks and they are open to all, but a raffle is held to assist towards the cost.

**Plant Exchange Evening** is held in May, in the Village Hall, a good way to pass on your excess plants and obtain others.

**Coach Trips** are arranged during the summer months.

The pinnacle of the THA year is the **Annual Show** held on the first Saturday in August, in the Village Hall, Victoria Road, Tilehurst. All members and their families may enter; indeed the Show is open to anyone living in Tilehurst. Classes cover Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Pot Plants, Cookery etc., and include Junior Classes (under 16yrs of age).

**Membership** is by Annual subscription and renewal is due the first time you go to the Trading shed in the New Year. At present the subscription is £4pa or £2pa if you are a senior citizen, increasing to £6pa or £3pa wef 2013.

**For further information** contact the Secretary – Lynne Jones – telephone number 9425245, e-mail [tilehurstha@gmail.com](mailto:tilehurstha@gmail.com)