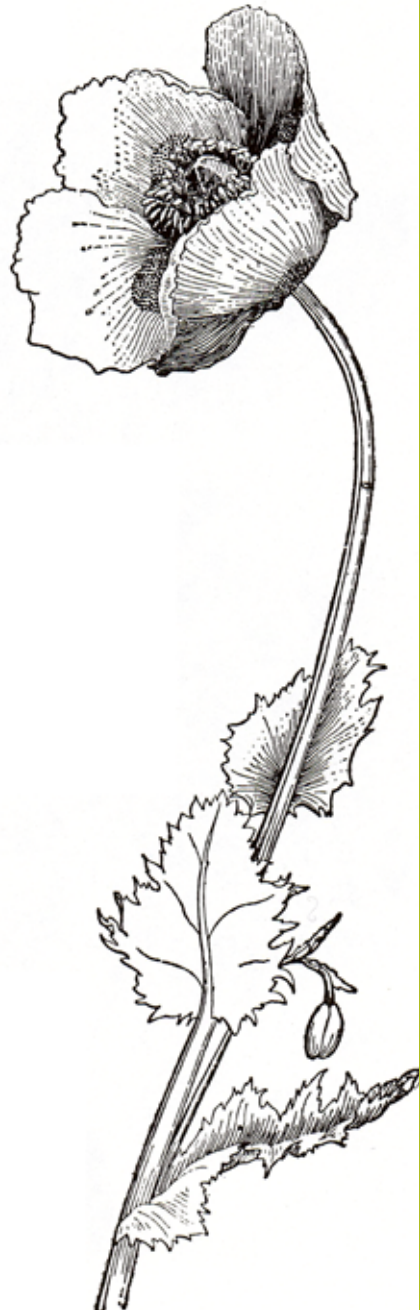


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Gardeners' Question Time

**A PANEL OF EXPERTS ANSWER
YOUR GARDENING QUERIES**

**The evening includes a Market stall &
gardening advice from Petersham Nurseries,
interval refreshments and raffle**

THURSDAY 11 MARCH, 7.00 for 7.30pm

TIFFIN SCHOOL

**JUDGE LECTURE THEATRE, LONDON RD, KINGSTON
8 mins walk Kingston station / car parking on site**

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JIM BUTTRESS (Chair) was Chairman of the RHS Britain in Bloom UK judging panel, and holder of the RHS Victoria medal of honour. Jim is literally a foundation stone in the development of the Tom Hart Dyke's World Garden (see below), working alongside Tom since 2005. Jim organises the annual plant fair and day-to-day activities at Lullingstone. Jim also features on the Sunday gardening phone-in programmes of 'Dig it' on BBC Radio Surrey and Radio Sussex.

TOM HART DYKE first shot to international prominence in 2000 when he was kidnapped in the Panamanian jungle on a plant hunting expedition. Tom and his travelling companion were kidnapped while trekking through 'The Darien Gap', a dangerous place abandoned by all to warring guerrilla factions. They were held for nine months and released in December 2000. During the nine month ordeal the British Embassy gave the boys up for dead. The idea for The World Garden was born in the depths of despair in the Colombian jungle. Three months into their kidnap ordeal, Tom and his fellow captive Paul Winder, were told to prepare to die that night. Paul spent the afternoon of that fateful day in prayer, but Tom decided that the best course of action would be to spend his final day on Earth designing his dream garden! He spent the day drawing plans in his diary, for a World Garden – containing the plants he'd collected from across the globe, planted out in their respective countries of origin. Since his release from captivity, Tom has been busy building the 'World' in his back garden at Lullingstone Castle. Under the watchful eye of KEO Films/BBC, the man, known locally as 'the Plant Nut', has been filmed commandeering his Granny's 18th century Walled Garden, within the grounds of the Castle, to create his jungle dream. Every stage of Tom's jungle project has been filmed for the BBC's 12 part series. Tom's garden won the prestigious British Guild of Travel Writers UK Tourism Award 2005. Tom writes a weekly horticultural column called 'The Green man' for *The Kentish Times*. For more info on the World Garden see www.lullingstonecastle.co.uk

MARK WASILEWSKI is Superintendent of the Royal Parks of St James' Park and Green Park and vice-chair of the RHS Britain in Bloom competition. "When you're bordered by Buckingham Palace, Downing Street and Parliament Square, you never know who it is that's asking you about a duck or flower. It could be a peer on their way to the House of Lords. My staff of six deal with high-profile organisations – the Palace, Number 10 and Scotland Yard – and events such as the Queen's birthday parade and the London Marathon. Management involves planning hospitality, security, media positions, medical positions and crowd movements – as well as horticulture and maintenance."

TPA is very pleased to welcome **PETERSHAM NURSERIES** whose horticultural team will also be present to give advice before and during the interval (especially for those too shy to ask in front of the audience or if not enough time to field their question!) as well as perhaps answer questions on whether they stock or could source any plants mentioned during the evening.

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