

# Gardens of growing fame

THE FAME of Nymans Gardens at Handcross has spread far and wide — a letter recently arrived in the village from Holland, addressed to the tourist office.

The letter was passed on to Slaugham Parish Council chairman and Handcross resident, Mr Roger Ray. At a parish council meeting last week he explained

that it had been sent by a Mrs A. Kayser-Maas of Hulst.

She wrote as chairwoman of the horticultural group, the Koninklijke Maatschappij Tundouw En Plantkunde. She said 50 of its members would be visiting Nymans Gardens and Wakehurst Place, near Ardingly, on May 24.

Mrs Kayser-Maas wanted to know where the party could buy coffee and cakes, and whether

they could buy plants at any nearby nurseries.

Mr Ray returned her letter saying refreshments were available at Nymans and enclosed a Mid Sussex guide book.

He said he was surprised when he saw the address on the envelope.

“But you get all sorts of funny things sent. Some are addressed to the Mayor of Handcross,” he added.