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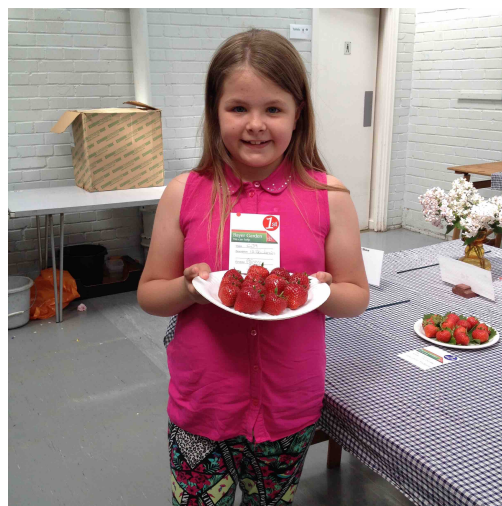
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SUMMER SHOW 2016



Pat Davis, with her 'Best in Show' HT rose, in a beautiful dress that was perfect for the Show.



Sally Baker, who has been writing her Brownie blog, with her prize-winning strawberries.



Raj Patel's Peas - 'Best in Show'

Well done to both Pat & Raj who took several prizes each.



The volunteers were wonderful. There was lots of help including some delicious homemade cakes for the refreshments

Inside: Reports from the Chair, Show Chair and Store Manager, June recipe, last call for the Wisley trip. More photos of the show & list of first prize-winners.

CHAIR'S REPORT

It was wonderful to see such a crowd at our June Show, particularly the newer plot holders with their families and friends. We were delighted that so many members volunteered to help and to make cakes, a lot of you for the first time, so thank you everyone!

There were fewer entries for fruit and vegetables than usual, mainly due to a dreadful April and an invasion of slugs this year, but that made it even more impressive to see the produce of those who overcame such drawbacks.

In June we met again with Ian Lewer, our local Councillor who is helping us with a new Lease that the Charities Commission and the Council will find acceptable, and were encouraged by his optimism that we may be nearing an agreement, hopefully in time to put to you at the AGM in November.

On May 22nd we welcomed visitors from Beatrix Potter and Sailor Prince allotments (the Wandsworth Horticultural Association) who enjoyed a couple of hours looking round our sites and having refreshments in the Store.



They have invited us to visit their sites, so once it has been arranged I will let you know.

This month we will be participating once again in the Wandsworth Best Plot Competition, please see Georgina's article and don't be shy to nominate your plot. There will be no Bulletin in August, as usual, so remember the Autumn Show will be on Saturday 10 September and the annual RGS trip to Wisley on Wednesday 14th September.

***Jackie Savage, 07508 559134,
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STORE REPORT



Cakes and gardening chat at the Store on Sunday.

With all the rain we have had recently, there has been much interest in products to deal with slugs and snails. Our Advanced Slug Pellets are selling well. We have also have a new product in the Store for those of you who do not like to use pellets. Grazers Slug and Snail Repellent is harmless to people, pets and the planet and is safe to use on edible and ornamental plants. It acts as a repellent when sprayed onto leaves and also strengthens and stimulates growth. It costs £8.50.

Also, following a request, we now have medium sized gloves as well

as small and large all at £4 per pair.

Gill Tamsett, Trading Secretary.

SHOW REPORT

ROSES AND RHUBARB...

...Saved the day at the summer show. The cold, wet spring hasn't been kind to our vegetables and so where we would normally see big displays of courgettes and peas what we had was in places sparse, small or non existent. What did make it to the show bench was of a very high quality. Rhubarb grows whatever the weather so there was a good variety of entries – long, short, fat and thin – with the winner being somewhere in the middle. The flowers were abundant with the roses stealing the show. Back in the day (100 years ago) when the show was for the gardeners of the (no longer there) big houses in Roehampton and Putney Heath it was known locally as The Rose Show. It must have been difficult for George, our esteemed judge, to choose the winner of the most fragrant rose in the garden – they all smelt wonderful. All of the sweet peas did too.

Fruits were sparse but the winning strawberries were big and fat and gorgeous.

It is always good to see children's entries; it helps them feel part of the occasion.

I'm not surprised that there were so few entries in the novice section – but well done to Brad for having a go with his strawberries. Hopefully there will be more produce available for the autumn show but

Brad – you will have to join the grown ups in September.

Cookery was well covered with an array of individual rhubarb dishes. 4 people baked the lemon drizzle cake to the provided recipe and they all came out different. There were also 4 unique varieties of bread.

The competitions are always a welcome extra for entrants and visitors alike - well done to Sarah for her froggie photo and Vivien for her lovely flower arrangement in a teapot.

Thank you to everyone who donated a cake for the refreshment stall, we had a few left over which went into the auction along with flowers, herbs, lemon curd, marmalade, bread, salad, fruit and vegetables – all giving visitors the chance to buy the home grown / home made produce – thanks to David for running the auction.

Thank you for the donations for the produce stall, raffle and tombolas. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped to run the show, either out front or back in the kitchen.

With fingers and toes crossed for the weather to warm up - see you in September.

Carol Martinez, Show Chair

Welcome to new plot-holders and members

Site 2:

Tania de Oliveira

Nigel King

Site 3

Shan Karatowskaha

THE WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL BEST PLOT COMPETITION

This annual competition that is run over all 10 Wandsworth allotment sites will be held on 20-23 July and the deadline for entry is 10th July.

There are two methods of entry. Either, plot holders may submit their plots for consideration to the Site Secretaries, or, Site Secretaries, with one other Committee member, select plots for nomination using the criteria set by Wandsworth. See below. (Any plot holder whose plot is selected will be contacted and has the right to decline nomination.) WBC limits the number of entries to 15% of plots on each site. As we always have more eligible plots than this percentage the Site Secretaries eliminate those that fall short of the set criteria.

Some people say they do not like competitions, but these criteria are really a 'good practice' guide. All entrants receive a feedback score sheet that I have found useful when considering areas for development.

Georgina O'Reilly
Secretary Site 2
RGS

Reminder: The next Bulletin will be the September Bulletin (OUT END OF AUGUST) with details of the Autumn Show and entry forms and show schedule.

WILD IN PUTNEY

Local photographer and publisher, Andrew Wilson, is updating his book 'Wild about Putney' first published in 2012. He is looking for gardens to photograph some of which he will include in this book to be published in October 2016.

If you have a beautiful or unusual garden in Putney or Roehampton that could be included in Andrew's book, please contact him on 020 8487 2199, 07710 394444 or at aw@unity-publishing.co.uk. You can see examples of Andrew's work at www.unity-publishing.co.uk.

ANNUAL TRIP TO RHS WISLEY – 14 September 2016

We can take up to 55 members free of charge and organise a lift if you need one.

Please let me know ASAP if you want to go. I need to confirm numbers by mid August.

The visit is free but if you would like to join an organised tour, lasting one to one and half hours, it will cost £3.

Pat Dark – contact details are at the back of this Bulletin.

BUYING BRITISH FLOWERS

There was a most interesting article in 'The Guardian' on Saturday 11 June, about a new breed of flower growers selling British Flowers.

The statistics quoted shocked me. 'The UK spends more than £2bn on cut flowers per year, but around 90% of them are imported.'

This week is British Flower Week so please take time to look at some of the web sites mentioned and consider buying British!

Some prices include postage and packing but all save energy and the planet, as flowers are not being flown around the world.

www.thebritishflowercollective.com

www.britishcutflowers.com

www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk

www.commonfarmflowers.com

www.thesuffolfflowerfarm.com

www.chadwicksflowers.co.uk

www.flowersbyclowance.co.uk

JULY RECIPE

Many thanks to Gill Tamsett and the Good Food website.

ASPARAGUS SOUP

Serves 4

1 tsp. olive oil
50g unsalted butter
1 medium onion, diced
1 clove garlic, crushed
12 stems asparagus, reserve 4 heads for garnish, then remove hard ends and finely chop the rest

800 ml vegetable stock
100g spinach
4 tbsp. crème fraiche
2 tbsp. chives, chopped

1. Put the olive oil and butter into a saucepan with the onion and garlic and sweat for 5 minutes on a low heat. Stir occasionally to prevent browning.

2. Add asparagus and continue to sweat for 2 more minutes, add stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Add the spinach to the soup and simmer for a further 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and put in a blender and blitz.

3. Mix the crème fraiche and chives and seasoning. Serve the soup in a bowl with a spoonful of the crème fraiche mix on top and garnish with the asparagus head.

THE FOOD ASSEMBLY

www.thefoodassembly.com

The Food Assembly is a network of communities buying fresh food directly from local producers and farmers. This includes fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy produce, bread, beer, preserves etc.

The Food Assembly won 'Best British Food Initiative' at the BBC Food and Farming Awards.

Emma Blackwell has informed me that a Putney network started on 21 April. You can join the network, order on-line and collect from 'The Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Road between 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evenings.

Feedback welcome! Pat Dark

THE SUMMER SHOW – FIRST PRIZE WINNERS



Callum Lodge



Derrick Ratcliffe



Sally Brown



Jonathan Compson



Jackie Savage
(photo by Alex Anper)

Section A - Flowers

1. Vase containing 1 HT rose, excluding red varieties
Pat Davis (also best rose in show)
2. Vase containing 1 red HT rose
Derrick Ratcliffe
3. The most fragrant rose in the garden - **Sarah Purcell**

4. *Vase of multiflora roses, 3 stems of any variety –
Carol Martinez
5. *Bowl of any number of roses arranged for an all-round effect
Elaine Barnwell
6. Vase of delphiniums, 3 spikes
Pat Davis
7. Vase of any 1 kind of annual, excluding sweet peas –
Raj Patel
8. Vase of 6 stems of sweet peas, any 1 variety –
David McDonald
9. Vase of 12 stems of sweet peas, can be mixed varieties -
David McDonald
10. Vase or bowl of pansies or violas with own foliage, not more than 12 stems
Jackie Savage
11. Vase of perennial flowers of any 1 kind - **The Lintons**
12. Vase of 9 stems or less of mixed perennial Flowers –
Pat Davis
13. *Vase of cut flowers, 3 or more kinds with any foliage, arranged for all round effect (Society vases to be used, available on day) - **Pat Davis**
14. Vase of flowering sprays
Pat Davis
15. Vase of mixed flowering sprays from shrubs - **Pat Davis**
16. My favourite pot plant -
David McDonald

17. *Arrangement in a goblet of flowers and/or leaves -
Mariangela Renshaw

Section B - Vegetables

18. 3 asparagus spears - **Jonathon Compson**
19. 6 pods of broad beans - **Jackie Savage**
20. 1 cabbage with at least 5 cm stalk
No entries
21. 1 lettuce, any variety, with roots
Ann Rossiter
22. 2 courgettes – any colour / shape
No first prize
23. 3 different herbs, in small bunches, (not more than 25 cms) – **Pip Melotte**
24. 3 onions, autumn sown, as dug, unwashed & with tops and roots intact
David McDonald
25. 12 pods of peas – **Raj Patel**
(also best vegetable in show)
26. 12 peas, mangetout or sugar snap
Raj Patel
27. 4 Potatoes of any one variety
Jonathon Compson
28. Bunch of 6 radishes, –
Anthony Fitzsimmons
29. Bunch of 6 salad onions - No entries
30. a) 9 shallots (pickling) (under 30mm) - No entries

- b) 9 shallots (exhibition) - No entries
31. a) 3 garlic bulbs - **Raj Patel**
b) 3 elephant garlic bulbs – **Raj Patel**
32. 3 sticks of rhubarb (natural)
Helen Finch
33. Any other kind of vegetable not listed above – **Raj Patel, Beetroot**
34. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad
Carol Martinez

Flower/vegetable/fruit – mixed

B35. * 1 specimen each of 1 flower, 1 fruit, 1 vegetable –
David McDonald

Special Entry

B36. Any **ONE** fruit/vegetable/plant you are proud to display
Liz Chrominska - Venezuelan Oregano

Section C – Fruit

37. 15 gooseberries
Jonathon Compson
38. 15 raspberries, with calyx
No first prize
39. 12 strawberries, with calyx
Penny Baker
40. Display of any other kind of fruit
No entries

Section D – Novices

For members who have never won first prize for an exhibit.

41. Vase of mixed Flowers- No entries
42. Vase of 3 stems of any variety of roses – No entries
43. Display of vegetables, numbers as classes B18-B33 – No entries
44. Display of fruit, numbers as classes C37-C40 – **Brad Sanderson**
45. My favourite pot plant – No entries
46. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad (see description of salad vegetables in guidance notes) - No entries

Section E- Children (under 14)

47. Colour picture of a flower – any medium (paint, crayon)
Sally Baker
Florence Freeman
Callum Lodge
48. Funny animal or person made of anything grown
Sally Baker
Callum Lodge
49. A collage made from pictures from a seed catalogue – No entries

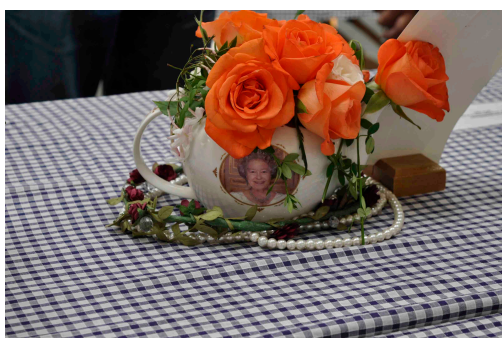
Section F - Cookery

50. Glass jar of marmalade
Liz Chrominska
51. Glass jar of lemon curd
Antony Fitzsimmons
52. 6 scones (savory)
No entries

53. A fruit flan – using fresh seasonal fruit – No entries
54. A rhubarb dish –
David McDonald
55. Lemon drizzle cake (as per attached recipe) –
Jenny Gorle
56. A seasonal sweet item of cookery – i.e. tart, dessert, cake – **Vivien Fowler**
57. Plate of 6 biscuits (any 1 type)
Vivien Fowler
58. A seasonal savoury item of cookery – i.e. quiche, pie, flan, No first prize
59. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread (any size/shape) made in either traditional way or in bread maker. Present on board/tray
Vivien Fowler & Charles Held
60. A strawberry dish – No entries

Competitions

Photograph – **Sarah Purcell**
Flower arrangement in a teapot
Vivian Fowler



Entries for flower arrangement in a teapot. (photos by Alex Anper

NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016 dates:

Autumn Show 2016: 10 September

RHS Wisley visit: 14 September

AGM 2016: 23 November

RGS ADDRESS AND POST BOX

Fixed to the gate at site 2, The Pleasance. The address is:
Roehampton Garden Society The Pleasance Allotments The Pleasance
London SW15 5HF

RHS CONTACTS

Committee Chair: Jackie Savage,

Site 2 Allotment Secretary:

Georgina O'Reilly;

Site 3 Allotment Secretary: Helen Finch.

Site Manager: Shirley Gillbe;

Comments, questions for Chair

and/or Committee via website:

root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk

BASIC RULES FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL COHESION ON OUR ALLOTMENT SITES

- Respect the rights and belongings of other plot holders.
- No dogs without leads.
- No unsupervised children.
- Lock the gate behind you.
- Dispose of your own rubbish.
- No structures to be erected or trees to be planted without permission of your Site Secretary.

If you think someone is breaking the rules contact a committee member or me, rather than confront another plot holder.

jackiesavage29@gmail.com or
07508 559134

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for schools

www.conservationfoundation.co.uk

www.vegetableseeds.com

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Adrian Hall, East Sheen

On presentation of your RGS membership card you will receive 10% discount on horticultural goods that you take away with you, not on delivered items.

Neal's, Heathfield Road, SW18 3HR (opposite Wandsworth Prison)

Register for their loyalty card, as an RGS member by showing your membership card, giving your name, email address, post-code. A 7% retrospective discount on goods purchased, which can be redeemed at the time of the next purchase (like a Nectar card). The amount of discount is recorded as 'points' on the card and shown on each till receipt. £5.00 worth of points is put on your card as a thank you when you register.

If you are over 50, and a loyalty card member, you will receive 10% discount on Wednesdays.

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SECURITY

If you see someone trespassing or causing damage on the Sites, or in an emergency phone 999 or text phone 18000.

NEW DAWN GARDENS

Artan Deliallisi, one of our plot holders, offers regular or casual maintenance for gardens. He will repair or build fences, gates, sheds, paving, walls and arches. 07411 288485
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FREE HORSE MANURE

Ridgway Stables in Wimbledon (next to Swan Pub on the corner of Hillside and Ridgway) have a constant supply of free horse manure available.

The manure is bagged up and gardeners are welcome to collect between 8am -5pm, 7 days a week. They will also deliver manure in larger loads (approx 60 bags) to allotments in the area, on Saturdays.

Please call Julia on 020 8946 7400 if you are interested.

AUSTIN MOWERS

Repairs and sells reconditioned mowers and sharpen shears. 300 Garratt Lane, SW18 4EH 020 8874 4206 www.austinmowers.com
austinmowers@aol.com

CAPITAL GROWTH

Capital Growth is the largest food growing network in London. It was set up initially as a partnership initiative between London Food Link, the Mayor of London, and the Local Food Fund and helped create 2012 new community food-growing spaces across London by the end of 2012.

You may be interested in their courses and voluntary work opportunities. See what they are doing and sign up for their newsletter at
www.capitalgrowth.org

Volunteer gardeners needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the large and beautiful gardens at Mount Court which is a retirement home in Weimar Road, Putney SW15 1SJ. If you are interested please phone Maggie on 07549 279 215.

THE STORE

Open on Sunday mornings between 10 -12.00 noon, also the café serving tea, coffee and homemade cake.

New volunteers to help are always welcome. Please contact Carol Martinez at the Store or leave a message at:
root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk

NEXT BULLETIN:

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by email, in store and on both sites.

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