

# **ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY**

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## **MONTHLY BULLETIN**

June 2014

[www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk](http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk)

**ALLOTMENT ACTIVITY** see  
also p. 5!



**Jane, Plot 26B planting peas**



**Mary Jane digging out chard**

### **SUMMER SHOW**

**- 3.0 pm Saturday**

**14 June, St Margarets  
Church Hall**

**Volunteers needed to help**

**- See p.2 and 3**

**Grandma Pam Partridge's  
grandchildren Sam and Molly  
helping out**



### **WISLEY TRIP -**

**Wednesday 2 July 2014.**

**RGS Members can visit free as  
a group. We will also be  
booking a tour that will cost £3  
each (this is optional). A  
number of us will use our cars  
and are happy to take  
passengers. Please let me know  
if you want to go, quickly as I  
need to confirm numbers by 16  
June and organise transport.  
(Pat Dark, details at back of  
Bulletin)**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There can be no excuses not to enter something in our Summer Show with this year's good growing weather.

Read the Schedule carefully and you will see that there are some new classes to tempt us all to "have a go"! Someone said the other day that he didn't think he was qualified to show anything as he had only recently taken on his allotment; the rule is that "all exhibits must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months prior to the show". So those strawberries you inherited when you took on your plot in the spring are yours to show in June!

Calendar 2015 – Thanks to Sarah on Site 3 and Peter and Vicki on Site 2 we will be producing our very own RGS Allotments Calendar full of photos of our plots. Keep your eyes open for it in September when it goes on sale.

I am sorry to say that Mary Jane Ireland has resigned from the Committee as our Membership Secretary. I would like to thank her for all her hard work this year, in particular for the wonderful comprehensive database of all our members and people on our ever-lengthening waiting list.

See you at the Summer Show and Good Luck!

**Jackie Savage**  
**07508 559134**

**Please volunteer to help at  
the Show – See p.3**

## **SUMMER SHOW**

With our show almost upon us I would like to highlight the schedule from 1925 that is attached on page seven.

Whilst we have two shows there was just an annual one on a strange bank holiday date that we don't have now.

Many categories are similar to what we have today – 89 years later and some have fallen by the wayside. Carnations are not widely grown now (apart from Geoff Smith who is growing some from his 93 year old Dad's stock) and I am intrigued by the term heaviest potatoes – does this mean main crop or was it literally the biggest spuds you could find?

With a wider range of vegetables available now we feature garlic and asparagus, which would not have been heard of in 1925 unless you were one of the travelling elite. I am surprised by the absence of rhubarb – I thought everyone grew that, and radishes as well.

The 'Domestic' section featured more pickles than anything else and you weren't allowed to make a sponge cake!

### ***Back to the present***

Jackie (Chair) and I have updated the schedule to take out some of the categories which have had no entries in the last few years and have added a few new ones – such as a fragrant rose in the flower section and salad vegetables in the vegetables section.

We have added to the novice section and hope that there will be

lots of new faces taking part in the show as we have had an influx of new and very keen plot holders.

There is plenty of advice at hand to help those who have never entered a show before. Go on - have a go.

The children's class has been updated to include a colour picture of a fruit, made from whatever takes their fancy. We hope to have a beautiful display again from pupils at Granard School.

Have a look at the competition – as the photograph has been very popular we are extending this to under 16's to give them a chance to show off what they can do. We have stolen an idea from another show - a flower display in a teapot and expect to see an array of dusted off teapots of all shapes and sizes. Remember – there is a £10 prize for the winner of each of the three categories.

There will be a bottle/jar tombola as usual and we will be raffling a hamper full of homegrown and homemade produce.

We have also updated the cups so that they are more fairly distributed. There will be a cup for the best novice in each show and one for the child who has the most entries over both shows.

See you at the show!  
**Carol Martinez, Show Chair**

*Do come and support the Show, view the entries, enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake, enter the tombola and buy some produce.*

Contact Carol to volunteer at:  
**www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk**

Or leave a message in the Store or email at  
**root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk**

## **SUMMER SHOW**

### **WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP**

**As ever able bodied men and women are needed to help load the tables from the store onto Charles' van and then unload them at the hall on Friday evening (13<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm at store).**

**Set up the tables in the hall.**

**Contributions of cakes and biscuits for the refreshment stall, preserves and plants and seedlings and produce for the produce stall, bottles for the tombola**

**Help load the tables back in the van on Saturday after the Show and unload at the Store.**

## ***News from the Store!***

The Store and the Cafe continues to be a thriving and buzzing place on a Sunday morning with Members enjoying a coffee and home made cake, as well as stocking up on lots of bargains for gardens and allotments!

We are trying to supply seasonal products, as well as favourites and we now have enviro mesh and great soft, anti bird netting, both at very competitive prices and you can buy as much or as little as you need! We also have cane tops, to protect eyes when gardening, but also very useful for making a frame with the netting.

**'Bring your own litre bottle'** and we can fill it up with Maxicrop Original or Maxicrop with Tomato Fertilizer, much cheaper than the makers own bottle.

***Don't forget to let us know*** if there is anything you would like us to stock, especially something that works well and we can source it for the Store.

***Also, Site 3 Members, remember*** there is now a stock of Country Natural, Clover and New Horizon Peat Free on the Site. Just pay at the Store, collect a receipt and there are named Members who can access the Stock for you or Site 3!  
**Barbara McCall, Store Committee**

**SAVE THE FARM TERRACE  
ALLOTMENT CAMPAIGN  
Breaking News - date fixed!!!**

## **SAVE THE FARM TERRACE ALLOTMENT**

The Campaign in Watford, Herts have been given the date of their hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice, Westminster to decide if they can keep their allotments:

### **Friday 25th July 2014**

The Judge will decide if the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles acted unlawfully in granting Watford Council permission to take back the allotments for building purposes. thus flouting all Allotment Laws!

The Court has designated the case 'significant' and we know why....this is a landmark case and a victory for the Watford Allotments will be a victory for allotments throughout the land!

Support has been pouring in for them and recently articles have appeared in National Newspapers, highlighting the case. Their Campaign Fund is now at £11,540.00, raised by 584 people in 10 months, and their goal is £30,000! The Solicitors Deighton Pierce Glynn are representing the Claimants, the Farm Terrace Allotments, and they will be joined by QCs from King's Bench Walk for the Court Case. People from all walks of life are donating and supporting their cause, a few days ago Justin Sullivan from the British Rock Group, the New Model Army donated and wrote an excellent piece for their website!

Many, many thanks to all the RGS Members who have donated on line and in the Store, everything helps, however small! Please continue to support them! You can do this at Go Fund Me site:

<http://www.gofundme.com/save-farm-terrace> or at the Store.

The Farm Terrace Allotment Members would welcome any support outside the Court on the day to cheer and hopefully celebrate their victory! See their website nearer the 25th for information!

Good Luck Farm Terrace Allotments!  
**Barbara McCall**

### ***Allotment Activity – continued***

One of our new plotholders got a shock; when digging her plot over she discovered a bath had been buried! Artan and John came to the rescue!



### ***Congratulations***

To Clare Earle who identified the blue flowers on the front of the May Bulletin as Camassias.

## ***JUNE RECIPE***

Based on a recipe by Paul Rankin

### ***Tagliatelle with tomatoes, chilli, pancetta, broad beans and basil (for 2)***

1 onion, chopped  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
6 rashers of pancetta or lean streaky bacon  
1 clove garlic, chopped  
110g (4oz) cherry tomatoes (halved)  
half a small green or red chill – according to taste (finely chopped) or pinch dried flakes  
Salt and ground black pepper  
60g (2oz) small broad beans, shelled and blanched in boiling water  
1 large handful of chopped basil  
200g (6oz) tagliatelle

1. Heat the oil in a pan and sauté the onion and bacon till onion softened and bacon crispy.
2. Put tagliatelle into boiling salted water and simmer for 8-10 minutes.
3. Add chilli, salt and pepper and tomatoes and simmer for 3-4 minutes.
4. Add broad beans and basil and cook for a further 2-3 minutes.
5. Drain the tagliatelle and serve sauce on top. Grate on some Parmesan cheese.
6. Serve with a green salad.

**BON APPÉTIT!**

## NOTICES

### RGS CONTACTS

Site Manager is Paula Alderson;  
Site 2 Allotment Secretary is  
Georgina O'Reilly;  
Site 3 Allotment Secretary:  
Helen Finch & Paula Alderson

### SECURITY

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

### DISCOUNTS

10% discount to RGS card holders  
when you show your RGS card:  
Adrian Hall Garden Centre at  
Sheen;  
Capital Gardens, opposite  
Wandsworth Prison.

DATES FOR	2014 DIARIES
Twickenham Apiary Open Day	7 June 1-5
Recycling Visit	11 June
Summer Show	14 June
Wisley Trip	2 July
Autumn Show	13 September
AGM	26 Nov

### Small Ads

#### The Cartridge People

Help raise funds for the RGS while  
saving money yourself when you  
buy ink cartridges from the  
"Cartridge people":

**[www.cartridgepeople.com/  
RaisingMoneyFor/Roehampton-  
GS](http://www.cartridgepeople.com/RaisingMoneyFor/Roehampton-GS)**

10% of your order goes to RGS

**Recycle Used Cartridges** in the  
box in the Store.

### The Conservation

#### Foundation Tool Shed

Mend and re-furbish broken and old  
gardening tools for schools.

**[conservationfoundation.co.uk](http://conservationfoundation.co.uk)**

### THE STORE

The Store is open Sunday morning  
between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

There is a café serving, tea, coffee  
and homemade cake.

#### Additional opening times:

**Wednesdays 2-30 April 6.00 –  
7.00 pm**

We are always looking for  
volunteers to help run the Store on  
Sunday mornings. If you can help  
Contact Carol Martinez via the  
website:

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**[root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk](mailto:root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk)**

**[www.vegetableseeds.com](http://www.vegetableseeds.com)**

#### AUSTIN MOWERS (sharpens shears as well)

300 Garratt lane, SW18 4EH.

020 8874 4206

**[www.austinmowers.com](http://www.austinmowers.com)**

**[austinmowers@aol.com](mailto:austinmowers@aol.com)**

### NEXT BULLETIN

Comments, questions to Chair &  
Committee via the website:

**[root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk](mailto:root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk)**

Comments and copy for the next  
Bulletin, by 25 June 2014 please,  
to Pat Dark (tel. 8789 7568) 27 St  
Margarets Crescent, SW15 6HL.

**[patdark13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patdark13@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Next Bulletin: Sunday 6 July 2014,  
by email, in the Store and on both  
sites.**



**ROEHAMPTON ESTATE GARDEN SOCIETY**  
(AFFILIATED TO THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY).

**FOURTH ANNUAL**  
**FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW AND GARDEN COMPETITION**

TO BE HELD AT  
**GRANARD, Putney Park Lane, on Bank Holiday, Aug. 3, 1925.**

**SCHEDULE AND ENTRY FORM.**

NOTE.—Before filling up this Form the Exhibitor should carefully read the rules printed on the back.  
Please place X against the Schedule Nos. in which you wish to exhibit.

**SECTION A.**

Sch. No.	Description.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
..... 1	Front Garden ...	20/-	15/-	10/-	5/-
..... 2	Back Garden ...	20/-	15/-	10/-	5/-
..... 3	Allotment ...	15/-	10/-	7/6	5/-

**SECTION B.—Vegetables.**

Sch. No.	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
..... 4	* 6 Kidney Potatoes ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 5	* 12 Runner Beans ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 6	* 6 Round Potatoes ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 7	* 12 Dwarf Beans ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 8	* 6 Heaviest Potatoes ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 9	* 12 Pods, Peas ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 10	* 12 Shallots ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 11	3 Beet ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 12	3 Turnips ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 13	6 Onions (Spring sown) ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 14	2 Cabbage ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 15	6 Onions (Autumn sown) ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 16	2 Marrows ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 17	2 Cauliflowers ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 18	6 Long Carrot ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 19	2 Cos Lettuce ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 20	6 Short Carrot ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 21	2 Cabbage Lettuce ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 22	§ Collection of vegetables not less than 4, nor more than 6 different kinds ...	10/-	7/6	5/-
..... 23	Fruit, 1 dish, any kind or kinds ...	5/-	4/-	3/-

**SECTION C.—Flowers.**

..... 24	* Annuals, except Sweet Peas, 1 vase, any one kind ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 25	* Perennials, 1 vase, any one kind ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 26	* Annuals, except Sweet Peas, 3 vases, 3 separate kinds ...	5/-	4/-	3/-
..... 27	* Perennials, 3 vases, 3 separate kinds ...	5/-	4/-	3/-
..... 28	* Rose, 1 Bloom, ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 29	* Carnations 4 blooms, not less than 2 varieties ...	4/-	3/-	2/-

\* See Rule 3 other side.

† To be judged in order of merit as follows:—  
1. PREPARATION. 2. QUALITY, 3. ATTRACTIVENESS.

§ To be shewn in one box or tray.

In addition to the above prizes, the Society's trophy, will be awarded to the exhibitor securing the highest aggregate of points in Sections A, B, and C. One point to count for each shilling won.

The Banksian Medal, presented by the Royal Horticultural Society, will be awarded to the exhibitor securing the highest number of 1st Prizes in Sections A, B and C.

Signature of Exhibitor .....

Sch. No.	Description.	1st	2nd	3rd
..... 30	* Roses, 3 blooms, 3 separate varieties ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 31	* Sweet Peas, 1 vase, 10 stems, any variety or varieties ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 32	* Rambler Roses, 1 vase or bowl ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 33	* Cut Flowers, 1 vase, any kind or kinds ...	5/-	4/-	3/-
..... 34	* Sweet Peas, 4 vases, 4 separate varieties, 6 stems of each ...	5/-	4/-	3/-
..... 35	* Violas, 1 vase or bowl, any 2 or more varieties ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 36	* Violas, 1 vase or bowl, one variety only ...	4/-	3/-	8/-
..... 37	* 1 Growing foliage plant in pot ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 38	1 Growing plant flowering in pot ...	4/-	3/-	2/-

**SECTION D.—Domestic.**

..... 39	3 Cooked Beet, to be exhibited whole ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 40	† Bowl of Salad ...	4/-	3/-	...
..... 41	Jar of Mixed Pickles ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 42	Jar of Chutney ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 43	Jar of Jam, stone fruit ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 44	Jar of Jam, soft fruit ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 45	Jar of Pickled Cabbage ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 46	Jar of Pickled Shallots ...	3/-	1/6	...
..... 47	Plain Cake (not sponge) approx. weight 2 lb. ...	4/-	3/-	2/-
..... 48	Fruit Cake, approx. weight 2 lbs. ...	4/-	3/-	2/-

**SECTION E.—Table Decoration.**

..... 49	Table Decoration At least 3 sub-Tables only provided	stantial prizes
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**SECTION F.—Children's Classes.**

..... 50	Pot Plants, petunias and antirrhinums, already distributed to children	8 prizes
..... 51	Wild Grasses, collected within 3 miles of Estate	3 prizes
..... 52	Wild Flowers, collected within 3 miles of Estate	3 prizes