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AUTUMN SHOW 2016

Two collections of flowers, fruit and vegetables



RAJ PATEL – BEST DAHLIA IN SHOW



GEORGINA O'REILLY – BEST VEGETABLES IN SHOW



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
AGM
24 NOVEMBER 2016
ST MARGARETS CHURCH HALL**

CHAIR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2016



The Autumn Show was once again a great success, thanks to the Chair of the Shows Committee Carol Martinez, and all of you who entered your produce and / or volunteered your help on the day. We are also much indebted to George Scandrett (one of our Vice Presidents, previous committee member and plot holder) and to Helen Sabieri (a local cookery writer) for volunteering their time and being such careful and thoughtful judges.

Thank you too for the offers to help with the problems we experienced with our website and to Jean-Baptiste Bolon for his prompt work in rescuing and restoring it. Jean Crawford has kindly volunteered to design a new website for us in the New Year as ours is rather out of date!

The meeting with the Council to negotiate a long-term lease for the RGS is scheduled for 19 October. If we can secure this, with terms that are acceptable to the Charities Commission, I hope to have a proposal to put to you at our AGM.

The AGM will be held in the evening of 23 November at St Margaret's Church Hall (where we hold the Shows) and I hope that we will have some new committee members for election. If you are interested in being on the

committee please contact me soon. New faces, energy and ideas are always welcome!

Jackie Savage

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SECURITY

There have been several thefts of produce from plots this summer. All produce grown on plots is for the picking and consumption of the plot-holder. Please ensure you lock the gate behind you when entering or leaving and be vigilant. If you see something suspicious please phone the police and inform Jackie, Helen or Georgina.

AUTUMN SHOW



Despite the rain we had a nice show with a good standard of exhibits. The aubergines were amazing and won best vegetable in show. There was a huge display of french, runner and any other bean – so many to choose from. Once again the range of tomatoes on show was inspiring and there were some lovely specimens of leaf vegetables.

It was disappointing not to have any over sized vegetables (I know there are some out there, I have seen them) but we did have a couple of specimens that didn't quite make their full size.

The harvest baskets were stunning – 5 of them in total and every one with its own twist.

The dahlias put on a good show and there were some lovely displays of cut flowers, but the roses had seen better days, the hot weather must have got the better of them.

I was surprised that there were no pears to show but the apples, grapes and raspberries were lovely. In any other fruit we saw figs and plums winning a joint first prize.

There was a good spread of cookery entries with some new members showing off their culinary skills and taking away some first prizes – runner bean chutney being a winner. The cake made from a seasonal vegetable was popular – beetroot, pumpkin and courgette all being transformed into a sweet confection.

We had some welcome new faces in the novice section with a very nice display of 3 salad vegetables.

The children's entries were once again delightful and made everyone smile.

David Renshaw very professionally conducted the auction and lots of people went home with goody bags of home grown produce.

Thank you to everyone who entered the show, helped to make it run smoothly, donated cakes, bottles or toys for the tombola or plants for the produce stall, and who came along to visit.

Carol Martinez Show Chair

STORE REPORT

We have some new varieties of sweet pea seeds in the Store that are ideal for planting now as you will get bigger plants with earlier blooms on healthier root systems.

4 of these are of the Spencer variety (Burnished Bronze, Cirrus, Midnight and

Nimbus) which feature large flowers and a wavy petal edge. These were developed from a single variety by one of the Earl of Spencer's gardeners, Silas Cole, at Althorp in 1899.

Burnished Bronze produces scarlet/maroon wavy petals that get deeper with age. Cirrus is highly scented with ruffled pink-stripped flowers on strong stems and has the RHS Award of Merit. Midnight is a vigorous grower with dark maroon flowers with very little scent and an upright habit. Nimbus has white petals with almost black stripes on good size flowers.

We also have the following sweet pea seeds:

Cream Eggs is a Modern Grandiflora variety known for its many large flowers on long stems and a fantastic scent. It has luxurious cream petals with purple edges that intensify to a vivid blue with age.

Candy King is highly scented and produces deep pink blooms on white and produces large flowers on strong stems.

Root trainers (£4 from the Store) are idea for sowing sweet peas seeds. Plant 2 centimetres deep in peat free multipurpose compost, perhaps adding fine grit to make the soil more porous. Cover the seeds with 1 centimetre of compost and water in thoroughly but do not water them again until germination. Cover with the root trainer cover and keep at c 15 degrees centigrade. After germination, remove the covering. For October and November sowings place seedlings in a cold frame or cold greenhouse. January sowings should be in a heated greenhouse; in April sowings can be direct to the flowering site.

Your sweet peas will be ready for picking through June to September.

Gill Tamsett, Trading Secretary

WELCOME TO NEW PLOT-HOLDERS AND MEMBERS

Site 2

Chris Madican

Site 3

Joe Corrigan

Melissa Franklyn

Joanna Chidgey

Karolina Bulinska

Matteo Maino

Diane Maino

FARM TERRACE ALLOTMENTS APPEAL

You may remember a previous article, about the plight of Farm Terrace allotments in Watford where plot-holders have been fighting since 2012 to prevent the site being disposed of by Watford Council. Sadly in May 2016 the Secretary of State decided to allow Watford Council to evict dedicated plot-holders and remove an important part of the cultural heritage of central and west Watford. The group is challenging this decision and the National Allotment Society will be supporting them as they prepare for yet another court case. You can read more about the case [here](#) and donate on their [fundraising page](#).

LAST GARDEN IN ALEPPO

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IJGp3g93h6M>

Shirley asked me to include the above link in the Bulletin. She saw the item on Channel Four news. It is a tragic story of the last garden centre in Aleppo. Have your tissues ready!

Pat Dark, Editor

HIRING THE STRIMMER

Cost £2 a session (last approx. 20 minutes)

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WISLEY

A small group of 8 went to Wisley this year. It was a hot sunny day and we had an excellent guided tour, visiting the allotment area, the vegetable and fruit gardens, the wild garden and much more.



The group on tour

We can take up to 55 people for a free visit, usually travelling by car. So watch out for next years date.



Blueberry sculpture



Pumpkins



Amaryllis



Pomegranates

RECIPE FOR OCTOBER

Thanks to Rachel Roddy (from The Guardian 'Cook').

Baked courgettes, potatoes and tomatoes

600g courgettes, sliced into 3mm discs
600g potatoes, scrubbed or peeled and cut into similar sized slices or wedges
500g ripe tomatoes, skinned & sliced
A large red onion, peeled & sliced
2 garlic cloves, chopped
Salt & black pepper
Oregano
150ml olive oil
150ml water

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/gas mark 5. Put all the vegetables in a large baking tin, season and toss in chopped herbs. Drizzle with the oil and mix well with a wooden spoon or your hands. Pour the water into one corner.
2. Bake for 1-1 ½ hours, mixing every 20 minutes, making sure that some potatoes are on top to get crispy.
3. Serve immediately with baked pork or lamb chops or at room temperature with feta, ricotta or fried halumi cheese.

2016 Autumn Show First Prize Winners



Section A – Flowers

1. Vase of 1 giant or large dahlia of any variety – **Vivien Fowler**
2. Vase of mixed dahlias, not more than 7 blooms – **Raj Patel**
3. Vase of decorative dahlias, not more than 5 blooms – **Jackie Savage**
4. Vase of pompon dahlias, not more than 7 blooms, not to exceed 5 cm
No entries
5. Vase of cactus dahlias (approx. 10 cm), not more than 5 blooms
Mariangela Renshaw
6. Vase of ball flowered dahlias (larger than 5cms), not more than 5 blooms – **Raj Patel**

Best dahlia exhibit in show

7. A vase of mixed perennial flowers (foliage allowed) – **Pat Davis**
8. * Vase of cut flowers, 4 or more varieties, any foliage, arranged for all-round effect – **Pat Davis**
9. Vase of 3 or more annuals (can be mixed) – **No entries**
10. Vase of orange &/or yellow flowers, foliage allowed, can include flowers from other classes **Pat Davis & Liz Chrominska**
11. Vase of flowering stems of fuchsia, not more than 5 stems **No entries**

12. Vase of HT roses, not more than 4 stems – **No entries**
13. Vase containing 1 HT rose **No entries**
14. Vase of multiflora roses, not more than 3 stems – **No first prize**
15. A table decoration, maximum length 25 cm – **Mariangela Renshaw**
16. Vase of 3 hydrangea stems **No entries**

Section B - Flowers and Vegetables mixed

17. Any exhibit of 3 different kinds of vegetables (garnishing allowed) and 3 containers of flowers, any 3 separate kinds, space not to exceed 60 cm x 60 cm – **No entries**
18. Any 1 specimen each of 1 kind of vegetable and 1 kind of flower – **Geoff Waterhouse**

Special Entry

19. ***Harvest Collection** – a display of home grown **vegetables, fruits and flowers** in any combination in a basket or suitable container
Vivien Fowler



Section C - Vegetables

20. 2 aubergines – **Georgina O'Reilly**
Best vegetable in show
21. 9 French beans – **Georgina O'Reilly**

22. 9 runner beans –
Deborah Radford
23. 9 of any other bean –
Raj Patel
24. 3 beetroot, round or oval,
with 10 cm tops –
Penny Baker
25. 1 green cabbage, with at
least 5 cm stalk – **No entries**
26. 1 red cabbage, with at
least 5 cm stalk – **Vivien Fowler**
27. 3 carrots, any one variety, with 10
cm tops –
Vivien Fowler
28. 1 cauliflower – **No entries**
- 29.a) 2 cucumbers – grown under
protection – **Raj Patel**
- b) 2 cucumbers – grown outdoors
Carol Martinez
30. 1 fennel (Florence) –
No entries
31. 3 garlic bulbs – **Ruth Tighe**
32. 4 different herbs, in small
bunches (not more than 25 cms)
- **Helen Finch & Eva Knedlova**
33. A pot of one type of home- grown
annual herb – **Raj Patel**
34. 1 marrow, (less than 35cms in
length) any variety, any colour
Georgina O'Reilly
35. 4 onions, dressed for presentation
– **Sarah de Souza**
36. a) 5 peppers, chilli –
Carol Martinez
- b) A pot of growing chillies
Raj Patel
37. 3 peppers, sweet (capsicum)
Rikki Amstrup
38. 5 potatoes, white, any one variety
Vivien Fowler
39. 5 potatoes, coloured, any one
variety – **Vivien Fowler**
40. 6 radishes, with tops and roots
No entries
41. a) 9 shallots, pickling, (under
30mm) – **Raj Patel**
b) 9 shallots, exhibition – **Raj Patel**
42. 1 pumpkin, any variety - **Geoff
Waterhouse & Carol Martinez**
43. 1 squash (winter or summer), any
one variety – **Vivien Fowler**
44. 2 sweetcorn – **Jackie Savage**
45. 3 tomatoes, large- fruited
("Beefsteak"), with calyx, min. diam.
7.5 cm – **No first prize**
46. 6 tomatoes, medium- fruited, with
calyx – **Carol Martinez**
47. 9 tomatoes, any colour, small fruited
(cherry-type), with calyx, not exceeding 3.5
cm diam. – **Mariangela Renshaw**
48. 6 Tomatoes, plum-type with calyx
Geoff Waterhouse
49. 1 truss tomatoes, ripe or unripe
Raj Patel
50. 2 courgettes, any colour or variety
Jackie Savage
51. 6 stalks of leaf vegetables – e.g.
spinach, leaf beat, chard –
Annette Reilly, Kale
52. A display of 3 different seasonal
vegetables that you like in a salad
(see description in guidelines)
Carol Martinez
53. Any 1 vegetable not in Section C
above – **Liz Chrominska, Okra**
- Note: In classes 54 & 55, the no. of
vegetables /fruits to be as in classes C20-
51 & D60-66 where applicable (e.g. 3
carrots, 1 fennel)**
- 54.*Collection of vegetables and / or
fruits of 5 different kinds, in a box or
tray not to exceed 60cm x 45cm,
garnish allowed – **Carol Martinez**
55. Collection of vegetables of 3 different
kinds, frontage space not to exceed
60 cm – **Vivien Fowler**

A veg too far.....

- 56. The biggest marrow – **No entries**
- 57. The longest runner bean –
No entries
- 58. The heaviest pumpkin –
No entries
- 59. The largest diameter sunflower
No entries
- 59 (a) Small but perfectly formed- a vegetable that stayed a baby
Carol Martinez

Section D - Fruit

- 60. 3 cooking apples, with stalks, any one variety – **No entries**
- 61. 3 dessert apples, with stalks, any one variety – **Vivien Fowler**
- 62. 12 blackberries, with calyx
No first prize
- 63. 1 bunch of grapes –
Georgina O'Reilly
- 64. 3 pears, with stalks, any one variety
No entries
- 65. 12 raspberries, with calyx
Rikki Amstrup
- 66. 12 of any hybrid berry, with calyx (e.g. boysenberry, loganberry, tayberry) –
No entries
- 67. Exhibit of any other edible fruit excluding those above –
Robert Linton - Figs
Vivien Fowler - Plums

Section E – Novices

For members who have not previously won first prize for any horticultural exhibit.

- 68. Vase of 3 dahlias – any variety, can be mixed – **No entries**
- 69. Vase of mixed Flowers – **No entries**
- 70. Display of fruit, one kind only (no. as given in classes D60 – 67)
Janet Ward Facius
- 71. Dish of vegetables, one kind only (no. as given in classes B20 – 51)
Deborah Radford

- 72. A display of 3 different vegetables that you like in a salad (see description in guidance notes)

Ruth Tighe

Section F - Children (under14)

- 73. Funny animal or person made of anything grown
Callum Lodge, Sally Baker
- 74. Colour picture of a vegetable or fruit (Any medium – i.e. paint, crayon)
Callum Lodge, Sally Baker
- 75. A collage made from pictures in a seed catalogue - **Callum Lodge**

Section G - Cookery

- 76. Plate of 6 canapés (of one kind)
No entries
- 77. 6 sausage rolls – **Vivien Fowler**
- 78. Glass jar of chutney – **Ruth Barnwell**
- 79. Glass jar of pickled vegetables or Piccalilli –
No entries
- 80. A seasonal savoury item of cookery- e.g. quiche, pie or flan
A very good 2nd – Pamela Partridge
- 81. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread (any size/shape) made in a bread-maker or in traditional manner (to be specified). Present on a board or tray – **No entries**
- 82. Glass jar of jam (not jelly)
 - a) Soft fruit – e.g. strawberry
Ruth Barnwell
 - b) Stone fruit – e.g. plum, cherry
No first prize
- 83. Glass jar of jelly – **Ali Linton**
- 84. A cake made from a seasonal vegetable, e.g. beetroot, pumpkin
Ali Linton
- 85. A ginger cake – **Elaine Barnwell**
- 86. An apple pie – **No entries**
- 87. 6 fruit scones – **No first prize**
- 88. A seasonal sweet item of cookery – E.g. tart, dessert or cake
Carol Martinez

90. Homemade fruit cordial – **Jenny Gorle & Vivien Fowler**

Competitions – judged by visitors to show

1. An allotment, gardening or horticulture related photograph, black and white or colour, no larger than A5. **Jennie Goyle**
2. As above – entrants under 16 – **no entries**
3. A hand tied posy (any age) – **no entries**



Sweetcorn- Jackie Savage

More Photos from the Show



The Hall



Chillis – Carol Martinez

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:
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Site 3 Allotment Secretary: Helen Finch.

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Comments, questions for Chair and/or Committee via website:

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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.

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

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.

NEXT BULLETIN:

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