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Vivian's best cookery item



Carol's best rose

Photos by taken by Charles Gillbe, Jo Carroll & Pat Dark



Natalya's best garlic



Jackie's 1st prize rhubarb

There are more photos throughout Bulletin and alist of prize-winners.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Thank you to Carol and Mariangela and all the other volunteers (a good mix of old and new faces this year) who made our Summer Show so successful. Several people commented that it would have better if it had been held later in the month, however last year we held it a week later and most of the strawberries were over! I don't think we will ever get it right. Don't forget the Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 8 September, please make sure it is in your diary and start planning your entries now! In the meantime we have the Best/Better Plotting Event on Monday 16 July and our Annual Trip to Wisley on Monday 23 July.

I am delighted to say that committee member, Patrick Crawford, will be taking the lead from now on in our efforts to achieve a new long Lease with Wandsworth and, hopefully, become a Charity. Alan Strowger (a new plot holder) has also agreed to help and advise. Anthony Fitzsimmons and I will help out in any way we can, but we felt different personalities and a new approach would be worth trying. Although there will be no Bulletin in August, please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have any concerns or questions.

Jackie, 07508 559134 rgs.sw15@gmail.com

SHOW REPORT

The Summer Show on 16th June proved to be another great success. It is very rewarding to witness the enthusiasm and genuine interest that the Show inspires and the large number of

visitors that it attracts. We were delighted that our President, The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, found time in her busy schedule to visit the Show. The produce and flowers on display impressed her and she particularly admired the entries in the children's classes. Justine Greening is a valued supporter of the RGS, being a keen horticulturist herself, and in our conversation she acknowledged that our shows engender an extremely valuable community spirit, so important and perhaps even rare in the urban sprawl that is Greater London.



The standard of the produce and of the flowers was very high and a credit to all those entered exhibits despite the vagaries of the weather. Well done to all those who entered the Novice classes with their excellent produce. I am sure you will all agree that it is a huge thrill to win a prize. I have been exhibiting for many years but the thrill has never diminished!

The tea stall enjoyed its usual success, as did the plant stall, tombola's and other entertainments. Many thanks to all those who contributed to their success, particularly to the generous and talented people who

made so many delicious cakes and biscuits. The support of all the volunteers is greatly appreciated.





There is a lot of planning, coordination and hard work in the run-up to a show; but the true reward is to see the Church Hall bustling with people of all ages, to see the queue for the teas, to admire the wonderful display of produce and flowers and to witness the fun and enthusiasm engendered by the auction.

Our thanks in particular are extended to Helen Saberi for judging the cookery classes and for so kindly donating a copy of her new book. To Sheila Konig for her skill and knowledge in judging the

flowers and to Charles Gillbe for expertly judging the fruit and vegetables. To David Renshaw for skillfully running the auction and ably extracting so many generous bids from the audience. Last, but not least to Charles Held for lending us the means to transport everything from the Store to the Church Hall and back year after year.



Successful projects of all kinds depend upon a solid and well-established foundation and so I will end by acknowledging the huge debt that the Society owes to those who ran the shows and judged the produce in past years. It is thanks to their inspiration and dedication that our shows enjoy the status that they currently hold within our local community.

Mariangela Renshaw, Co-Show Chair

THINGS TO DO IN JULY & AUGUST

Plot Jobs for July

Hoe off weeds on bare soil, water well then cover with mulches to prevent moisture loss, for instance, pile grass clippings onto layers of newspaper.

Add material to compost heaps, mix greens (nitrogen rich) with browns (carbon rich) at 50/50 ratio.

Water heaps if dry and turn to speed up decomposition.

In early July continue to sow beetroot, chard, perennial spinach, kohl rabi and turnips for autumn harvesting.

Sow dwarf French beans.

Sow kale for early spring harvesting and rocket for autumn harvesting.

Sow beetroots Choggia or Burpees Golden for autumn eating.

Plant specially prepared potato tubers for Christmas crop.

Finish planting out leeks.

Remove the main shoot on cordon tomatoes where they hit the greenhouse roof, or a leaf or two above the seventh flower truss.

Water soft fruit and fruit trees during dry spells to encourage good fruit development.

Water courgettes consistently so they continue to flower and crop.

Mulch brassicas after rain to lock in moisture and nutrients and lessen the effect of club root.

Prune cherries and plums after fruiting. Remove weak, damaged and crossing branches.

Pinch out climbing beans once they reach the top of supports.

Once harvesting of summer fruited raspberries is finished, cut old fruited canes to ground level and tie in new, healthy canes to supports.

Summer-prune red and white currants and gooseberries. For gooseberries trim back all side shoots to 3 or 4 buds from their point of growth and cut out shoots that cross into the middle f the bush.

Plot Jobs for August

Sow green manure crops such as mustard to dig in during autumn.

Sow oriental vegetables such as mizuna, pak choi and mustard greens for salad leaves- they bolt less at this time of year.

Sow parsley to last through till spring and basil on a sunny windowsill.

Sow Swiss chard and perpetual spinach at the beginning of the month.

Make a last sowing of beetroot at the beginning of the month.

Sow fast growing 'catch crops' for autumn use, such as radish, lettuce, rocket and turnips.

Plant out winter brassicas, broccoli, kale and cabbages in limed soil to reduce club root infestations.

Plant new strawberries now, either as detached runners or new plants.

In dry weather keep runner beans well-watered twice a week to aid setting.

To reduce risk of tomato blight, water directly onto the roots not the leaves.

Harvest sweet corn when a grain exudes milky juice when tested with a fingernail.

Harvest onions and shallots when the stems are dry and papery.

Start harvesting runner beans, parsnips and cucumbers as ready.

Complete harvesting of second early potatoes and begin to harvest main crop potatoes as they begin to flower.

Harvest early ripening apples and pears.

Summer prune trained fruit trees such as fans, espaliers and cordons.

Prune plum and damson trees after fruiting.

On grape vines shorten fruit bearing branches to two leaves beyond the fruit bunch.

Prune out fruited canes of summer raspberries.

Tie in new canes on raspberries and blackberries.

Keep protective insect mesh on carrots until autumn.

Cut back chives if showing signs of rust and new shoots will quickly appear. Remove mint plants showing signs of rust. The disease will persist over winter and re-infect new plants next year.

Pick off and destroy rosemary leaf beetle that are active at this time of year.

Divide clumps of chives.

In the greenhouse avoid splashing water onto leaves. Moisture triggers spore germination of fungal diseases.

Check what produce you may have to enter in the Autumn Show on September 8th or donate to the produce stall.

STORE REPORT

We have 3 new products for sale in the Store.

Bayer Slug Killer is an organic slug treatment made from a mineral that occurs in nature, namely ferric phosphate. Not only does it effectively control slugs and snails but also breaks down naturally into iron and phosphate to enrich the soil around the plants. It also has a dosing cap to facilitate accurate application. It sells for £5.00



Epsom Salts contains hydrated magnesium sulphate that is important for healthy plant growth. It allows plants to better take in valuable nutrients, in particular nitrogen and phosphorous. Roses, tomatoes and peppers require lots of magnesium. Tomatoes and peppers benefit from being watered with a solution of 2 tablespoons of Epsom Salts per gallon of water once a month. For roses, a foliar spray of 1 tablespoon per gallon of water for each foot of the shrub's height should be applied in spring as the leaves appear and then after flowering. It sells for £3.50 for a 1.5 kilo packet.

We are trialling a new organic bug killer, Solabiol Bug Free spray. Its active ingredient is naturally occurring organic fatty acids. It should not be used on plants in flower as it harmful to bees. It is ideal for trees and shrubs. It costs £6.00.



We also have some lovely bags called Morsbags sourced by Raj Patel while he was visiting Devon. They are made from old bed sheets and curtains and are part of an initiative to keep discarded material out of landfill and plastic out of the environment. They are ideal for taking produce home picked from your allotments. We have a few available at the Store. Donations would be welcome.



You can also make your own Morsbag bag by downloading the pattern from www.morsbags.com.

Gill Tamsett, Trading Secretary

JULY PLOT INSPECTIONS: 2018

The purpose of these inspections is to ensure plots are being cultivated to a reasonable standard. At this time of year the team would expect your plot to:

- have plenty of crops which are being harvested
- at least 60% of the plot under cultivation
- have weeds under control
- have the grass cut on the paths between plots.

If your plot has been badly neglected, we will contact you individually after the inspection. With many people on our waiting list we must ensure that allotment plots are not being wasted.

If there are any temporary circumstances which are preventing you being able to cultivate your plot, please email to rgs.sw15@gmail.com or contact your site secretary

Site 2:

Mariangela Renshaw 07770 968895

Site 3 plots 50 to 100 inclusive: Vivien Fowler 07525 143265

Site 3 plot 101 to 127 inclusive Helen Finch 07737 422 373 BEST PLOT COMPETITION
Wandsworth's BPC is open to all, novices and more experienced potholders alike, and this is your chance to find out how you can make your plot the best it can be.!!

IDEAS TO CONSIDER

How to:

- make good use of your space to grow healthy crops;
- plan for a longer growing season;
- improve the quality and quantity of your compost;
- make your plot more environmentally friendly.

TO ENTER YOUR PLOT FOR AN ASSESSMENT

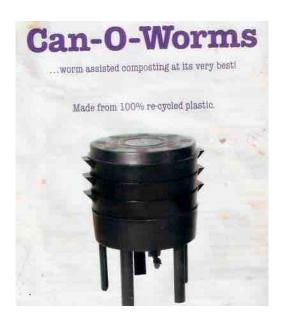
email Liz Chrominska Smart via rgs.sw15@gmail.com by 12 July at the latest or speak to your Site Secretary.

Paul Ellis-Howe will be viewing plots on Monday 16 July from 8 am, starting with Site 2. He will be on Site 3 by 9.30 am. He would be happy to meet you, discuss your plot and answer any questions you may have.

EDITOR'S NOTE!

I am always delighted to get articles and notes from members. So, you can imagine how pleased I was to get four this month! Many thanks to Patrick Heery for his delightful account of his journey with his new wormery; Frances Jones about her trip to Chiswick House Kitchen Garden; Jeanette Sweetland for reminding us about a very local resource Fulham Palace and to Raj Patel for talking to me about Green Sheild Beetles.

WORMS, WORMS, WORMS



My daughter, Kate, and I (Plot 113b) Site 3) are Vermi-composters. (I think the capital letter is appropriate). Kate is a keen environmentalist and went to a lecture in Putney last December on the disposal of kitchen waste. Worms apparently were the answer. By coincidence the January Bulletin from Pat Dark asked if anyone wanted a wormery: the owner was moving and no longer had the need nor the space. I put my hand up and within 24 hours we were the proud, if puzzled, owners of a Can-O-Worms. An impressive four storey plastic job with fully functioning worms gorging themselves on items saved from the landfill. (picture below)

In spite of a 160-page handbook and an instructional leaflet we did not seem able to get the worms to behave according to Hoyle's. Which of the four tiers served which purpose? All our worms seemed to congregate in the bottom tier - the five-legged sump with a spigot-type tap for draining

off the rich fertilizing liquid. This, in fact, has been one of our great successes. Litre after litre - which at this very moment is feeding my pot-plants and garden specimens. But the worm compost does not appear in the tray where we thought it should go and extracting the little we have got from the sump has involved separating out worms, fluid and compost – not an easy nor a pleasant job. Where am going wrong?

The exercise has nonetheless extended my vocabulary. I can now recognize – even if I cannot understand – terms like clitellum, predation, prostomium, excavatus, and setae. To my surprise there are dozens of different types of worms - not all suitable for composting work. Tiger worms, red-worms, red wrigglers, earthworms and manure worms. Do I really need to know so much about the sex life of the worm?

But enough of me trying to claim some sort of superior knowledge.

To the rescue came Wiggly Wigglers – an outfit in Hampshire that deals in all things worm. A very helpful woman took me through the process – with infant–school tact. She sent me materials that I was missing and explained away some of my difficulties. However, I am still not absolutely clear on the exact procedures. If any of our allotmenteers has better insider-knowledge, I would be only too pleased to have them visit me at 8 Earldom Road.

Pat Heery heery3@gmail.com

23RD MAY 2018 CHISWICK HOUSE KITCHEN GARDEN

I read that the kitchen garden at Chiswick House was opening as part of the Chelsea Fringe, so I went to visit. I entered the grounds by Burlington Lane and turned right at the house, taking a path through the maze-like hedges that led to the conservatory. The beds here are laid out in beautiful blues and purples, with regal-looking alliums lining the central path to the main entrance.

The kitchen garden is directly behind the conservatory. Everything is labelled so I ambled at a very leisurely pace amongst the beds that had gravel pathways at irregular intervals to let you do just that. The colour purple dominated with a host of different flowers in bloom: alliums, irises and angelica with its beautiful purple stems and light lime-green heads that the flying insects were buzzing round in earnest. In the vegetable patch were broccoli (summer purple) and cauliflower, both covered by netting. Spying several 'cabbage' whites nearby, it seemed sensible. Purple sage looked splendid amongst the thyme and mint and I resolved to return when the lavender was in flower.

Growing along the garden walls were varieties of apple, plums, peaches and cherries, with a nectarine tree amongst them. I saw varieties such as Adam's pearmain and I imagined the crops would provide a feast to the taste buds come autumn.

With men busy at work restoring an outbuilding in one corner, insects buzzing industriously and the sense that I was enjoying the garden rather too much whilst

others were toiling, I retraced my steps back through the grounds and returned home to tend my own plants. An inspiration. It's next open on 24th June.

http://chiswickhouseandgardens.or q.uk/

Frances Jones

FULHAM PALACE

www.fulhampalace.org
On the other side of Putney Bridge
from Putney is Bishop's Park and
Fulham Palace, just a 430 bus-ride

away.

The gardens and tearoom are delightful as is the walled garden, conservatories and the historic rooms. In summer they have events such as jazz concerts (see the website) or you can join a tour of the gardens. *Jeanette Sweetland*.

GREEN SHIELD BEETLES

Two species of green shield bug occur in Britain, the common green shield bug and the southern green shield bug.

The good news is that the green shield bug do not cause any damage as bugs suck and it is beetles that chew!

www.rhs.org.uk *Raj Patel*

BOND CLASS VISITS TO THE ALLOTMENTS

Bond Class, from Granard Primary School entered the Roehampton Garden Society's Summer Show competition last week. Rayan, Katelyn, Zi-Jah, Semir and myself all entered this competition taking first place with our pictures of flowers. I feel very happy but also shocked that I won. Every Monday we visit the allotments with Jackie, a Governor, and we look at the gardens. We see a range of different flowers such as foxgloves, roses and poppies. My favourite day at the allotments was when we got to use our 5 senses to take in all the different things. We got to taste all the delicious raspberries, smell the mint, hear the birds, see the butterflies and feel the pond water. We enjoy our visits to the allotments and we are all proud of our drawings.

Tyler - Bond Class

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Site 2:

Jenny Koch, Alan Strowger, Davina Ferrier, Greg Hodson.

Site 3

Jenny Seddon, Leanne Bull,

ANNUAL TRIP TO RHS WISLEY, Monday 23 July

Once a year the RGS, as an affiliated member of the RHS gets its members into Wisley free of charge. This year we are going on 23 July. You can join a tour of Wisley Gardens for £3. There are refeshment facilities, a shop and an excellent garden centre. It is a lovely day out!

Contact Pat Dark if you would like to go. It is free and lifts can be arranged.

PUTNEY COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

Our beloved Avocado tree: has come back to life! Despite our best care and attention, our little Avocado tree lost all its leaves

during the snowy two weeks in March and when all the other orchard trees got their leaves, the avocado remained bare. We nearly dug it out and replaced it with a boring Bay until last week when a baby shoot shot up to say hello! Photo below.



It's aliiivveee!!!!

The gardening course: is back on - this Sunday from 10am – 12 at Boyd Court (SW15 3DD) with Martin Cobley. This week we'll be looking at the composition of soil and maintaining healthy compost. If we have time we'll be diagnosing our wormery and looking to nursing it back to health too! Hmm.. for a gardening group, it seems like there's a lot of nursing happening! Handout for on website below. www.projectdirt.com/wandsworth

Watering: is needed! It's getting hot and the beds could do with an extra watering every now and then. So if you'd like to help out, either at the beds or at the orchard or both, drop us a line and we can talk you and walk you through it. Some of the core gardeners will be away for

some time over the summer so any extra hands on deck would be swell!

Youth workshops: On the 25th and 26th of June, together with Regenerate Youth Club, we're running a couple of gardening sessions with young people from Putney Ark Academy in our community garden. If you'd like to volunteer to support these sessions, please do get in touch!

Sunday Gardening: sessions are still on weekly from 10am-12. Meet us at the orchard on the corner of Carlslake Road and Tildesley Road!

Finally, look out for us in this month's Homelife Magazine!
From Rowan, Floriane, Blae, Martel, Billy, George, Cian, Sapphire, Jenny, Charlotte and everyone at Putney Community Gardens!

DHERA – thanks to Elaine Barnwell

Do you know about DHERA, the **D**over **H**ouse **e**state **R**esidents' **A**ssociation?

A volunteer-run group that aims to represent local residents from the Dover House estate, Vanneck Square and Newnes Path. It holds two residents meetings a year, distributes a paper newsletter twice a year, sends regular emails and has a Facebook page. If you live in one of the areas covered and would like to get on the email list, please send email to dhera.london@gmail.com. Facebook page is www.facebook.com/DoverHouse RA/

JULY RECIPE

This is a vegan recipe using vegetables in season.

AUBERGINE, BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER SALAD

1 red onion
600g broccoli and cauliflower
350g aubergines
300g vine tomatoes, halved
Olive oil
1 tsp salt
3 gloves garlic, unpeeled
250g basmati and wild rice
400g tin chickpeas
15g fresh coriander

Dressing
1 tbsp tamarind paste
1 1/2 tbsp date syrup
1 tbsp olive oil
1/4 tsp ground red chilli
1/2 tsp ground cumin
Salt

100ml non-dairy yoghurt Salt

Fresh coriander

- Heat the oven to 180C/350F/gas 4 and line two metal oven trays with foil and brush with oil.
- Chop the onion into wedges and put into one of the trays.
 Break the cauliflower and broccoli into bite sized florets and put into the other half of the tray.
- 3. Cut the aubergines into quarters lengthways and then into quarters and put them into the second tray and the tomatoes in the other half.
- 4. With your hands toss the vegetables on each tray in

- 2tbsp oil and season with salt and black pepper.
- 5. Crush the garlic and put in with the aubergines.
- 6. Roast the cauliflower, broccoli and onion for 20-25 minutes and the aubergine and tomatoes for 30 minutes.
- 7. While the vegetables are cooking rinse the rice in a sieve and then put it into a large saucepan with the drained chickpeas. Cover with cold water, bring to the boil then lower heat and simmer for 18 minutes. Drain in at sieve and cover with a clean tea towel till needed.
- To make the dressing, mix the tamarind paste, date syrup and oil with a tbsp of water in a small bowl. Add the chilli, cumin and pinch of salt.
- Squeeze the flesh from the cooked garlic and mix into the yoghurt. Season.
- 10. In a large bowl mix together the rice and chickpeas and the roasted vegetables with the tamarind dressing.
- 11. Serve topped with the yoghurt dressing and sprinkled with chopped coriander.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE VERY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SHOW



Children's animal entries



Three prize lettuces



Sweet item by Helen Compson



Produce stall



Raj's broad beans



Vivian's salad vegetables



Raj's courgettes

NEXT PAGE: FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

Section A - Flowers

- Vase containing 1 HT rose, excluding red varieties Mariangela Renshaw
- Vase containing 1 red HT rose Derrick Ratcliffe
- The most fragrant rose in the garden
 Robert Linton
- 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 Ruth Barnwell
- 6. Vase of Iris, 3 stems
 No entries
- Vase of any 1 kind of annual, excluding sweet peas – Carol Martinez
- 8. Vase of 6 stems of sweet peas, any 1 variety Sue & David McDonald
- Vase of 12 stems of sweet peas, can be mixed varieties – Sue & David McDonald
- Vase or bowl of pansies or violas with own foliage, not more than 12 stems Mariangela Renshaw
- 11. Vase of perennial flowers of any 1 kind– Carol Martinez
- A display of white, pink & blue flowers, any mix, can be 1 colour or all, no roses - Raj Patel
- 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) Mariangela Renshaw
- 14. Vase of flowering sprays of any 1 shrub Ruth Barnwell
- A miniature arrangement in a vessel measuring no more than 5cm – Mariangela Renshaw
- 16. My favourite pot plant Georgina O'Reilly

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

Section B - Vegetables

- 18. 3 asparagus spears Helen Compson
- 19. 6 pods of broad beans Raj Patel
- 1 cabbage with at least 5 cm stalk
 No entries
- 21. 1 lettuce, any variety, with roots
 Joint 1st Geoff Waterhouse, Raj
 Patel & Helen Compson
- 22. 2 courgettes any colour / shape Raj Patel
- 23. 3 different herbs, in small bunches, (not more than 25cms) Vivien Fowler
- 24. 3 onions, autumn sown, as dug, unwashed & with tops and roots intact – Carole Sewell
- 25. 12 pods of peas Jean & Patrick Crawford
- 26. 12 peas, mangetout or sugar snap Vivien Fowler
- 27. 4 Potatoes of any one variety Vivien Fowler
- 28. Bunch of 6 radishes, with tops and roots No first prize
- 29. Bunch of 6 salad onions –
 Sue & David McDonald
- 31. a) 3 garlic bulbs Natalya Ribeaux (also best vegetable in show)
 - b) 3 elephant garlic bulbs No first prize
- 32. 3 sticks of rhubarb (natural) Jackie Savage
- 33. Any other kind of vegetable not listed above Raj Patel, Shallots
- 34. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad Joint 1st Georgina O'Reilly & Vivien Fowler

Flower/vegetable/fruit - mixed

B35. * 1 specimen each of 1 flower, 1 fruit, 1 vegetable – Jackie Savage

Special Entry

B36. Any **ONE** fruit/vegetable/plant you are proud to display

Eva Knedlova – pot of basil

Section C - Fruit

- 37. 15 gooseberries Jenny Gorle
- 38. 15 raspberries, with calyx Jean & Patrick Crawford
- 39. 12 strawberries, with calyx Raj Patel
- 40. Display of any other kind of fruit Robert Linton Redcurrants

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 rosesNo entries
- 43. Display of vegetables, numbers as classes B18-B33 Joint 1st, Stephen O'Kelly (elephant garlic) & Natalya Ribeaux (onions)
- 44. Display of fruit, numbers as classes C37-C40 Maureen Smith (strawberries)
- 45. My favourite pot plant Natalya Ribeaux
- 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)
 Oonagh Kelly
 Nina Ribeaux
 5 entries from Granard School

- 48. Funny animal or person made of anything grown
 Robin Kelly
 Theo Kelly
- A collage made from pictures from a seed catalogue No entries

Section F - Cookery

- 50 Glass jar of marmalade Robert Linton
- 51. Glass jar of lemon curd Ruth Barnwell
- 52. 6 scones (savoury) Laura Davis
- 53. A fruit flan using fresh seasonal fruit Ruth Barnwell
- 54. A rhubarb dish Ruth Tigue
- 55 My favourite teatime treat Vivien Fowler (also best cookery item in show)
- A seasonal sweet item of cookery –
 i.e. tart, dessert, cake Joint 1st –
 Ruth Barnwell & Helen Compson
- 57. Plate of 6 biscuits (any 1 type)
 Ali Linton
- 58. A seasonal savoury item of cookery

 i.e. quiche, pie, flan Vivien

 Fowler
- 59. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread (any size/shape) made in either traditional way or in bread maker. Present on board/tray No first prize
- 60. A summer pudding Ali Linton

Competitions

Photograph - Natalya Ribeaux

Photograph (child) - Poppy Jestico

Flower arrangement in a teapot - Ali Linton

NOTICES DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wisley Trip: 23 July 2018 Autumn Show: 8 September 2018 AGM: 18 October 2018, Roehampton Cricket Club Pavilion, Telegraph Road.

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
Website:
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Fowler (07525 143265).
Site Manager: Shirley Gillbe;
Comments, questions for Chair
and/or Committee via website:
rgs.sw15@gmail.com

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

PLOT NUMBERING

Please ensure your plot is clearly numbered and the label is not hidden under some plants! You can make your own; have a look round and you will see some lovely creative designs or you could buy one in slate or metal from a garden centre. Make sure it is large enough for the number to be seen clearly from the side path and it doesn't fade. You could also paint the number onto your shed.

Failing that, we have large white plastic ones with stick on numbers and letters that you can collect free in the Store. These will last you for several years.

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www.conservationfoundation.co.uk www.vegetableseeds.com

DISCOUNTS

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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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 artandeliallisi@gmail.com

MANTRA LANDSCAPES

Grounds maintenance specialists' www.mantralandscapes.com Alexander Barrington Thompson-Byer

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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

Store open on Sunday mornings between 10 -12.00 noon. Café, serving teas, coffee and homemade cake.

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